

Much Marcle Parish Council

Biodiversity Action Plan 2024/25

SITE/ OBJECTIVE	ACTION	OUTCOME	TARGET (Years)	REPORTING /PUBLICITY
Whole Council Area	Raise local awareness of biodiversity	Gain local support for action.	Ongoing	Website/ social media/local newsletter/noticeboards
Protect and Support Biodiversity	Encourage suitable planting to support biodiversity.	Connect and diversify habitats to meet the needs of a variety of wildlife species.	Ongoing	Mapping
Bartons Field	Adopt a plan to support wildlife and diversity whilst maintaining the site. Sympathetically maintain hedging Leave some areas unmown. Leave leaf litter and dead vegetation wherever possible as a habitat for invertebrates. Only use environmentally friendly pesticides where absolutely necessary. Encourage residents to remove litter and pick up after their dogs.	Increased diversity of habitats and food source. Food sources and cover. Encourages insects. Sustain and enhance natural habitats. Protecting habitats.		
Common and other open spaces	Adopt a management plan. Encourage residents to remove litter and pick up after their dogs. Work with the County Council on verge management, favouring biodiversity but noting highway safety. Encourage residents to adopt areas to look after with clear expectations.	Sustain and enhance natural habitats. Protecting habitats. Protecting and enhancing habitats.		
The Built Landscape	Ensure that planning consultations are considered against the requirements of the Local Plan. Encourage hedgehog/small animal highways with permeable boundaries.	Protecting and enhancing habitats. Extending habitats.		
Increase Community Awareness of Biodiversity	Ask residents for their views on what they would like to be done to conserve biodiversity within the parish. Raise awareness of the importance of gardens as habitats for wildlife. Create a page on the parish council website for photographs/ information /links.	Engagement/ownership of biodiversity. Promote biodiversity. Promote biodiversity.		

	Encourage local farmers to contribute. Discourage floodlighting.	Promote biodiversity. Protect nocturnal animals.		
Support Community Projects	Support hedge/tree planting in any appropriate areas. Work in partnership with the school to develop young people's awareness of the environment around them. Consider events to support biodiversity.	Extending habitats. Promote biodiversity. Promote biodiversity.		

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