

THURTON PARISH COUNCIL BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

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| Whole council area. Increase community awareness of biodiversity. | <p>Create a page on the Parish Council website showing 2024 Biodiversity appraisal, County Wildlife Sites. Every Garden Counts poster. Links including, Bergh Apton. Conservation Trust and Bee Line. South Yare Wildlife Group. Invite residents/Groups to add photographs/Information/links.</p> <p>Raise importance of gardens as wildlife habitats by distributing Every Garden Counts laminated posters to Village Hall, Church, Pub and School. Invite South Yare Wildlife Group to schedule an event or participate in an existing village event to promote ideas for gardening for wildlife</p> <p>Include information about local initiatives, such as Pre School Playgroups Garden and Woodland Wanders on website</p> | Gain local support for action. | Ongoing | PC/Village groups and own social media and newsletters |
| Protect and support biodiversity | <p>Engage with Norfolk County Council, Norfolk Wildlife Trust and residents, to identify suitable locations for roadside nature reserves, to enhance wildlife corridors.</p> <p>Engage with local landowners to understand their land management policies, in particular, the former poplar plantation and The Thicks County Wildlife Site. Raise local awareness of their activities on the PC website. Charity Trustees??</p> <p>Ensure that PC communications with residents / landowners who are responsible for maintaining water courses and ponds encourage the use manual / mechanical methods rather than herbicides.</p> | Increase the number and biodiversity of habitats | Increased biodiversity on public and private land to meet the needs of a variety of wildlife species | Ongoing with review / feedback from organisations groups and businesses via Annual Parish Meeting. |
| Support Community Projects | PC to continue to support Litter Picking team of volunteers. Ensuring provision, signage and emptying of dog poo bins, litter bins. | Accessible and enjoyable access to the countryside | PC maintain current vigilance / activities | |

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| | <p>Footpath warden reporting missing signs and liaising with landowners if footpaths become inaccessible.</p> <p>Tree Warden: participate in the South Norfolk Tree Warden Scheme, seeking opportunities for additional tree and hedge planting and ensuring that existing planting is well maintained.</p> <p>Arranging for Tree Preservation Orders where necessary.</p> | | | |
| Improve the Built Landscape for wildlife | PC to consider measures / mitigation including; light pollution, water permeable driveways/surfacing of gardens, Swift bricks, bat boxes, permeable boundaries eg hedgehog holes for small animal highways. | PC review of environmental implications and propose additional measures when commenting on planning applications | All future planning applications | |