

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL - ACTION PLAN

SITE / OBJECTIVE	ACTION	OUTCOME	REPORTING / PUBLICITY
Whole council area	<p>Raise local awareness of need to protect and enhance biodiversity.</p> <p>Develop council Biodiversity webpage including map of sites already enhanced and of sites planned or in progress.</p>	<p>Gain local support for council actions.</p> <p>New council webpage and mapping of sites.</p>	<p>Newsletter, social media, website</p>
Cemetery	<p>Additional planting of alternative trees, such as hazel.</p> <p>Maintain and renew bird boxes as required.</p> <p>Adopt a plan to support wildlife and diversity whilst maintaining the site in a way which enables visitors to experience quiet and calm remembrance. Consider building a pond adjacent to memorial garden.</p> <p>Leave leaf litter and dead vegetation wherever possible around boundaries as a habitat for invertebrates.</p>	<p>Increased diversity of habitats and food sources</p> <p>Increased cover for invertebrates, reptiles, amphibians and small mammals.</p> <p>Encouraging insects particularly butterflies and bees.</p>	<p>Facebook and website</p>
Memorial Park and Playground	<p>Sympathetically maintain hedging. Consider any future planned replacement hedging to provide food/pollen source.</p> <p>Leave some areas unmown during summer to encourage wild flowers. Remove cuttings at season end.</p> <p>Only use environment friendly pesticides where absolutely necessary and only in ideal weather conditions.</p>	<p>Food sources and habitat cover.</p> <p>Encourages insects.</p> <p>Sustain and enhance natural habitats.</p>	<p>Facebook and website</p>

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Village Greens / other open spaces	<p>Adopt a management plan.</p> <p>Encourage residents to remove litter and pick up after their dogs.</p> <p>Work with the county council on verge management, favouring biodiversity but noting which areas may need cutting for highway safety.</p> <p>Encourage residents to adopt areas to look after, making it clear what is expected e.g. peat free compost and no chemicals, bee friendly planting.</p>	<p>Sustain and enhance natural habitats.</p> <p>Protecting habitats</p> <p>Protecting/enhancing habitats</p> <p>Regular attention.</p> <p>Request with annual flower tub grant</p>	Facebook and website
The Built Landscape	<p>Ensure that planning consultations are considered against the requirements of the Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Encourage hedgehog/small animal highways with permeable boundaries (hedgehog gaps in cemetery walls?)</p>	<p>Protecting/enhancing habitats</p> <p>Extending and connecting habitats.</p>	
Increase community awareness of biodiversity	<p>Ask residents for their views on what they would like to be done to conserve biodiversity within the parish.</p> <p>Raise awareness of the importance of gardens as habitats for wildlife, with possible actions highlighted in the parish magazine.</p> <p>Create a page on the parish council website for photographs / information / links. Include photos of: Cemetery meadow in bloom, Cressbrook car park plot fruiting trees and flowers, Cressbrook</p>	<p>Engagement/ownership of biodiversity</p> <p>Promote biodiversity.</p> <p>Promote biodiversity.</p>	Facebook and website

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Increase community awareness of biodiversity	<p>Memorial plot felled elm regeneration. Wild flowers around the Parish section.</p> <p>Encourage local farmers to contribute.</p> <p>Provide seed bombs / bulbs etc. for residents' use.</p> <p>Discourage floodlighting.</p>	<p>Promote biodiversity.</p> <p>Promote biodiversity.</p> <p>Extending habitats.</p> <p>Protect nocturnal animals.</p>	
Support Community Projects	<p>Support hedge/tree planting in any appropriate areas.</p> <p>Work in partnership with the school to develop young people's awareness of the environment around them. PC support of Forest Nursery@ school - grant for activities, eg hedgehog house building, mini beast exploration kit.</p> <p>Consider events and offer volunteering opportunities to support biodiversity, working with local organisations. Derbyshire Wild Skies project - purchase House Martin/ Swift boxes for Cemetery building.</p>	<p>Extending habitats.</p> <p>Promote biodiversity and increase public awareness.</p> <p>Promote biodiversity.</p>	Facebook and website

Action Plan to be reviewed and updated annually and progress against the plan considered.

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