

# Cornfield Flowers Project



## Species Cards



### Hare's-foot clover (*Trifolium arvense*)

#### Least Concern

A member of the clover family, with typical trifoliate leaves

Locally rare on dry, sandy soils - found in only 8% of CFP surveys

**REASONS FOR DECLINE:**  
Herbicides

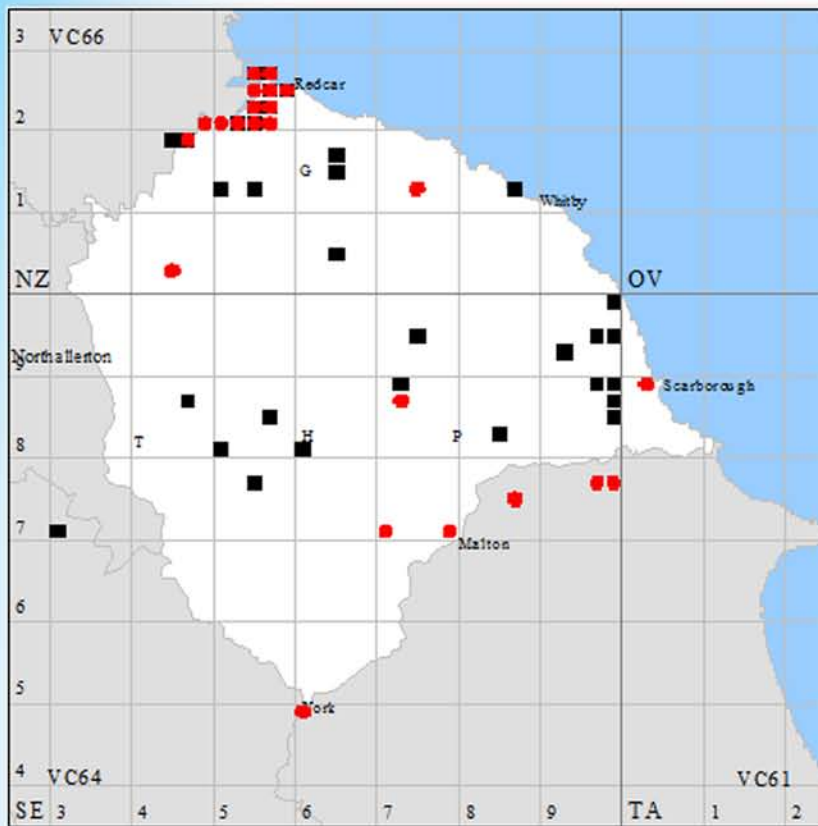
#### *Our Hare's-foot clover experience...*

Not, perhaps, thought to be an arable plant; nonetheless that is where we find it at Glebe Farm, Potter Brompton, both on the arable headland and in the set-aside. Eva Crackles in *Flora of the East Riding of Yorkshire* described it as growing in sandy fields, sand dunes and gravel pits and as locally frequent in Lower Derwentland and the Vale of Pickering.

Hare's-foot clover has a pink, fluffy appearance. Some years ago it coloured the whole of a four acre plot on the south-side of the A64 halfway between Sherburn and Potter Brompton, which had been planted with trees the year before and hence disturbed the ground.

We tried introducing it to the land at Water Fulford in 2013, and a few plants were recorded in 2014. We also introduced it to Spaunton Quarry where it still appears every year, using seed originally gathered from the southern bank of the river Tees, in the shadow of the steelworks.

# Distribution in north-east Yorkshire: Hare's-foot clover (*Trifolium arvense*)



## Key

● Post-2000 records  
(inc. CFP introductions)

■ Pre-2000 records

G: Guisborough T: Thirsk

H: Helmsley P: Pickering

Data: BSBI, 2014 Maps produced by MapMate®

## Key Facts - Hare's-foot clover (*Trifolium arvense*)

- Found on dry sandy soils in arable, grassy-heath, verges and sand-dunes
- A softly-downy plant, especially the dusky-pink flower heads - like a hare's-foot
- Spring and summer germinating
- Leaves trifoliate as per Clover family, but with narrow leaflets rather than oval

### UK Conservation Designations

The Vascular Plant Red Data List for Great Britain (2006) designates all UK wildflowers by their rarity, and hence conservation importance, in the following order:

Extinct → Extinct in the wild → Critically Endangered → Endangered  
Vulnerable → Near Threatened → Least Concern

The Cornfield Flowers Project is spearheaded by the Carstairs Countryside Trust, Ryedale Folk Museum, North Yorkshire Moors Association and North York Moors National Park Authority. It has a demonstration field and nursery at Ryedale Folk Museum and a working arable field at Silpho, near Scarborough. It is supported by the North York Moors National Park Sustainable Development Fund, North York Moors Coast & Hills LEADER Programme and the Heritage Lottery Fund.

