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The Weald Meadows Initiative (WMI) is unique public private partnership between the High Weald AONB Unit, the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG), Agrifactors Southern Ltd and Wealden Meadow Owners. It is supported by a range of organisations; part of the work detailed in this report has been supported by Defra: England Rural Development Scheme - Rural Enterprise Scheme.



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## Summary

This is a final report for a three year Rural Enterprise Scheme for the Weald Meadows Initiative (WMI) which ended on the 31 December 2005.

The objectives of the projects were to:

- Provide a dedicated coordinator to facilitate local seed production & use, including increasing the awareness of local seed through harvesting operations and branding of Weald Native Origin Seed (WNOS).
- Through improved machinery; to increase the efficiency and therefore availability of local seed.

These objectives have been met through a variety of methods - although weather conditions and factors outside our control have meant that availability of seed has at times been below demand.

The Initiatives operations were made possible due to the support of a Department for Environment, Farming and Rural Affairs - Rural Enterprise Scheme grant (£79, 803.65) for 75% of 0.5 FTE and a grant for items of machinery (relating to seed harvesting).

## Background

The Weald Meadows Initiative (WMI) is a public private partnership operating throughout the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and extending into the Low Weald. It is still one of the few projects who operate 'wild harvesting' of grass and wildflower seed mixtures from traditionally managed species rich MG5 grasslands characteristic of the High Weald AONB.

The focus of the project was to assist a range of meadow owners with management issues and help support meadow management through payments for harvested seed and in some cases (dependent on machine used) enable a double crop of both seed and hay from the meadows. In addition, a range of other landowners (many with the Countryside Stewardship or new Environmental Stewardship Schemes) have been assisted through technical advice and events to sow the wild harvested WNOS as part of enhancement and creation projects throughout the Weald.

Our partners included; landowners throughout the Weald, the High Weald AONB Unit who provided administration and officer support, the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG) who assisted with technical support, landowner contacts, and Agrifactors (Southern) Ltd who part funded & maintained the machinery and provided manpower to harvest & process the seed from a range of privately owned meadow sites across the large project area.

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**Summary of 3 years achievements**

Through the employment of a part time Meadows Co-ordinator, the project has achieved the following:

Target	Output
Creation/enhancement advisory service	147 site visits for management, enhancement and creation advice
	353 sets of enhancement/creation and associated management advice distributed to a range of target groups (including CSS landowners)
Improved efficiency of WMI seed operations & higher yield (availability)	<p>Machinery purchased included: brush &amp; hand held seed harvesters, a second hand flower combine &amp; trailer for transportation, seed drying trays &amp; racks, a dust extractor (for the seed cleaning room) and a seed storage unit.</p> <p>As a direct result of these machinery purchases, time spent harvesting Weald Native Origin Seed (WNOS) has been reduced &amp; operator safety has increased. Subject to weather fluctuations, there has also been an increased overall yield &amp; a greater range of wildflower and grass species harvested. Finally with the purchase of the new cool storage unit, species can be stored for longer periods of time or 'bumper years' of wild harvested mixed seed can be stockpiled, in ideal conditions, for future use.</p>
Higher awareness of local seed harvesting operations and use of seed	<p>22 awareness raising events have been developed to demonstrate the work of WMI, including best practice harvesting techniques and the use of WNOS in enhancement/creation projects.</p> <p>These events were targeted at landowners (18 events - 310 participants) and advisors (4 events - 102 participants) and attracted a total of 412 landowners and advisors over three years.</p> <p>The Daisy Chain was distributed in 03/04 to 850 landowners and its predecessor the MATRIX produced in 2005 was sent to 920 landowners.</p>
Weald Native Origin Seed Branding (WNOS)	Seed labels, machinery stickers & literature (such as seed advert in High Weald Anvil) & technical information sheets have been produced and included the logos of WMI and Defra..

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## Seed harvesting Sites

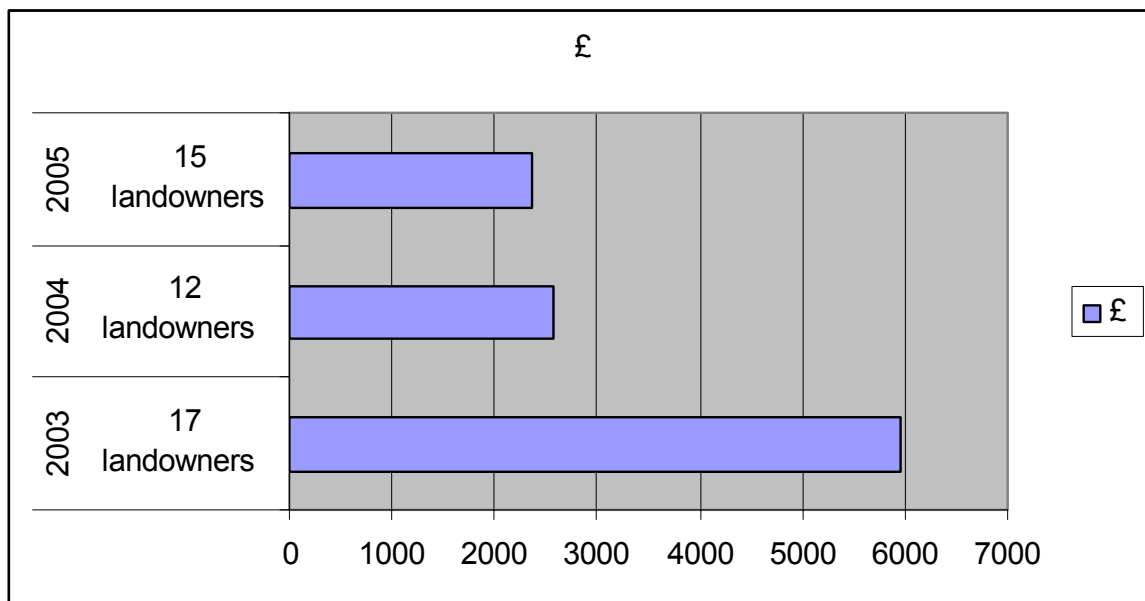
The WMI is still unusual in its partnership involving landowners and a commercial company. The relationship between the co-ordinator and other partners has been key to the success of the seed harvesting programme.

The Coordinator has collected & entered on a database full records of wildflower and grass species at each site, with a view to harvesting seed. This recording has increased the baseline information for ongoing monitoring of species of wildflower grasslands throughout the Weald.

Each site was given a dedicated harvest site number which is unique to the site, followed by a year of harvest and an alphabetical code to identify the exact area &/or species harvested. Therefore, all WNOS is traceable from point of origin (donor site) and followed through to the recipient site.

The landowners who participated in wild harvesting of WNOS have received payments from our agent Agrifactors Southern Ltd for dried cleaned seed harvested from their meadows. The Meadows Coordinator has written to landowners each year to inform them of the invoice they can submit to Agrifactors and the income generated is summarised below.

## Income Generated from Seed harvesting for landowners from 2003 - 2005



Approximately 51 sites have been surveyed with harvesting potential over the three years, 36 sites are in the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and 22 of these sites are in Countryside Stewardship Scheme, they are listed below:

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<b>Weald Meadows Initiative WNOS Harvesting (donor) Sites</b>				
<b>Harvest Site No</b>	<b>Holding</b>	<b>Natural Area</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1	St Dunstan's	High Weald AONB	TQ608193	SSSI & CSS
3	Heminfold	High Weald AONB	TQ774149	SSSI & CSS
4	Montague	Low Weald/Pevensey Marshes	TQ627055	SSSI & CSS
5	Beech Estate	High Weald AONB	TQ687173	SNCI & CSS
6	Rosemount	High Weald AONB	TQ826179	
8	Burgh Hill	High Weald AONB	TQ537128	SSSI
10	Bernhurst Estate	High Weald AONB	TQ728267	ESCC Man agreement
11	Cripps Corner	High Weald AONB	TQ775203	SNCI & CSS
12	Forest Farm	High Weald AONB	TQ864256	SNCI & CSS
13	Playing Field	High Weald AONB	TQ672196	
14	Littlefield	High Weald AONB	TQ508235	
15	Home Farm	High Weald AONB	TQ484268	CSS
16	Church Hill	High Weald AONB	TQ778184	CSS
17	Stocklands	High Weald AONB	TQ527251	SSSI & CSS
18	Shepherd's Lodge	High Weald AONB	TQ652368	
19	Oak House	High Weald AONB	TQ635233	
20	Bedelands LNR	Low Weald	TQ317205	LNR - Mid Sussex DC
21	The Mens	Low Weald	TQ028228	SNCI - Sussex WT
22	Marline Meadow	High Weald AONB	TQ783123	SSSI - Sussex WT
23	Oak House	High Weald AONB	TQ635233	
24	Little Stonehurst	High Weald AONB	TQ616427	CSS
25	Polebrook	Low Weald	TQ506477	SSSI & CSS
26	Little Park	High Weald AONB	TQ750189	CSS
27	Five Ashes	High Weald AONB	TQ559251	
28	Cattlestone	Low Weald	TQ102200	SNCI
29	New House	High Weald AONB	TQ712235	CSS
30	Benthan Oast	High Weald AONB	TQ568428	CSS
31	Lachams	Low Weald	TQ132308	
32	Paddockhurst Estate	Low Weald	TQ315352	CSS
33	Crowpits	High Weald AONB	TQ528224	
34	Little London	High Weald AONB	TQ567174	
35	Marden	Low Weald	TQ766445	SSSI - Kent WT
36 & 37	Sedgwick Park	High Weald AONB	TQ180267	SNCI
38	Partridge Cottage	High Weald AONB	TQ643355	
39	Maresholt	High Weald AONB	TQ643200	
40	Stocklands Farm	High Weald AONB	TQ528248	CSS
41	Brickfield	High Weald AONB	TQ473265	SWT
42	Colesgroves	High Weald AONB	TQ583322	CSS
43	Lampool Edge	High Weald AONB	TQ466257	
44	Tulleys	High Weald AONB	TQ527246	
45	Sandhurst Farm	High Weald AONB	TQ654382	CSS
46	Great Dixter	High Weald AONB	TQ518251	Single Species Trials
47	Pinkhurst	Low Weald	TQ130307	
48	Chapel Common	Low Weald/Greensand	SU820284	SNCI - Sussex DCB
49	Quedley	High Weald AONB	TQ708307	WES
50	Willingford	High Weald AONB	TQ665223	CSS & SSSI
51	Clover	Low Weald	TQ543103	CSS

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## High Weald AONB Database Land Management

All records were entered on an especially developed database capable of recording site status, site management, surveys, harvest, creation/enhancement records (producing species reports) grazing needs and site notes.

Example of data collated on all sites:

**High Weald AONB Database - Land Management**

Find a site: St Dunstons SSSI- Big Field

**Site Stats**

Holding: St Dunstons SSSI  
 Site Name: St Dunstons SSSI- Big Field  
 Location: Heathfield  
 Grid Ref: TQ608193  
 Eastings: 560720  
 Northings: 119468  
 District: Wealden  
 County: East Sussex  
 SSSI Code: [ ]  
 Habitat Size: 23.3  
 Habitat Type: Unimproved meadow  
 Site size: 5.6

Designation: SSSI, AONB  
 Soil type: Acid (grassland), Neutral (grassland)  
 Soil PH: 5  
 Soil Fertility: Low

Last Updated: 01/12/2004 Site Updated

Site Contacts

Site Management | Surveys

Initial Contact: English  
 Lead Project Officer: WMI  
 Management Agreement: [ ]  
 Management Trend: [ ]

Management

- Hay
- Public Footpath

Access

Other

Seed harvesting sites database templates:

**Seed Harvesting Sites Database**

Site Management | Surveys | Harvests | Creation | Forestry | Grazing | Reports | Password | Site Notes

Harvest ID: 22  
 Harvest Code: 1/03/D Mix  
 Harvester: Combine Michael & Roger (DB nc)  
 Date of Harvest: 22/07/2003  
 Harvest Area: 2ha  
 PH of Area: 5

Harvest notes: Undesirables currently deselected  
 Mix separated from 1/03/C- Yellow Rattle

Print Harvest Input Report

Species Harvested	DAFOR Index	Dried Uncleaned Weight	Dried Cleaned Weight	Include in Report?
Bent, Common	F	0	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bent, Creeping	F	0	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bent, Velvet	F	0	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cocksfoot	O	0	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Crested Dogs-tail	O	0	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fescue, Meadow	O	0	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fescue, Red	LF	0	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fescue, Squirrel - tail	O	0	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Foxtail, Marsh	O	0	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Heath Grass	O/LF	0	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meadow-grass, Rough	O	0	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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**Machinery, Equipment, Seed Collection & Processing Pictures**

RES part funded Seedburo Brush harvester



RES part funded Winterstiger Nursemaster Elite Small Flower Combine



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RES funded Meadows Officer 'wild harvested seed' cleaning (winnowing) and drying on CSS site



RES part funded trailer used for seed drying and small flower combine transport



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RES part funded WNOS seed drying racks



WNOS cleaning (and dust extraction) after 4 weeks on drying racks



First and second sieves .....



The finished sample



Checking & quality control - means multiple passes through the seed cleaner



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Short term storage and WNOS finished packaged product with RES part funded branded seed label



RES part funded seed storage cooler unit



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**WNOS harvesting types and quantities of seed collected 2003 – 2005**

Weald Native Origin Seed Type	Species Latin Name	2003	2004	2005
		Kilograms		
Weald Wildflower and Grass Seed mixture (WNOS)	-	329.02	222	148.3
WNO Grass Seed	-	49.8	37.1	3.24
Betony/ Devil's - bit Scabious	<i>Betonica officinalis &amp; Succisa pratensis</i>	0	0	0.005
Birds-foot Trefoil & Greater Birds-foot Trefoil	<i>Lotus corniculatus &amp; pedunculatus</i>	12.6	0	46.2
Dyers Greenweed	<i>Genista tinctoria</i>	0	0.6	0.05
Knapweed	<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	75.2	0	22
Oxeye Daisy	<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	0	0	4.2
Tufted Vetch and Meadow Vetchling	<i>Vicia cracca &amp; Lathyrus pratensis</i>	0	0.5	0.185
Yellow Rattle	<i>Rhinanthus minor</i>	133.7	4.4	4.4
Burnet Saxifrage	<i>Pimpinella saxifraga</i>	0	0.3	0.07
Single Species (for trials work)	-	0	0.15	0.056
<b>Total Dried Cleaned Seed (kg)</b>		<b>600</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>229</b>
<b>Harvest Area (ha)</b>		<b>32</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Sites (no) and operation (no)</b>		<b>16, 25</b>	<b>12, 16</b>	<b>15, 24</b>

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## **Seed Harvesting & Machinery Summary 2003 - 2005**

**2003** was an extremely successful year with excellent hot weather throughout the summer with multiple harvesting operations on wildflower grasslands and subsequent exceptional yields from each of the sites. RES supported purchases included a new Seedburo pull type seed stripper (brush harvester) a Seedburo hand held portable seed stripper, 77 new seed trays (specification developed by agents Agrifactors) and 6 new steel seed racks (movable with a forklift).

The new machinery enabled additional harvesting techniques to be trialed on sites. The new brush harvester (imported from America) has a 6ft offset brush width, a self propelled motor and can be pulled by either a tractor or Landrover. Slight alterations were made to the machinery (CE plating) and an old trailer was adapted to transport the machine to meadows throughout in the Weald. The brush height, rotation speed and direction can be varied extensively, making a wider range of grass species more accessible. One concern with the new machine was that the invertebrates living/travelling within the meadows would be unable to sustain a trip thorough the harvesting machine. However, this concern was disproved with all manor of insects from a delicate Burnet Moth to Bumble Bees coming through the harvester (a little cross) but relatively unscathed.

The hand held Seedburo seed stripper success was more limited. The machine was designed to be used in a manor similar to that of a brush cutter. However, the rather heavy machine was unbalanced and therefore hung awkwardly on the operator (you have to support the weight of the machine) and has had to be adjusted since 2003. The operator style has improved but while it can be pointed at particular species for harvesting it is relatively indiscriminate and tends to strim all vegetation resulting in additional time spent cleaning and processing. The results of this work has concluded that due to the increase in seed processing time it has been more time effective to look at hand harvesting species and bulking up to increase the availability of single species.

The seed trays (77) and racks (6) have been one of the best investments cutting down the time (by about 20%) on turning and the time taken to dry seed (an overall reduction of about 2 weeks with a moderate moisture density). The hardest part of the operation was transferring the fresh weight seed, once harvested, onto the racks and then later bagging the individual samples into bags for weighing and processing.

**In 2004** the project was due to purchase a seed thresher and seed cleaner. However, we submitted a variation request due to further tests on the seed processing options. A decision was taken to concentrate the funding into the harvesting side of collecting 'wild seed' rather than into seed processing side (see below).

In 2004 we purchased a second hand Winterstiger Nursarymaster Elite (unleaded petrol engine) 1.5m cut and bagging unit from Trials Equipment UK. A tiltbed low loading trailer (3500kg) with sides and winch was also purchased to move the trailer safety between Wealden meadows.

Seed harvesting took place in this year between July and September with the new combine and brush harvester giving confidence of a successful year. However, weather variations determined lower yields so we had to rely on stocks of seed harvested in 2003 for some recipient sites.

To improve operator safety a dust extractor was also purchased for our purpose built seed cleaning and storage area (to keep the seed separate from registered grass seed).

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## Seed Harvesting & Machinery Summary 2003 - 2005

**2004 The variation request information:** due to the experimental nature of the seed harvesting operations (there are only a few other businesses in the country harvesting from unimproved wildflower meadows) there has been a constant need to review the success of our harvesting & cleaning mechanisms over the 3 year project. Linked to these reviews, additional research was carried out into equipment options. In some cases this research led to cheaper equipment options being identified or led us to the conclusion that some equipment may be of limited value in improving the seed harvesting & processing operations.

The need to fine-tune the seed cleaning operations, primarily through the purchase of accessories for our Selecta cleaner, was agreed following submission of an amendment request in June 2004. Purchase was subject to further research and quotes. Following the request two factors led us to question the value of the accessories we originally intended to purchase.

1. During another seed harvesting season our seed cleaner operator developed skills that enabled our existing Selecta cleaner to be used more effectively.
2. A visit to Wakehurst Place & the Millennium Seed Bank (in January 2004) where we saw the proposed accessories being used convinced us that they would not achieve the outcome we desired.

Unfortunately, as a result, at the end of the project we are still having difficulty separating unwanted, or desirable species of a similar weight and size, from our seed mix, despite the operator's enhanced skills. We concluded that while there was scope to explore other Selecta cleaner options, we decided not to pursue this route as there was insufficient project time remaining to arrange & undertake practical trials with the machinery so that we can be confident that it will achieve the desired outcome.

**In 2005** an exit strategy was produced detailing the future for the WMI, linked to various bids for ongoing funding for the seed harvesting. This year the final machinery stickers were designed and attached to machinery and on the seed harvesting side it was a successful year with both new machines in use and operating well in July. Increased fresh weight grass yields were achieved with the brush harvester by altering the speed & reversing the rotation of the brushes. However, over the summer season overall yields were down again, due to the vagaries of the weather and also one of our largest meadow owners needed to vary the management on the meadows in 2005, leaving few areas available on this farm for harvest.

In line with the seed harvesting above, we worked closely with Tim Walker at Sandhurst Farm on single species field scale wildflower trials in Lamberhurst. The ongoing aim of this work includes fulfilling their Stewardship requirements for enhancement and making additional varieties of single species seeds available to the WMI, for sale to other landowners carrying out enhancement and creation works in appropriate area throughout the Weald. As with the WMI/Great Dixter trials (funded separately) this work is still in its infancy but these two sites should assist in additional availability of single species.

Finally a seed storage unit was purchased, with a humidity tester and freezer, which is anticipated, will achieve longer storage times and ideal conditions for seed.

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**WNOS - Enhancement and Creation Sites 2003 - 2005 (Recipient Sites)**

*See excel file for breakdown of all the recipient sites*

Over the last 3 years the WMI has supplied advice & events to over 50 Stewardship landowners and 66 private owners, Local Authorities, Parish Councils, consultants, schools and businesses.

The table below summaries 3 years of seed sales, separating CSS and non CSS sites into creation and enhancement sites & hectares (ha) sown and the amount of seed sown.

Year	Creation Sites	Ha of Creation	Enhancement Sites	Ha of Enhancement	Total C & E ha	WNOS Sown kg
CSS	5	5.2	18	69	75	274
Non CSS	10	11.9	17	20	21.5	70
Totals 03/04	15	17.1	35	90	96.6	345
CSS	2	6.7	11	46	53	263
Non CSS	4	0.6	21	12	13	34
Totals 04/05	6	7.3	32	58	66	297
CSS	3	4.3	11	22.5	27	113
Non CSS	5	1.1	9	7.3	8.5	145
Totals 05/06	8	5.4	20	30	35	259
<b>CSS 2003 - 2006</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>650</b>
<b>Non CSS 03 - 06</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>249</b>
<b>TOTALS 03 - 06</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>901</b>

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**Summary of Landowner and Advisor Events 2003 – 2005**

No events were directly funded by Defra – but through employment of a part time Meadows Coordinator these events were achieved.

Event	Target Audience & No of events	Participants and brief aims of events	Public access course location	Leads/Partner	Date & Year of Event
<b>PUBLIC EVENTS</b>					
landowners & meadow family day focusing on discovering more about meadow flora through art (2003)  Land management surgeries & Meadow family activities - focusing on discovering more about the difference between improved and unimproved meadows and the importance of unimproved meadows as a habitat (2004 & 2005) .	Landowners and Families (public)	Encouraging networking & the value and diversity of wildflower meadows through displays (static flowers, banners, plant plugs, practical meadows surgeries & wildflower meadows interactive game. <b>235 Wildflower Grassland in the Weald leaflets distributed</b> <b>50 landowners surgeries</b> <b>220 people participated in game (2005)</b>	Heathfield Show	WMI/ HW AONB Unit	24 <sup>th</sup> May 2003 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2004 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2005  All day Event
Meadows in the High Weald Landscape – 3 x 3 - 4 mile circular guided walks starting from meadows sites & exploring their relationship within the wider landscape	Public & Landowners over two evening walks	A relaxed walk, to discuss meadows in the High Weald AONB landscape, their history, cultural development, management & future.  <b>3 events = 25 landowners</b>	Rotherfield Millennium Green and surrounding villages & landscape  Red Barn Local Nature Park , surrounding village and landscape  Agrifactors Southern Ltd to look at WMI machinery followed by a circular walk to an SSSI in Warbleton	WMI/HW AONB Unit, Kate Ryland Dolphin Ecological Surveys  WMI / HW AONB and Patrick Roper – Ecologist  WMI- HW AONB Unit, Agrifactors and landowners	17 <sup>th</sup> June 2003 3hr evening walk  8 <sup>th</sup> July 2003 3hr evening walk  21 <sup>st</sup> June and 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2004
Weald Meadow Initiative Wildlife Gardening Event	Networking event for meadow owners & Public	Illustrated talk on wildlife gardening, local producer stalls, with the emphasis on produce from wildflower meadows. Display on wildflower meadows, local produce snacks & SSSI beef tasting V supermarket British beef from cattle grazed on	Woodland Enterprise Centre, Flimwell	WMI & HW AONB Unit	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2005

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Event	Target Audience & No of events	Participants and brief aims of events	Public access course location	Leads/Partner	Date & Year of Event
		wildflower meadows.  <b>Total = 50 landowners and public</b>			
<b>SPECIALIST EVENTS</b>					
Management & Grassland Ecology x 3	Landowners	3 x evening events  <b>1 event = 10</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> event = 25</b>  <b>3<sup>rd</sup> event = 20</b>	Small Farm Training Group - Wealden areas  Rotherfield Millennium Green  Birchwood Association	WMI/WHI  WMI  WMI	20 Feb 2004  1 April 2004  2 Nov 2004
Guided walks x 2 - focusing on wildflower grassland ecology and management	New Landowners	Wildflower grassland ecology & management to stimulate interest add value & encourage caring of meadows. It also encouraged participation & landowner networking  <b>12 landowners</b>	Ashburnham Forge Meadows SNCI & surrounding Rocks Farm/Beech Estate, Ashburnham, East Sussex	WMI & Keith Datchler - Estate Manager & Kate Ryland	22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2003  11 <sup>th</sup> June 2004
Seed collection events - focusing on encouraging (landowners) to create and enhance grassland	CSS Landowners	Stimulate interest, correct techniques and raising the profile of existing wildflower meadows  <b>No at Theory -12</b> <b>No at Practical - 9</b>  <b>No at Theory -10</b> <b>No at Practical - 14</b>  <b>No at Theory -10</b> <b>No at Practical - 14</b>	Cranbrook/ Area Pursuits - theory  Ashburnham Forge barns & Meadows SNCI - practical	WMI/ Mid Kent Training Defra/ LANTRA & landowners	Theory & practical element  25 <sup>th</sup> Mar & 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2003  15 <sup>th</sup> March & 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2004  17 <sup>th</sup> March & 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2005
Meadow Management Course (2 day technical course)	Countryside Advisors & Consultants	Specialist course on meadow management, restoration - creation & enhancement techniques.  <b>3 x 2 day event with 68 people attending over 3 years</b>	Day 1: St Dunstan's Barn and SSSI meadows  &  Day 2: Ashburnham Forge barns SNCI	WMI, HW AONB, EN, DEFRA-CSS Consultants, FWAG CAER	2 day event  24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2003  29 <sup>th</sup> 7& 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2004  21 <sup>st</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2005
Farm Environmental Practical Workshop (FEP)	Advisors	Practically scoring and assessing 3 applications and on site discussions on a prepared FEP  <b>25 Advisors</b>	St Dunstan's SSSI barn and meadows	WMI/HW AONB Unit land management staff, English Nature and Defra Advisors	28 <sup>th</sup> June 2005

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Event	Target Audience & No of events	Participants and brief aims of events	Public access course location	Leads/Partner	Date & Year of Event
Local Grazing Network Forum	Unscheduled event for landowners	For landowners & interested parties in conservation grazing  <b>53 members of the Weald Grazing Network and South Downs Grazing Network</b>	Plumpton College	WMI/WHI-Weald Grazing Network, SDCB & Plumpton College	15 July 2004
Guided Natural History Walk: with a focus on birds through Buxted Park SSSI containing wet meadows	Landowners, public and advisors	Stimulate interest in geology and the features of the HW AONB, in particular the floodplain, wet meadows and the associated bird life  <b>15 landowners &amp; public</b>	Buxted Park SSSI	WMI/ Martin Stenning-Sussex University	20 <sup>th</sup> July 2003 pm
Entomology Day	Landowners & specialist advisor	To aid insects ID skills on acid grassland & heathland.  <b>12 people</b> including 3 landowners & managers	Pembury	WMI/WHI & Ian Bevis Tunbridge Wells Museum services	5 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2005

### Co-ordinator Input Towards Networking and Landowner Liaison

To ensure the long term survival of Wildflower Grasslands in the Weald the WMI carried out partnership research work through 2003 - 2005. The aims included increasing the knowledge of growing wildflower and grass seeds and diversification works that will help target future funding decisions and add value to meadow products.

- 2003 Trial work comparing whole crop meadow cuttings and seed sown on a creation site (arable reversion) and enhancement (within an existing pasture) continues, in partnership with the Beech Estate and Centre for Agricultural and Environmental Research (CAER).
- 2003 The appointment of a new part time Habitat Mapping Officer to the High Weald AONB Unit enabled a start on opportunity mapping in key locations within the High Weald. This has identified key areas to target limited national and local funds for management, restoration and re-creation works with appropriately sourced seed.
- 2003 - 2004 New funding was identified and secured with the help of Leader + European Union EAGGF funding for the Wealden and Rother area, for growing trial plots of single species wildflowers & grasses. The contract was awarded to Great Dixter (and partners) who continue to work with the WMI into June 2006.
- 2004 The WMI & Dolphin Ecological Surveys carried out detailed surveys of 10 species rich grassland sites across the High Weald AONB in the summer. These surveys were used to aid landowners to bridge into the new Environmental Stewardship Schemes in 2005 and were used for project monitoring purposes.
- 2003 - 2005 The WMI has actively networked with other organisations & partners who guide the WMI work programme concerning the Weald Grazing Network, matching some CSS sites requiring grazing and management.

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- 2005 Re-design technical information sheets & new grants page were placed on the High Weald AONB website with the Environmental Stewardship Schemes and Single Farm Payment deadlines and information. The Meadows Coordinator attended Defra targeting meetings including - Single Farm Payment (SFP) & Farm Environmental Plan training to assist a CSS meadow owner into the new scheme. Other small species rich meadow owners benefited from advice on the Single Farm Payment (SFP).
- 2005 Contact was made with approximately 50 meadow owners to discuss use of their sites for various project briefs and grassland research purposes. 30 in partnership with the Centre for Agricultural and Environmental Research and 20 to assist research into invertebrate assemblages contained within meadows. The WMI worked with an invertebrate specialist, students and landowners. These new site records will support grassland owners for Environmental Stewardship Schemes.
- 2005 A leaflet for meat marketing was developed with a local landowner with Sussex and Hereford beef. These animals were reared on species rich SSSI grasslands (meadows) in Heathfield, butchered in Broad Oak and distributed out to customers locally in a box scheme throughout the year.
- 2005 Hay marketing work commenced at Horse Pasture Event (March) with a bale of local species rich hay displayed to revive interest and show the benefits to pony health. The hay was very popular but it became clear people had regular trusted hay merchants, who we would need to work with. At Heathfield show a similar demonstration took place with limited feedback, but a positive outcome was contractors willing to operate and possibly purchase machinery for hay making and grassland management on smaller sites. Finally rye grass (improved) hay and species rich (unimproved) hay were analysed as part of an awareness raising campaign to target native pony owners as to the positive health effects and conservation gain to be achieved by using Weald meadow hay.
- 2005 Contact was made with the West Sussex SNCI project officer to look at meadows in the West Sussex area requiring support & those with potential for seed harvesting in the future.

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**Appendix 1 - WMI WNOS Recipient Sites Results 2003, 2004 & 2005**

Weald Meadows Initiative - Weald Native Origin Seed Recipient Sites 2003 - 2004

ID	Invoice No	Grid Ref	Region	Town	2003/2004	C	HA- C	E	Ha-E	Total Ha	WNOS Type	Kg Sown	CSS	Sowing Date
BS	132	TQ528255	East Sussex	Hadlow Down	16/05/2003		0	1	3.86	3.86	Mix	16	CSS	Sep-03
JL	133	TQ452192	East Sussex	Isfield	28/09/2003	1	0.2		0	0.2	Mix	3	CSS	Oct-03
PE	134	TQ848132	East Sussex	Fairlight	28/09/2003		0	2	0.4	0.4	Mix	2	CSS	Sep-03
PE	135	TQ848122	East Sussex	Fairlight	28/09/2003		0	3	1.36	1.36	Mix	5.5	CSS	Sep-03
PE	136	TQ856132	East Sussex	Fairlight	28/09/2003		0	4	1.14	1.14	SS	1	CSS	Sep-03
NC	139	TQ233191	West Sussex	Wineham	30/09/2003		0	5	2	2	Mix	10	CSS	Oct-03
DrA	141	TQ 572125	East Sussex	Etchingham	01/10/2003		0	6	2	2	Mix	8	CSS	Oct-03
TW	142	TQ655285	Kent	Lamberhurst	20/10/2003	5	1	0	0	1	SS	3.22	CSS	Oct-03
DVD	144	TQ788335	Kent	Benenden	06/10/2003	6	2	0	0	2	Mix	8	CSS	Oct-03
RN	148	TQ854198	East Sussex	Rye	06/10/2003		0	9	4.4	4.4	Mix	9	CSS	Oct-03
PR	153	TQ655201	East Sussex	Dallington	08/10/2003		0	14	1.68	1.68	YR & SS	2.5	CSS	Oct-03
JA	156	TQ676149	East Sussex	Ashburnham	09/10/2003		0	17	5.17	5.17	Mix	21	CSS	Oct-03
CB	157	TQ157215	West Sussex	West Grinstead	09/10/2003	8	1	0	0	1	Mix	15	CSS	Aug-04
TJ	158	TQ865129	East Sussex	Guestling	20/10/2003		0	18	4.5	4.5	Mix	22.5	CSS	Oct-03
TJ	162	TQ868149	East Sussex	Guestling	20/10/2003		0	22	1.2	1.2	YR	1.5	CSS	Oct-03
RW	164	TQ703143	East Sussex	Ashburnham	20/10/2003		0	24	3.71	3.71	Mix	11	CSS	Nov-03
RW	165	TQ703143	East Sussex	Ashburnham	20/10/2003		0	25	14.66	14.66	Mix	44	CSS	Nov-03
DrLR	167	TQ615271	East Sussex	Mayfield	21/10/2003		0	26	0.6	0.6	Mix	6	CSS	Nov-03
SB	170	TQ519154	East Sussex	East Hoathly	23/10/2003		0	28	0.1	0.1	Mix	0.5	CSS	Nov-03
SC	172	TQ5710 4557	East Sussex	Jevington	28/10/2003		0	29	3.16	3.16	Mix	9.5	CSS	Nov-03
SC	173	TQ5305 6963b	East Sussex	Jevington	28/10/2003		0	30	11.34	11.34	Mix	34	CSS	Nov-03
MW	177	TQ725215	East Sussex	Robertsbridge	29/10/2003		0	34	1.43	1.43	Mix	5	CSS	Nov-03
TB	181	TQ661206	East Sussex	Brightling	05/11/2003	12	1	0	0	1	Mix	6	CSS	Nov-03
GKD	183	TQ500374	Kent	Hartfield	24/11/2003		0	0	7.2	7.2	Mix	30	CSS	Nov-03
<b>CSS TOTALS</b>						<b>5</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>69.91</b>	<b>75.11</b>		<b>274.22</b>		

ID	Invoice No	Grid Ref	Region	Town	2003/2004	C	HA- C	E	Ha-E	Total Ha	WNOS Type	Kg Sown	Non CSS Purchaser details	Sowing Date
CM	147	TQ884283	East Sussex	Wittersham	06/10/2003	7	0.4	0	0	0.4	Mix	6	Consultant	Oct-03
EJ	185	TQ479206	East Sussex	Uckfield	09/03/2004	15	0.003	0	0	0.003	mix	0.1	Education	Mar-04
MH	137	TQ157263	West Sussex	Southwater	30/09/2003	2	0.33	0	0	0.33	Mix	5	LA	Oct-03
OE	168	TQ457015	East Sussex	Newhaven	21/10/2003		0	27	6	6	SS x2	4	LA	Mar-04
GF	182	TQ180221	West Sussex	West Grinstead	25/02/2004	13	0.01	0	0	0.01	Mix	0.5	LA	Feb-04
MH	171	TQ626065	East Sussex	Hankham	23/10/2003		0	0	0.8	0.8	YR	2	Community	Nov-03
CG	140	TQ223115	West Sussex	Edburton	04/11/2003	4	0.025	0	0	0.025	Mix	2.5	Private	Nov-03
CW	143	TQ813423	East Sussex	Frittenden	01/10/2003		0	0	0.4	0.4	YR	1	Private	Oct-03
PL	145	TQ696394	Kent	Horsemonden	06/10/2003		0	7	2	2	Mix	9	Private	Oct-03
JG	146	TQ788239	East Sussex	Robertsbridge	06/10/2003		0	8	0.1	0.1	SS & YR	0.015	Private	Oct-03
DrMW	149	TR034447	Kent	Boungton Aluph	08/10/2003		0	10	0.25	0.25	YR	0.5	Private	Oct-03
AH	150	TQ831258	East Sussex	Northiam	08/10/2003		0	11	0.5	0.5	YR	0.5	Private	Oct-03
mD	151	TQ468261	East Sussex	Fairwarp	08/10/2003		0	12	0.1	0.1	YR	0.5	Private	Oct-03
AM	152	TQ811220	East Sussex	Northiam	08/10/2003		0	12	0.8	0.8	YR	0.5	Private	Oct-03
CS	154	TQ857393	Kent	Biddenden	08/10/2003		0	15	1	1	YR	0.25	Private	Oct-03
JM	155	TQ552077	East Sussex	Arlington	09/10/2003		0	16	2	2	Mix	10	Private	Oct-03
EF	159	TQ626179	East Sussex	Rushlake Green	20/10/2003		0	19	0.13	0.13	YR&SS	0.4	Private	Nov-03
PR	161	TQ671418	Kent	Matfield	16/10/2003		0	21	0.04	0.04	YR	0.1	Private	Oct-03
PW	163	TQ825186	East Sussex	Brede	20/10/2003		0	23	0.4	0.4	YR & SS	0.61	Private	Oct-03
VD	184	TQ534595	Kent	Otford	25/02/2004	14	0.003	0	0	0	Mix	0.1	Private	Feb-04
RH	160	TQ593178	East Sussex	Vines Cross	16/10/2003		0	20	0.4	0.4	YR	0.5	Private/Nursary	Oct-03
PWTC	138	TQ660442	Kent	Paddock Wood	30/09/2003	3	0.38	0	0	0.38	Mix	8	TC	Oct-03
DH	169	TQ753592	Kent	Sandling	21/10/2003		0	0	0	0	Mix & YR	4	Trust	Nov-03
SWT	174	TQ090581	Surrey	Ockham	29/10/2003		0	31	0.1	0.1	Mix	2	WT	Nov-03
SWT	175	TQ090581	Surrey	Ockham	29/10/2003		0	32	3	3	SS	1	WT	Nov-03
SWT	176	TQ090581	Surrey	Ockham	29/10/2003		0	33	1	1	YR	1	WT	Nov-03
VG	178	TQ010160	West Sussex	Watersfield	30/10/2003	10	0.15	0	0	0.15	Mix	4	WT	Nov-03
<b>NON CSS TOTALS</b>						<b>10</b>	<b>11.901</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20.02</b>	<b>21.518</b>		<b>70.075</b>		
<b>CSS &amp; NON CSS TOTALS</b>						<b>15</b>	<b>17.101</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>89.93</b>	<b>96.628</b>		<b>344.295</b>		

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ID	Invoice No	Grid Ref	Region	Town	2003/2004	C	HA- C	E	Ha-E	Total Ha	WNOS Type	Kg Sown	Non CSS Purchaser details	Sowing Date
VG	179	TQ010160	West Sussex	Watersfield	30/10/2003	11	0.1	0	0	0.1	Mix	3	WT	Nov-03
RG	166	TQ492258	East Sussex	Highurst Wood	21/10/2003	9	0.1	0	0	0.1	Mix	2	Private	Oct-03
JNG	180	TQ620155	East Sussex	Cowbeech	02/11/2003		0	35	1	1	YR	1	Private	Nov-03
<b>NON CSS TOTALS</b>						<b>10</b>	<b>11.901</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20.02</b>	<b>21.518</b>		<b>70.075</b>		
<b>CSS &amp; NON CSS TOTALS</b>						<b>15</b>	<b>17.101</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>89.93</b>	<b>96.628</b>		<b>344.295</b>		

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ID	Invoice No	Grid Ref	Region	Town	2004/2005	C	HA- C	E	Ha-E	Total Ha	WNOS Type	Kg Sown	CSS	Sowing Date
PR	188	TQ652201	East Sussex	Dallington	02/09/2004		0	2	3.39	3.39	Single Sp	1	CSS	Sept
EAM	196	TQ889473	Kent	Egerton	06/10/2004		0	10	2	2	Mixed	10	CSS	Oct
MW	197	TQ725215	East Sussex	Robersbridge	27/09/2004		0	11	3.43	3.43	Mixed	12	CSS	Oct
MB	199	TQ659095	East Sussex	Warbleton	05/10/2004	2	6		0	6	Mixed	104	CSS	Mid Oct
JE	201	TQ158295 ish	West Sussex	West Grinstead	06/10/2004		0	13	0	0	SS	8	CSS	Oct
NW	204	TQ747347	Kent	Cranbrook	07/10/2004		0	15	4.26	4.26	Mixed	13	CSS	
NW	205	TQ753347	Kent	Cranbrook	07/10/2004		0	16	2.85	2.85	Mixed	9	CSS	
RN	206	TQ856197	East Sussex	Rye	11/10/2004	5	0.77		0	0.77	Mixed	12	CSS	Oct
SC	207	TQ562017	East Sussex	Jevington	11/10/2004		0	17	4	4	Mixed	12	CSS	
SC	208	TQ562017	East Sussex	Jevington	11/10/2004		0	18	4	4	Mixed	12	CSS	
SC	209	TQ562017	East Sussex	Jevington	11/10/2004		0	19	6	6	Mixed	18	CSS	
GM	210	TQ487277	East Sussex	Hérons Ghyll	11/10/2004		0	20	9.8	9.8	Mixed	49	CSS	Oct
ESH	219	TQ354087	East Sussex	Falmer	13/10/2004		0	27	6	6	SS	2.6	CSS/ESA	Oct
<b>CSS TOTALS</b>						<b>2</b>	<b>6.77</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>45.73</b>	<b>52.5</b>		<b>262.6</b>		

ID	Invoice No	Grid Ref	Region	Town	2004/2005	C	HA- C	E	Ha-E	Total Ha	WNOS Type	Kg Sown	Non CSS Purchaser details	Sowing Date
MM	220	TQ624107	East Sussex	Herstmonceux	26/10/2004		0	28	0	0	SS	0.2	Business	
BS	213	TQ293051	East Sussex	Hove	11/10/2004		0	23	0.04	0.04	YR	1	Business	
CN	200	TQ613299	East Sussex	Tidebrook	06/10/2004	3	0.3		0	0.3	Mixed	6	Consultant	Oct
AL	212	TQ204263	West Sussex	Horsham	13/10/2004		0	22	0.07	0.07	Mixed	1	Council	Oct
WSCC	223	TQ180221	West Sussex	West Grinstead	16/11/2004		0	31	0.25	0.25	YR	0.5	Council	Dec
DL	214	TQ463209	East Sussex	Uckfield	19/10/2004		0	24	1	1	Mixed	8	Council	oct
AB	187	TQ607655	Kent	Hartley	02/09/2004		0	1	2	2	Single Sp	0.2	Parish Council	Sept
RD	221	TQ777188	East Sussex	Sedlescombe	05/11/2004		0	29	0.2	0.2	YR	0.1	Parish Council	Nov
EF	189	TQ626179	East Sussex	Rushlake green	02/09/2004		0	3	0.13	0.13	Single Sp & YR	0.3	Private	Nov
CW	190	TQ813423	Kent	Fittenden	02/09/2004		0	4	3	3	YR & Oxeye	3	Private	Sept
LC	191	TQ657233	East Sussex	Burwash weald	02/09/2004		0	5	1.2	1.2	YR	1	Private	Sept
JD	192	TQ417144	East Sussex	Barcombe	03/09/2004		0	6	0.8	0.8	YR	1	Private	Sept
JG	193	TQ788239	East Sussex	Robersbridge	03/09/2004		0	7	0.08	0.08	YR	0.25	Private	Sept
MR	194	TQ811280	Kent	Sandhurst	09/09/2004		0	8	0.8	0.8	YR	1	Private	Oct
GW	195	TQ821346	Kent	Benenden	09/09/2004		0	9	0.4	0.4	Mixed	1	Private	Sept
RH	198	TQ535394	Kent	Forcombe	27/09/2004		0	12	0.2	0.2	YR	0.5	Private	Nov
PK	203	TQ434344	East Sussex	Forest Row	06/10/2004		0	14	0.4	0.4	YR	1.5	Private	Oct
KR	211	TQ452176	East Sussex	Isfield	11/10/2004		0	21	0.5	0.5	Mixed	1	Private	Oct
JD	215	TQ417144	East Sussex	Barcombe	11/10/2004	6	0.05		0	0.05	Mixed	1	Private	Sept
RH	217	TQ535394	Kent	Fordcombe	19/10/2004		0	26	0.02	0.02	Mixed	1	Private	Nov
CH	222	TQ357244	West Sussex	Lindifield	15/11/2004		0	30	1.6	1.6	YR	1.5	Private	
RH	218	TQ535394	Kent	Fordcombe	10/03/2005		0	32	0	0.02	Mixed	2	Private	March
MM	224	TQ624107	East Sussex	Herstmonceux	22/03/2005	7	0.005		0	0.005	Mixed	0.5	Private	March
DH	216	None	Kent	Maidstone	18/10/2004		0	25	0	0	Mixed & YR	0	Return Seed	Nov
DB	202	TQ818251	East Sussex	Northiam		4	0.2		0	0.2	SS	0.4108	SS	
<b>NON CSS TOTALS</b>						<b>4</b>	<b>0.555</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>12.69</b>	<b>13.265</b>		<b>33.9608</b>		
<b>CSS &amp; NON CSS TOTALS</b>						<b>6</b>	<b>7.325</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>58.42</b>	<b>65.765</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>296.5608</b>		

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JH	226	TQ635135	East Sussex	Herstmonceux	12/09/2005		0	1	3	3	SS		1.5 CSS	Sept
EAM	227	TQ921546	Kent	Pluckley	12/10/2005		0	2	1	1	Mixed		5 CSS	Oct
DM	229	TQ652201	Kent	Woodchurch	12/10/2005	3	2.4		0	2.4	Mixed		36 CSS	Oct
TW	236	TQ645385	Kent	Lamberhurst	17/10/2005	4	0.6		0	0.6	SS		1 CSS	
GR	238	TQ741404	Kent	Benenden	20/10/2005		0	10	1	1	Mixed		3 CSS	
BT	239	TQ549125	East Sussex	Uckfield	20/10/2005		0	11	1	1	Mixed		5 CSS	
DE	240	TQ792375	Kent	Sissinghurst	19/10/2005		0	12	1	1	SS		0.1 CSS	Oct
PN	241	TQ833160	East Sussex	Three Oaks	19/10/2005		0	13	1.3	1.3	Mixed		20 CSS	Oct
JW	242	TQ884159	East Sussex	Icklesham	23/10/2005	6	1.3		0	1.3	Mixed		20 CSS	
JW	243	TQ884159	East Sussex	Icklesham	23/10/2005		0	14	1	1	YR		3 CSS	
JW	244	TQ884159	East Sussex	Icklesham	23/10/2005		0	15	6.6	6.6	Oxeye		2 CSS	
JW	245	TQ884159	East Sussex	Icklesham	23/10/2005		0	16	3.3	3.3	Knap		1 CSS	
RW	246	TQ6913 9946	East Sussex	Battle	24/10/2005		0	17	1.7	1.7	Mixed		11 CSS	
RT	247	TQ5512 0951	East Sussex	Gun Hill	26/10/2005		0	18	1.64	1.64	Mixed		5 CSS	Oct
					<b>CSS TOTALS</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>22.54</b>	<b>26.84</b>		<b>113.6</b>		
ID	Invoice No	Grid Ref	Region	Town	2005/2006	C	HA- C	E	Ha-E	Total Ha	WNOS Type	Kg Sown	Non CSS Purchaser detail	Sowing
GD	251	TQ8182521	East Sussex	Northiam	01/11/2005	8	0.2		0	0.2	SS		0.5 Leader+ project	Nov
RD	234	TQ777188	East Sussex	Sedlescombe	17/10/2005		0	7	0.2	0.2	YR		0.1 Parish Council	Oct
GT	228	TQ529126	East Sussex	Whitesmith	12/10/2005	2	0.6		0	0.6	Mixed		12 Private	Oct
LC	230	TQ657233	East Sussex	Burwash Weald	12/10/2005		0	3	1.2	1.2	YR		1 Private	Oct
MR	231	TQ811280	Kent	Sandhurst	17/10/2005		0	4	0.8	0.8	YR		1 Private	Oct
PK	232	TQ434344	East Sussex	Forest Row	17/10/2005		0	5	0.4	0.4	YR		1.5 Private	Oct
NW	233	TQ641301	East Sussex	Wadhurst	17/10/2005		0	6	2	2	YR		2 Private	Oct
LS	235	TQ274309	West Sussex	Handcross	17/10/2005		0	8	0.3	0.3	YR		0.5 Private	Oct
RS	237	TQ697292	East Sussex	Etchingham	22/10/2005	5	0.2	9	0.3	0.5	Mixed		5.5 Private	Oct
PW	248	TQ825186	East Sussex	Brede	01/11/2005		0	19	0.15	0.15	YR & SS		0.25 Private	Nov
RH	250	TQ535394	Kent	Forcombe	23/11/2005	7	0.1		0	0.1	Mixed		5 Private	April
mM	249	TQ826466	Kent	Headcorn	14/11/2005		0	20	2	2	YR		2 Private	Nov
TH	225	TQ599422	Kent	Tunbridge Wells	27/05/2005	1	0.08		0	0.08	Mixed		0.5 Consultant	May
					<b>NON CSS TOTALS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1.18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7.35</b>	<b>8.53</b>		<b>145.45</b>		
					<b>CSS &amp; NON CSS TOTALS</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5.48</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>29.89</b>	<b>35.37</b>		<b>259.05</b>		

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**WMI - Final Financial Report - 41/021/8000 RES**

Period Jan 2003 - 31 December 2005

EXPENDITURE	2003					YEAR 1 2004					YEAR 2 2005					YEAR 3 Actual 03 - 05		Total Approved Budget
	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Total	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Total	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Total	Total		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Actuals	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Actuals	Q1A	Q2A	Q3A	Q4A	Actuals	Actual	Budget	
Meadows Officer (DB) 2.5 days 50% 18.5 hrs	2,292	2,398	2,450	2,478	9,618	1,444	3,506	2,680	2,629	10,259	2,684	2,814	2,814	2,814	11,126	31,002	30424	
On costs 20%	429	478	493	496	1,895	508	524	551	539	2,122	551	624	624	624	2,424	6,440	5474	
Travel	10	91	220	12	332	48	41	203	148	440	105	100	200	73	477	1,248	2253	
Training	0	0	0	0	0	13	40	7	0	60	0	45	238	0	283	343	826	
<b>subtotal staff costs</b>	<b>2,730</b>	<b>2,967</b>	<b>3,162</b>	<b>2,986</b>	<b>11,844</b>	<b>2,013</b>	<b>4,111</b>	<b>3,440</b>	<b>3,316</b>	<b>12,880</b>	<b>3,341</b>	<b>3,583</b>	<b>3,875</b>	<b>3,511</b>	<b>14,310</b>	<b>39,034</b>	<b>38977</b>	
ESCC overheads (50% of per capita contribution)	0	0	0	2,250	2,250				2,832	2,832				2,250	2,250	7,332	6750	
HWU office costs	0	0	0	582	582					0				582	582	1,164	1746	
<b>subtotal support costs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,832</b>	<b>2,832</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,832</b>	<b>2,832</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,832</b>	<b>2,832</b>	<b>8,496</b>	<b>8496</b>	
Brush harvester (year 1) combine & trailer (year 2)	0	0	8,449	634	9,083	0	7,000	2,845	340	10,185					0	19,268	34500	
Hand harvester	0	0	843	0	843					0					0	843	3000	
Seed trays and racks	0	0	0	3,412	3,412					0					0	3,412	5000	
Seed storage	0	0	0	0	0					0			4,119	4,119	4,119	5000		
Dust extractor	0	0	0	0	0			3,959		3,959					0	3,959	5000	
Weald native provenance seed branding	0	0	0	0	0				50	50	0	202		325	528	578	3000	
Networking mechanisms	0	0	0	0	0					0			95	95	95	1500		
<b>subtotal equipment &amp; communication</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,292</b>	<b>4,046</b>	<b>13,338</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>6,804</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>14,194</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>4,444</b>	<b>4,741</b>	<b>32,273</b>	<b>57000</b>	
Contingency	0	0	0	0	0					0					0	0		
<b>Total activity costs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,292</b>	<b>4,046</b>	<b>13,338</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>6,804</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>14,194</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>4,444</b>	<b>4,741</b>	<b>32,273</b>	<b>57000</b>	
																0		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2,730</b>	<b>2,967</b>	<b>12,454</b>	<b>9,864</b>	<b>28,014</b>	<b>2,013</b>	<b>11,111</b>	<b>10,244</b>	<b>6,538</b>	<b>29,906</b>	<b>3,341</b>	<b>3,785</b>	<b>3,970</b>	<b>10,787</b>	<b>21,883</b>	<b>79,803</b>	<b>104,473</b>	
<b>INCOME</b>																		
RES grant of 75% of annual total non capital	2,048	2,225	2,372	2,239	8,883	1,509	3,083	2,580	4,611	11,784	2,505	2,687	2,906	4,757	12,856	29,275	37,729	
RES grant of 75% of annual total capital	0	0	6,969	3,035	10,004	0	5,250	5,103	293	10,646	0	152	71	3,333	3,556	24,205	42,750	
<b>Total RES Income</b>	<b>2,048</b>	<b>2,225</b>	<b>9,341</b>	<b>5,274</b>	<b>18,887</b>	<b>1,509</b>	<b>8,333</b>	<b>7,683</b>	<b>4,904</b>	<b>22,429</b>	<b>2,506</b>	<b>2,839</b>	<b>2,978</b>	<b>8,090</b>	<b>16,412</b>	<b>53,480</b>	<b>80,479</b>	
Agrifactors contribution	0	0	2,323	1,012	3,335	0	1,750	1,701	98	3,549	0	51	24	1,111	1,185	8,068	14,250	
Other Private (Training) & Public Sector contributions (CA, EN)	683	742	791	3,578	5,793	503	1,028	860	1,537	3,928	835	896	969	1,586	4,285	18,254	9,744	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>2,730</b>	<b>2,967</b>	<b>12,454</b>	<b>9,864</b>	<b>28,014</b>	<b>2,013</b>	<b>11,111</b>	<b>10,244</b>	<b>6,538</b>	<b>29,906</b>	<b>3,341</b>	<b>3,785</b>	<b>3,970</b>	<b>10,787</b>	<b>21,883</b>	<b>79,803</b>	<b>104,473</b>	