

# Common Field Speedwell



Latin Name: *Veronica persica*

Flowers: Mar – July

Height: 10 – 30 cm (4 – 12 ins)

Where: in the shorter grass areas of the churchyard. Look for the patches of tiny blue flowers in sunny spots.

The flowers tend to be paler on the lower petal.



# Common Vetch



Latin Name: *Vicia sativa* sp alvia

Flowers: May – September

Height: 15 –120 cm (6 – 48 ins)

Where: among the ox-eye daisies in the meadow area to the south of the churchyard.

Despite the name, this is not an abundant flower. It is more common in the south east of England but is rare elsewhere. Vetch is a climbing plant and uses the longer grasses in the meadow areas for support.



# Common Dog Violet



Latin Name: *Viola riviniana*

Flowers: May – June

Height: 2.5 – 20 cm (1 – 8 ins)

Where: along beside the hedge by the entrance to the churchyard

The dog violet has no scent and the name is a derogatory term distinguishing this violet from the more useful scented sweet violet. Other examples of this are dog rose (less showy flowers), dogwood (a shrub with inedible berries) and dogs mercury (the useless relative of annual mercury – a notable medicinal plant)

# Wood Anemone



Latin Name: *Anemone nemorosa*

Flowers: Mar – May

Height: 5 -30 cm (2 - 12 ins)

Where: on the far side of the churchyard near the southern most hedge.

Other common name – windflowers

These glowing white flowers light up the shade under the hedge where they nod gently in any breeze. They were known as windflowers as, according to the Greek writer Pliny, they will not open until the wind blows.

