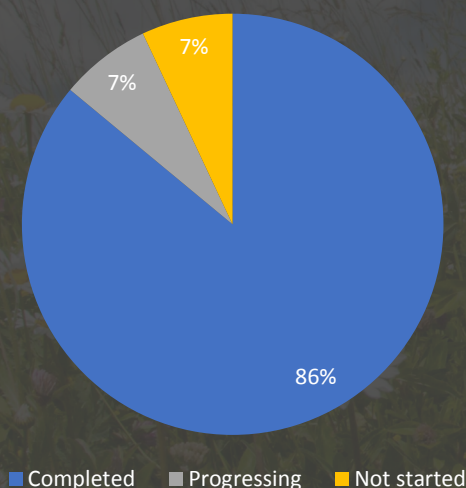



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BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN UPDATE DECEMBER 2021





BAP Actions 2021




 Achieved our target of completing 80% of actions and therefore delivered work which benefits biodiversity and helps deliver the Carbon Neutrality Action Plan.

 Successfully undertook year 1 of the tree survey project and year 3 of the re-roofing and biodiversity project.

 Increased the number of wildflower meadows on council owned through the pilot verge project which saw reduced grass cutting and collection of arisings in Badger Farm and New Alresford. We also worked with the New Homes team to ensure the effective establishment of the grassland at Hookpit, Kingsworthy.

 Continued monitoring Council owned sites including Whiteshute Ridge, West Hill Cemetery, Magdalen Hill Cemetery and Greenacres, Otterbourne. The annual survey reports have been completed and are available on our website. 2021 has seen the highest number of slow worms recorded at West Hill Cemetery since surveys began 4 years ago.

 2022... Our challenges will include the management of the Topfield Hookpit Open Space in Kingsworthy where we have dormice and reptile mitigation schemes. The Environment Act will bring challenges and developments in relation to the provision of Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG).