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## Manor Park Flats

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### Restoring the wildflower habitat

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Following the removal of the Temporary Mortuary Facility, The City of London Corporation is now restoring the grassland on Manor Park Flats. The restoration will be in keeping with the protected Epping Forest environment.

This part of Epping Forest, along with the rest of Wanstead Flats and Wanstead Park, is recognised as one of London's most important grasslands on gravel soils. This is a rare type of wildlife habitat supporting special flowers, butterflies, moths and bees.

The work will commence in August and later this autumn the soil will be reseeded with wildflower seeds, including seed harvested from nearby Epping Forest grasslands. A further sowing will take place in spring 2021.

This is one of  
14 green spaces  
managed by the  
City of London at  
little cost to the  
general public.



## **First step to restoration**

During the first week of August 2020, the temporary facility at Manor Park Flats will have been removed. This is a welcome and significant first step on the return towards more normal conditions for this part of the Forest.

## **A timetable for recovery**

From August through to early autumn the site will be prepared for seeding. During September-October, the bare earth will be seeded with a varied mix of local native flowers, including seeds harvested from nearby areas of the Forest. These seeds will begin to grow over the winter and there will be a second seeding event in spring 2021. During all this work, the site will need to remain fenced to protect the soil and to give the native grasses and wildflowers a good start, to establish properly and grow strong. By summer 2021, the site should be returned to a flower-rich grassland for visitors and wildlife to enjoy.



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