Incredible Grasslands

Benefits for people, nature and climate

Cooler Environment
In heatwaves, wild plants and fungi retain moisture, absorb heat[11] and provide shade for wildlife.

Extreme Weather Resilience
Diverse plant species help to cope with droughts, with deep roots accessing nutrients and water[1].

Animal Health and Nutritious Food
Livestock grazing on diverse plant species are healthier[9] and produce more nutritious food[10].

Natural Beauty and Cultural Heritage
Filled with colour and life, grasslands enrich our landscape and culture, inspiring art and crafts.

Increased Pollination
More wildflowers help pollinators to thrive[8].

Cleaner Air and Water
Reducing fertiliser and pesticide use benefits our health and the natural environment[2].

Better, Joined-up Habitats
Providing food, shelter and connected corridors for wildlife across the landscape[7].

Health and Wellbeing
Access to green spaces improves peoples' mental and physical health[3].

Natural Flood Defence
Absorbent soils of floodplain meadows[6] and other grasslands slow the flow of floodwaters.

Climate Change Mitigation
Carbon is safely stored in the undisturbed soils of permanent grasslands[5].

Healthier Soil
Diverse plants, fungi and microorganisms support healthy soils and their ecosystems, reducing soil erosion[4].

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