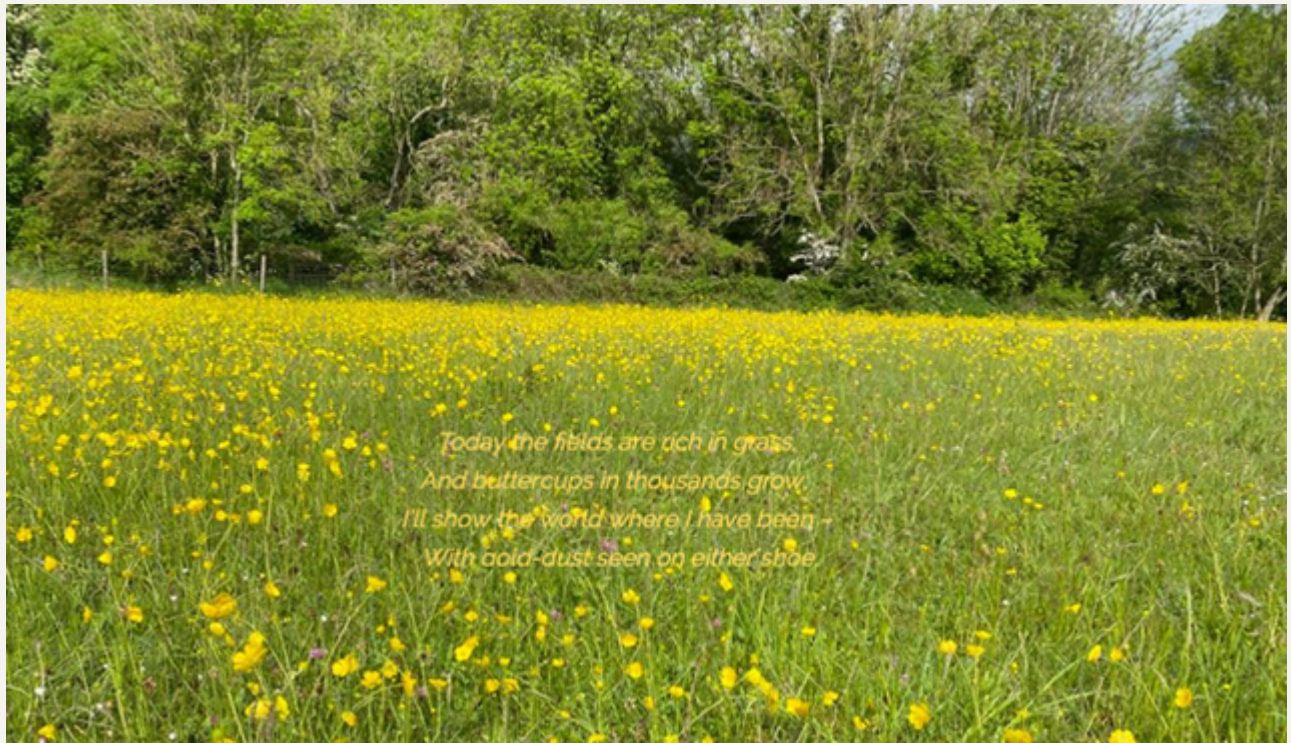


Friends of Juniper Hill Field Newsletter



8th November, 2023

To the great delight of the Friends of Juniper Hill Field, the BAFTA and Globe winning actor Josh O'Connor has joined the campaign as a patron alongside the wonderful Mary Portas.

O'Connor is probably better known to most people as the young Prince Charles in the Netflix series *The Crown* and as Larry in the TV series *The Durrells*. He grew up in Cheltenham and now lives in Woodchester, and has walked the limestone grasslands of the Cotswolds since he was a small child.



Josh walked up to Juniper Hill Field to meet with campaigners and learn more about the issues. He met Joy Elworthy and Hanny Fox, the two octogenarian campaigners who have walked the field for over forty years. They were able to tell him about the seven species of orchids found on the grassland amongst countless other flowers and described the skylarks who breed on the field in spring.



'This field is a beautiful upland grassland and every effort must be made to protect such a rare habitat. Splitting it up into small plots makes no sense in terms of conservation. All the current thinking about how to ensure our wildlife can adapt to climate change is focussed on linking up reserves and this field is key to that,' said O'Connor.

We now really need your help.

The Friends of Juniper Hill Field have now drawn up an Open Letter to Angus Hanton, the CEO of Woodlands.co.uk. We are asking him to work with us to protect this field for future generations. If you have not already, you can read it on our website [here](#). Please add your name and postcode to indicate your support and circulate the link to all your contacts. It is vital that we get as many names as possible. You can watch the numbers grow on our home page!

We remain very grateful for your support.



Photo of the 8th October walk on Juniper Hill Field in support of the campaign
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