BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

SITE / OBJECTIVE	ACTION	OUTCOME	TARGET (Years)	REPORTING / PUBLICITY
Whole council area	Raise local awareness of biodiversity.	Gain local support for action	Ongoing	Newsletter
Protect and support biodiversity	Encourage suitable planting and better management to support biodiversity.	Connect & diversify habitats to meet the needs of a variety of wildlife species	Ongoing	Mapping
Cemetery / churchyard	Additional planting where appropriate	Increased diversity of habitats and food sources	**Ongoing**	
	Creating habitat conditions that could provide nesting sites. E.G. Maintain and renew bird boxes as required.	Increased cover for invertebrates, reptiles, amphibians and small mammals	**Ongoing**	
	Review and update cemetery management plan to support wildlife & diversity whilst maintaining the site in a way which enables visitors to experience quiet and calm remembrance.	Encouraging insects particularly butterflies & bees Increased habitat	**Draft plan April, finalised by July 2024**	
	Investigate opportunities to create wildlife corridors	Increase biodiversity and habitat	**2025**	
Recreation ground	Primarily maintain hedges for the benefit of wildlife.	Food sources & cover	**Ongoing**	
	Leave some areas unmown.	Encourages insects	**Ongoing**	
Open spaces	Adopt management briefs for all sites and create a five-year work plan, with a focus of their overall mix of habitats (habitat layering) and their connectivity across and beyond the parish	Sustain & enhance natural habitats Protecting habitats	**March 2024 and August 2024**	
			Ongoing	

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	Encourage residents to remove litter and pick up after their dogs.	Regular attention		
	Seek opportunities to involve the community in the maintenance of sites.	Sustain & enhance natural habitats	**Ongoing**	
	Only use the most appropriate pesticides and herbicides where absolutely necessary and only in ideal weather conditions.

Any use will be seen as a last report option, requiring a case-by-case justification as well as clear documentation and ongoing review. | Sustain & enhance natural habitats | **Policies in place to be reviewed if national guidance changes** | |
The Built Landscape	Ensure that planning consultations are considered against the requirements of the Neighbourhood Plan Include a Biodiversity Policy in NDP	Protecting/enhancing habitats	**Ongoing**	
	Encourage hedgehog/small animal highways with permeable boundaries	Extending habitats	**Ongoing**	
Increase community awareness of biodiversity	Engage with residents to create a shared agenda for conserving biodiversity within the parish	Engagement/ownership of biodiversity	**Ongoing**	
	Raise awareness of the importance of gardens as habitats for wildlife, with possible actions highlighted in the parish newsletter, social media, local events and via support	Promote biodiversity	**Ongoing**	

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	of Garden Guardians project.			
	Create a page on the council website for photographs / information / links	Extending habitats	**In place**	
	Promote Garden Guardians Project running locally.	Protect nocturnal animals	**Ongoing**	
	Discourage floodlighting when responding to planning applications	Promotion of biodiversity	**Ongoing via Consultations and Highways**	
	Promote the creation of wildlife corridors to residents and organisations around our sites.	Habitat creation		
Support Community Projects	Support hedge/tree planting in any appropriate areas.	Extending habitats	Ongoing	
	Work in partnership with the community hubs and District Council tenants to develop residents' awareness of the environment around them.	Promote biodiversity	Ongoing	
	Support events and offer volunteering opportunities to support biodiversity, working with local organisations.	Promote biodiversity	Ongoing	
	Operate a specific grant fund for carbon reduction and biodiversity creation and enhancement.	Promote biodiversity and carbon reduction projects	Ongoing	
	Support expansion of wildflower verges throughout the parish	Habitat creation	Ongoing	