It cannot be stressed too strongly that the cut grass should always be raked off and removed. If it is left it will smother the weaker wildflowers and rot down to increase the fertility and that will encourage docks, nettles and coarse grasses.
Herbicides should not be used except perhaps on the main path, though the easiest and cheapest way to maintain the path might simply be by regular close mowing. If herbicides are used elsewhere they will create bare areas that are then susceptible to **colonization** by nettles and docks. Also they may kill non-target species.

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Achillea millefolium, Yarrow
Aegopodium podagraria, Ground-elder
Aesculus hippocastanum, Horse-chestnut
Alopecurus pratensis, Meadow Foxtail
Anemone nemorosa, Wood Anemone
Anisantha sterilis, Barren Brome
*Anthoxanthum odoratum, S*weet Vernal Grass
Anthriscus sylvestris, Cow Parsley
Arrhenatherum elatius, False Oat-grass
Arum maculatum, Lords-and-ladies
Bellis perennis, Daisy
Bryonia dioica, White Bryony
Cardamine hirsuta, Hairy Bitter-cress
Carex pendula, Pendulous Sedge
Centaurea nigra, Common Knapweed
Centranthus ruber, Red Valerian
Chelidonium majus, Greater Celandine
Cirsium arvense, Creeping Thistle
C. vulgare, Spear Thistle
Conium maculatum, Hemlock
Conopodium majus, Pignut
Corylus avellana, Hazel
Crataegus monogyna, Hawthorn
Cymbalaria muralis, Ivy-leaved Toadflax
Dactylis glomerata, Cock's-foot
Deschampsia cespitosa, Tufted Hair- grass
Dryopteris filix-mas, Common Male Fern
Epilobium montanum, Broad-leaved Willowherb
E. tetragonum, Square-stalked Willowherb
Fagus sylvatica, Beech
Festuca gigantea, Giant Fescue
F. rubra, Red Fescue
Fragaria vesca, Wild Strawberry
Fraxinus excelsior, Ash
Fumaria muralis, Common Ramping-fumitory
Galium aparine, Cleavers
Geranium lucidum, Shining Crane's-bill
G. pratense, Meadow Crane's-bill
G. robertianum, Herb-robert
Glechoma hederacea, Ground-ivy
Hedera helix, Ivy

Holcus lanatus, Yorkshire-fog
Hypericum androsaemum, Tutsan
H. perforatum, Perforate St. John's-wort
H. tetrapterum, Square-stalked St. John's -wort
Hypochaeris radicata, Cat's-ear
flex aquifolium, Holly
Lamium album, White Dead-nettle
Lamium purpureum, Red Dead-nettle
Lapsana communis, Nipplewort
Lolium perenne, Perennial Rye-grass
Lonicera periclymenum, Honeysuckle
Lotus corniculatus, Common Bird's-foot -trefoil
Lunaria annua, Honesty
Luzula campestris, Field Wood-rush
Lysimachia nummularia, Creeping-Jenny
Malva sylvestris, Common Mallow
Medicago lupulina, Black Medick
Mercurialis perennis, Dog's Mercury
Myosotis arvensis, Field Forget-me-not
Parietaria judaica, Pellitory-of-the-Wall
Pentaglottis sempervirens, Green Alkanet
Pilosella aurantiaca, Fox-and-cubs
Plantago lanceolata, Ribwort Plantain
P. major, Greater Plantain
Poa annua, Annual Meadow-grass
P. compressa, Flattened Meadow-grass
P. pratensis, Smooth Meadow-grass
P. trivialis, Rough Meadow-grass
Primula vulgaris, Primrose
Prunella vulgaris, Selfheal
Quercus robur, Pedunculate Oak
Ranunculus acris, Meadow Buttercup
R repens, Creeping Buttercup
Ribes sanguineum, Flowering Currant
Rosa sp., a rose
Rubus fruticosus agg., Bramble
Rumex acetosa, Common Sorrel
R. obtusifolius, Broad-leaved Dock
Sagina procumbens, Procumbent Pearlwort
Sambucus nigra, Elder
Scrophularia nodosa, Common Figwort
Sedum rupestre, Reflexed Stonecrop
Senecio vulgaris, Groundsel
Sisymbrium officinale, Hedge Mustard
Solanum dulcamara, Bittersweet
Sonchus asper, Prickly Sow-thistle
S. oleraceus, Smooth Sow-thistle
Stachys sylvatica, Hedge Woundwort
Stellaria graminea, Lesser Stitchwort
S. media, Common Chickweed
Syringa vulgaris, Lilac
Tamus communis, Black Bryony
Tanacetum parthenium, Feverfew
Taraxacum officinale agg., Dandelion
Taxus baccata, Yew
Trifolium pratense, Red Clover
T repens, White Clover
Urtica dioica, Common Nettle
Verbascum thapsus, Great Mullein
Veronica arvensis, Wall Speedwell
V chamaedrys, Germander Speedwell
Vicia sepium, Bush Vetch
V tetrasperma, Smooth Tare
Vinca major, Greater Periwinkle
Viola riviniana, Common Dog-violet