

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