

# Cornfield Flowers Project



## Species Cards



### **Green field-speedwell** (*Veronica agrestis*)

#### **Least Concern**

An 'archaeophyte' speedwell - introduced to the UK, but prior to the 16th Century. Populations are declining nationally.

Rare in our area, found in only 10% of Cornfield Flowers Project surveys

#### **REASONS FOR DECLINE:**

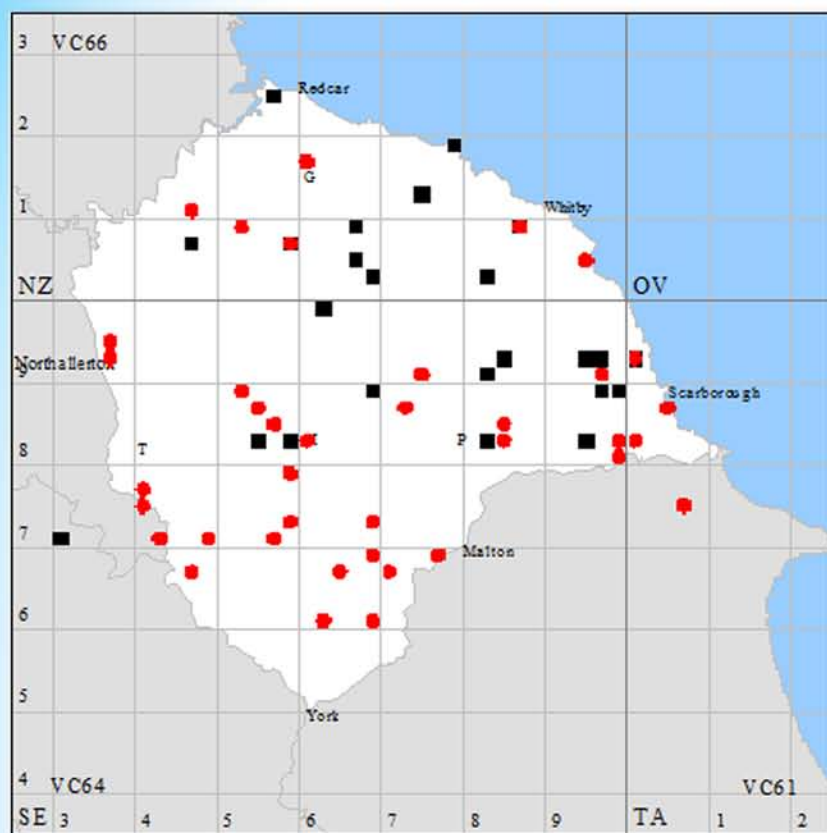
Nitrogen application; herbicides

### ***Our Green field-speedwell experience...***

Green field-speedwell has a slightly more northerly distribution than Grey field-speedwell (*Veronica polita*). Nan Sykes recorded it sixteen times during her survey of the North York Moors, as opposed to Grey field-speedwell, which was recorded only seven times. This position is confirmed by present day records for North Yorkshire.

We would consider it to be widespread on suitable soils in our area, but classed as uncommon.

# Distribution in north-east Yorkshire: Green field-speedwell (*Veronica agrestis*)



## 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 - Green field-speedwell (*Veronica agrestis*)

- Preference for free-draining, non-calcareous soils
- Leaves have a pure-green appearance
- Spring germinating
- Flowers pale-blue with white lower petal - separated from Common field-speedwell with its bright-blue flowers and white lower petal

### 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.

