

Wild Flower Hunt: Beyond the Mill Walls

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Summer Challenge: Use the secret paths to explore the meadow on Church Walk. How many of these flowers can you find?



Herb Robert

These tiny pink flowers are found everywhere, scrambling up walls and along hedgerows. Their hairy stems turn red in bright light, and they smell so bad some people call them 'Stinking Bob'!



Rosebay Willowherb

These tall pink flowers are also known as 'fireweed' as they spread quickly in areas cleared by fire. Each plant can produce up to 80,000 seeds!



Red Campion

The petals of these deep pink flowers are fused together at their base to create a tube behind the flower. They were used by the Romans to weave garlands for the champions of their public games.



Meadowsweet

These tall plants have clusters of frothy cream flowers. They were popular in medieval and Tudor times as a strewing plant to make your house smell nice.



Meadow Cranesbill

Like Herb Robert, these flowers are part of the Geranium family. They are known as 'cranesbill' because their seed pods look like the long beak of a crane. In the language of flowers, they symbolise envy.



Knapweed

Knapweed looks similar to a thistle, but without the spiky leaves. According to Greek mythology, Chiron the centaur used it to cure himself after Hercules shot a poisoned arrow at him!

Fancy a challenge? Try and find these:



Tufted Vetch



Cuckoopint

Careful - this one's poisonous!



Dame's Violet



Himalayan Balsam

These activities are designed for families to do together. Please take care, especially near water, and wash your hands before you eat anything.

If you take any good photos, share them with us!



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