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Wildflowers for the Chalkhill Blue Butterfly

The Chalkhill Blue butterfly was once common across the chalk downs of Southern England but is now restricted to a number of fragmented sites. In common with some other species this butterfly is completely dependent on a single type of wildflower, Horseshoe Vetch, on which it lays its eggs and on which the caterpillar feeds.

It is likely that at one time Horseshoe Vetch flowered here, before farming and development eliminated it. We want to bring back this plant with the aim of attracting back the butterfly. Establishment is considered difficult. The plant requires space, minimal competition and protection from grazing rabbits until the plants are strong and reasonably numerous.



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