

Bishop's Meadow: The First Year

The first year in Bishop's Meadow was a great success and from early spring wild flowers began to appear amongst the grasses culminating in a truly awesome display in the summer months.

As the years progress, it is anticipated that the succession of wild flowers will continue to provide an ever-changing tapestry of living colour as different varieties come into bloom over the spring and summer months.

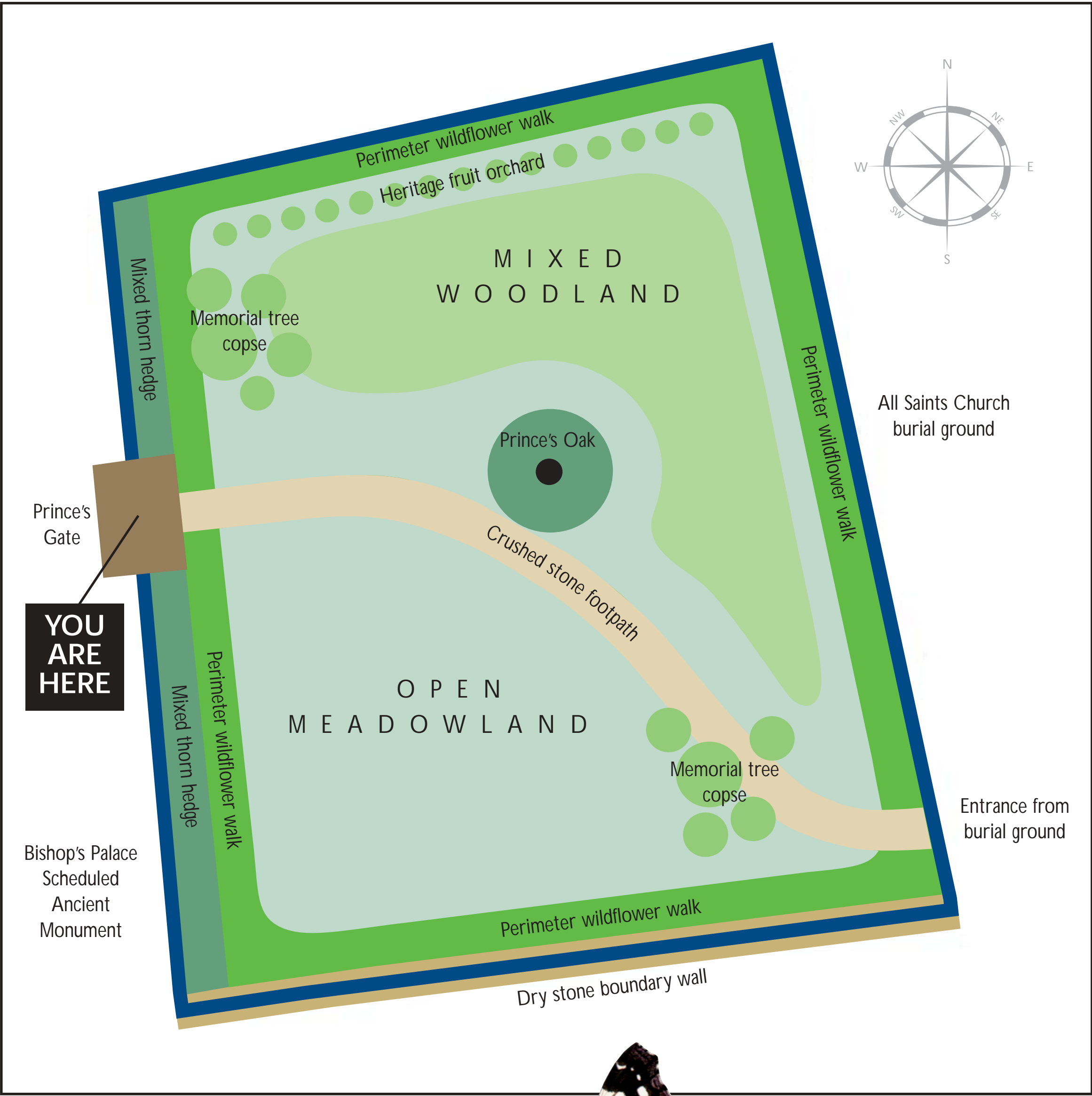
In late summer and autumn, as the wild flower display finally draws to a close, seedheads will be allowed to remain on the plants to ripen, fall to the ground and provide the following year's display.

An annual maintenance regime of mowing and raking will then remove the dead foliage in order to prevent an accumulation of excessive nutrients in the soil, which would encourage excessive growth of coarse grasses, eventually overrunning and suppressing the wild flowers.

Clearing also allows local schoolchildren to visit the site and carry out a number of shallow archaeological digs to discover any evidence of the history of the site.

Work continues on the dry stone wall on the southern boundary and the heritage fruit trees, planted earlier in the year, are growing strongly and becoming well established.

The Bishop's Palace site is now a delightful village amenity, used by a wide variety of different groups and individuals for both leisure and educational purposes.



Heritage Apple Tree Varieties		
Variety	Origin	Date
Holland Pippin	Kirton	1729
Striped Beefing	Lakenham	1794
Bramley's Seedling	Southwell	1809
Golden Noble	Stow Bardolph	1820
Lord Burghley	Burghley House	1834
Barnack Beauty	Barnack	1840
Brownlees Russett	Hemel Hempstead	1848
Sir Issac Newton	Woolsthorpe	c1850
Sleeping Beauty	Boston area	1850
Peasgood's Nonsuch	Grantham	1853
Schoolmaster	Stamford	c1855
Sandringham	Sandringham	1883
Jolly Miller	Cottenham	1883
September Beauty	Bedford	1885
Vicar of Beighton	Beighton	1890