

BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN 2021

DELIVERING THE ACTION YEAR 1 – WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

| AREA/ACTION | AIM | | | | | | SPECIES/HABITAT |
|--|-----------|----------|--|----------|------------|-------------|--|
| | HALT LOSS | RECREATE | HELP SPECIES/ HABITATS ADAPT TO CLIMATE CHANGE | EVIDENCE | ENGAGEMENT | PARTNERSHIP | |
| WCC OWN DEVELOPMENT, DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT AND FORWARD PLANNING | | | | | | | |
| Produce info leaflet for bats in historic building | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | Bats |
| Upload leaflet/info onto website and promote | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | Bats |
| Undertake ecology training for new planners | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | All |
| Undertake ecology training for housing including new homes team | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | All |
| Respond to all Development Management applications which require ecology input | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | All |
| Complete trial plot in Micheldever with New Homes re Nutrient Neutrality and biodiversity net gain | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | Hedgerows; rivers; species rich grassland; bats; slow worm; common lizard; toad; bumblebee; hedgehog |
| Produce draft policy for Local Plan on Biodiversity Net Gain | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | All |
| Start review on how WCC will meet Net Gain resourcing requirements | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | All |
| Write and adopt Tree Policy | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | Trees and woodlands |
| Start production of a Supplementary Planning document on biodiversity for the local plan | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | All |
| Respond to all enforcement cases which require ecology input | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | All |
| Respond to Hedgerow Regulation notices and breaches | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | Hedgerows |
| Respond to TPO/TPC application | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | Trees |
| Create new TPO orders where applicable and within resourcing | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | Trees |
| ESTATE/WIDER WCC WORK | | | | | | | |
| Work with New Homes Delivery team to deliver Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) at Hookpit, Kingsworthy through the development of a plan for the land once WCC takes ownership | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | Species rich grassland; woodland; hedgerow; dormouse; slow worm; hedgehog; bats; common lizard; house sparrow; great spotted; woodpecker; stag beetle; bumblebee; chalk hill blue; stripped lychnis moth |
| Undertake year 1 of the tree survey project. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | Trees; woodland; great spotted woodpecker; stag beetle; bats |
| Undertake year 3 of the reroofing and protected species project | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | Bats; house sparrow; swift |
| Undertake scoping of potential land acquisition at Bishops Waltham including cost | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | Survey needed |
| Incorporate Swift boxes into re-roofed properties and new builds | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | Swift; house sparrow |
| Work with New Homes Team to deliver dormouse mitigation at Dean Copse, Knowle | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | Woodland; dormouse; great spotted woodpecker; bats; stag beetle |
| Review potential to include nesting sites on properties not within the reroofing programme | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | Bats; swift; house sparrow |
| Recycle all woodchip material from WCC owned trees and use on WCC owned shrub beds | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | Trees and woodland |
| Collect rainfall from WCC building (probably Chilcomb) to use to water newly planted trees | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | Trees and woodland |
| Identify if there is an opportunity to comment on all committee reports in regard to natural environment matters | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | All |
| LAND MANAGEMENT | | | | | | | |
| Undertake appropriate management of existing sites in terms of species rich grassland and wildflower areas. | | | | | | | |
| Greenacres | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Species rich grassland; woodland; hedgerow; dormouse; slow worm; hedgehog; bats; common lizard; house sparrow; great spotted woodpecker; stag beetle; bumblebee; chalk hill blue; bee orchid. |
| Hilliers Haven | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| West Hill Cemetery | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Whiteshute Ridge | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Magdalen Hill Cemetery | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Joyce Gardens | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Water Lane | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Ivy Close | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Thurmond Crescent | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Land opposite Stanmore Rec | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| St Matthews Field | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Sainsbury roundabout | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| St Cross roundabout | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| St Giles Hill | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Abbots Barton | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Winton Close | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Bar End roundabout | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Renew annual SLA with Wildlife Trust and agree funding | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | Species rich grassland; rivers; woodland; hedgerow; dormouse; slow worm; hedgehog; bats; common lizard; great spotted woodpecker; stag beetle; bumblebee; |
| Support transfer of Barton Meadows Nature Reserve to Wildlife Trust. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | Species rich grassland; hedgerow; grey partridge; skylark; bumblebee; house sparrow; slow worm/ common lizard; hedgehog |
| PROJECTS/ HABITAT CREATION | | | | | | | |
| Directly plant 100 trees on council owned land | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | Trees; hedgerow; woodland; stag beetle |
| Expand swift boxes into Winnall and Weeke | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | Swift; house sparrow |
| PARTNERSHIPS/ VOLUNTEERS/ COMMUNITY PROJECTS | | | | | | | |
| Contribute to support the Meon Valley Partnership Group | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | Rivers; water vole; bats; |
| Contribute to the East Hants Catchment Project | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | Rivers |
| Support HBIC | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | All |
| Secure 1 placement to support summer survey season | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | All |
| Tree planting volunteer day | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | Trees and woodlands; stag beetle; bats; great spotted woodpecker |
| Support North Pond Group, Bishops Waltham | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | Rivers; trees and woodland; common toad; bats; great spotted woodpecker |
| Engage with 2 new community groups to develop species rich grassland – Dolphin Hill, Twyford and Alresford" | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | Species rich grassland; bumblebee; hedgehog; slow worm; common lizard; bats |
| Identify criteria for prioritising Year 2 community wildflowers and work with 2 communities to start to develop next years projects. | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | Bumblebee; species rich grassland; slow worm; hedgehog; bats; house sparrow |
| Work with the Soberton community – to provide comment in relation to biodiversity on the Soberton Village Design Statement (using Stanmore Village Design Statement as an example of good practice) | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | TBC |
| Meet with the Highcliffe community to discuss options for protecting and enhancing biodiversity within the Highcliffe area, and the actions the City Council can undertake to support the communities wider ambitions. | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | Bumblebee; species rich grassland; slow worm; hedgehog; bats; house sparrow |
| Investigate involvement with Local Nature Partnership | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | All |
| ENGAGEMENT | | | | | | | |
| Start work on the production of public facing BAP for publication in 2022 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | All |
| Photography Competition | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | All |
| Investigate options for holding a Biodiversity Day - potential date February 2022 including location, interested parties, cost and activities | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | All |
| Enhance WCC website to provide better access for users to biodiversity information and to provide monthly updates and news. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | All |
| Collate database of people who have expressed an interested and update twice a year. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | All |
| Contribute event to Green Week | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | TBC |
| Upload survey results for Whiteshute Ridge; West Hill Cemetery, Greenacres, hookpit and bird boxes as part of the roofing works. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| MONITORING/SURVEY | | | | | | | |
| WCC biodiversity surveys & annual reports for Whiteshute; Greenacres; West Hill; Magdalen Hill | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | Species rich grassland; dormouse; slow worm; common lizard; house sparrow; swift; bats |
| Monitor new grassland areas – Thurmond Crescent; Ivy Close; Land opposite Stanmore Rec; Sainsbury Roundabout. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | Species rich grassland; bumblebee; bats; slow worm; hedgehog; common lizard; house sparrow; |
| Report back to Carbon Emergency Action Plan | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | All |