

Ragwort in Cleeve Prior

A number of people have mentioned to me that they are worried about the spread of ragwort in the village. Ragwort is a very common plant with bright yellow flowers that spreads easily. Whilst it is part of the beneficial habitat for bees, many moths and other insects, the major concern is that it can be poisonous to grazing animals, so in a village with many horses, it is important to keep it under control. Horses will not voluntarily eat ragwort, but in very dry conditions when grazing is in short supply or if the ragwort gets into bales of hay or silage, the damage will be done.

Please inspect your own property for the spread of ragwort and, particularly if you live in close proximity to where horses are kept, keep it well under control.

There are many websites that describe the plant and how to dispose of it.

Thank you,

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