**MONMOUTHSHIRE SEED MIX**

- This seed mix will create a colourful display of flowers in your garden and provide a valuable food source for pollinating insects.
- The seeds are UK native wild flowers in a variety of colours and heights with a prolonged flowering period from spring to autumn.
- The mixture contains annual, biennial and perennial flowers that will flourish across the variety of Monmouthshire’s soil types.
- This 5 gram packet will cover up to 2 sq metres.
- Suitable for spring or autumn sowing. When sown March to May annuals will flower in first summer; biennials and perennials in second summer. When sown September to October all plants will flower the following summer. The perennials will flower in subsequent years. Annuals and biennials may self seed. Additional top-up sowings may be required until the wildflower seed bank increases.

**SOWING AND GROWING INSTRUCTIONS**

- Native plants need soil of low fertility. Do not apply fertiliser or grasses will out-compete your flowers. If the soil is already very fertile remove some top soil.
- Choose a sunny site. Clear an area up to 2 sq metres. Remove existing turf and perennial weeds, ideally a few weeks in advance. Then remove any fresh weeds.
- Dig over and rake soil to a fine texture. Dampen the soil if dry.
- For ease of handling and to help to see where you have sown, mix the seed with silver sand. Sow half the seed lengthways and the rest widthways.
- Rake in lightly, water gently but thoroughly. Keep well watered. Remove any obvious weeds.
- After flowering allow the plants to die back naturally. Leave over winter to provide habitat for insects. The following spring (late Feb, early March) cut back dead stems of all plants. Remove cuttings to maintain low fertility. Rake gently around the plants without damaging the perennials to encourage the annual seeds to germinate.
- Additional sowings may be required in the first few years until the wildflower seed bank increases.

*Congratulations on providing essential food and habitat for Monmouthshire’s pollinators!*