## The Mead Wildlife sanctuary

Hidden behind some houses in Spetisbury and bounded to the east by the River Stour there is a small - 2 acre - wildlife area. It's known as "The Mead Wildlife Sanctuary" and it is owned by Spetisbury Parish Council.

Over the last few years a number of dedicated volunteers have cleared the original scrub and introduced wild flowers which have encouraged a wide variety of wildlife. The aim is to increase the numbers and variety of wildflowers, species of animals and insects. This is a long term project.

At certain times of the year we would welcome volunteers to help clear grass cuttings or tackle encroaching bushes and brambles. If you wish to volunteer please give your details to either Sue Payne (07525 173257) or Jeremy Moss (07803 046111)

The Wildlife Sanctuary is a place for peaceful relaxation but it is primarily for wildlife so there are a few rules and there is advice posted on the notice board as you enter the Mead. Please read and follow those rules - thank you.

Access to the Mead is limited to a path through from Slopers Mead - a close off the A350. Slopers Mead is a residential road with very limited parking and is not suitable for visitors cars which means that those coming by car should park in the car park near the school. Walking past the school and church toward the village, Slopers Mead is the second turning on the left. Walk around to the left and in the far right hand corner there is a path leading to the Mead.

