



**Become a  
volunteer  
warden!**

## WHAT ARE RNRs?

RNRs are stretches of roadside verges that support populations of **rare** and **unusual** plants and fungi. Many roadside verges are very old and on the edges of routes that have changed little over the centuries.

These verges are the remains of the semi-natural grassland that was once widespread throughout the country, but which has **declined by 98% since 1945**, due to changes of **land use, intensive cultivation and drainage**.

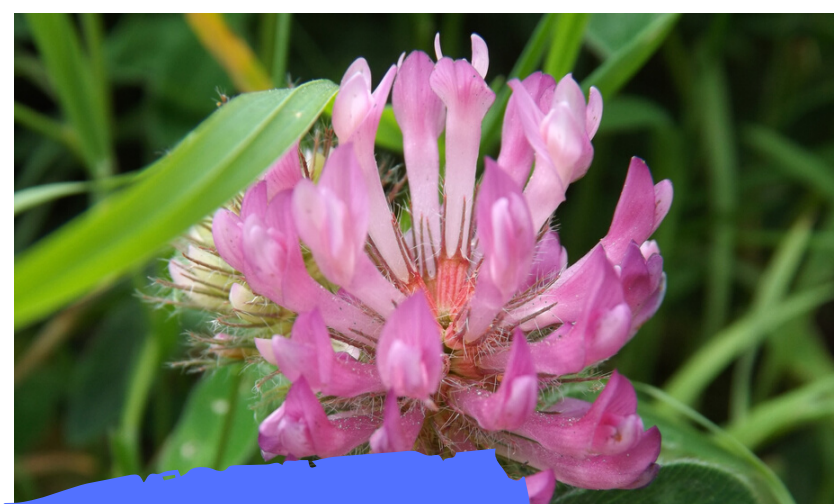
By careful management of these sites we aim to **preserve the species** on RNRs, giving future generations the chance to enjoy these remnants of ancient grassland meadows.



**We provide  
equipment and  
training!**



**Individuals, groups,  
or whole parishes  
can get involved!**



**The RNR Project in  
Suffolk has been  
running since  
the 1970s!**



**There are  
currently 106  
RNRs in Suffolk**

## WHAT DOES A WARDEN DO?

### **RAKING:**

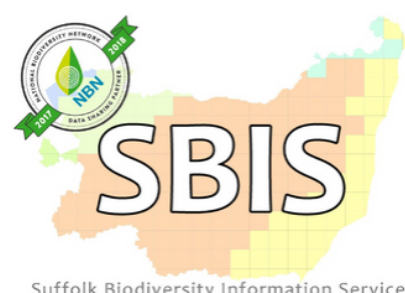
Once an RNR has been cut, the thatch of mowings should be removed to take the nutrients off.

### **KEEPING AN EYE ON THE VERGE:**

If you notice anything happening to your verge such as material being dumped, or the marker posts being damaged please let us know!

### **WRITING AN ARTICLE FOR THE RNR NEWSLETTER:**

If you enjoy writing, we would really welcome contributions to our RNR news column, about rare plants and other wildlife found on your verge, the experience of being a RNR warden, or anything else RNR related!



### **GOT A QUESTION?**

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