

BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN 2023

DELIVERY ACTIONS FOR YEAR 3 – 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							
Respond to 80% all Development Management applications which require ecology input within the planning timeframe.	✓	✓	✓				All
Undertake one ecology training session for planners by December 2023	✓	✓	✓				All
Biodiversity checklist/ validation	✓	✓	✓				All
Biodiversity Net Gain							All
Meet with local officer group on regular basis to prepare for implementation	✓	✓	✓				All
Gain approval/publish the Technical Advice Note on BNG	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	All
Undertake training for members, officers and developers as to what is needed	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	All
Input on Local Plan on BNG	✓	✓	✓				All
Agree monitoring process for BNG within WCC aligning with national policy	✓	✓	✓	✓			All
Formulate WCC corporate BNG group	✓	✓	✓	✓			All
Advise enforcement on ecological aspects of Hedgerow Regulation breaches.	✓	✓	✓				Hedgerows
Respond to 100% of Hedgerow removal notices within the hedgerow regulation time frames	✓	✓	✓				
Respond to 85% of TPO & 100% of TPC applications within planning framework	✓	✓	✓				Trees
Create new TPO orders where applicable and within resourcing	✓	✓	✓				Trees
ESTATES/WIDER WCC WORK							
Undertake year 3 of the tree survey project.							Trees
Re-roofing project - Undertake year 5 of the reroofing and protected species project							
Undertake bat/bird inspection for all property lists received from Property Services Team							Bats, house sparrow, swift
Organise consultants to undertake further bat surveys and apply for bat mitigation licences as required							
Contribute to monthly Property Services meetings & attend Pre-contract meetings with roofing contractors							
Undertake a residents poll to determine general view on bird and bat boxes and whether residents would support integral features in future							Bats, house sparrow, swift
Car parks - Advise on biodiversity improvements for any car parks being refurbished or new car parks.							All
Continue discussions for potential improvements within existing car parks e.g Wickham.							
Erect 30 swift boxes in Trussell Crescent, Weeke							Bats, house sparrow, swift
Provide ecological advice and support to any sustainable energy projects. Dependant on sustainability team project timescales and planning applications.							All
Road Verge Project							
Engage with ward members, PC & public for areas included (twice per year)							Species rich grassland; slow worm; hedgehog; bat; common lizard; bumblebee; chalk hill blue; striped lychnis moth, bee orchid.
Update steering group (including HCC) at least once per year							Species rich grassland; slow worm; hedgehog; bat; common lizard; bumblebee; chalk hill blue; striped lychnis moth, bee orchid.
Investigate feasibility of undertaking a pollinator survey across the pilot verges							Species rich grassland; slow worm; hedgehog; bat; common lizard; bumblebee; chalk hill blue; striped lychnis moth, bee orchid.
LAND MANAGEMENT - ONGOING							
Undertake appropriate management of existing sites in terms of species rich grassland and wildflower areas.							
Greenacres							Species rich grassland; woodland; hedgerow; river; dormouse; slow worm; hedgehog; bat; common lizard; house sparrow; great spotted woodpecker; skylark; stag beetle; bumblebee; chalk hill blue; striped lychnis moth; bee orchid.
Hilliers Haven	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		As above
West Hill Cemetery	✓	✓	✓				As above
Whiteshute Ridge	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	As above
Magdalen Hill Cemetery	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	As above
Joyce Gardens	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	As above
Water Lane	✓	✓	✓				As above
Ivy Close	✓	✓	✓				As above
Thurmond Crescent	✓	✓	✓				As above
Land opposite Stanmore Rec	✓	✓	✓				As above
St Matthews Field	✓	✓	✓				As above
Sainsbury roundabout	✓	✓	✓				As above
St Cross roundabout	✓	✓	✓				As above

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St Giles Hill	✓	✓	✓				Species rich grassland; hedgerow; bats; grey partridge; skylark; bumblebee; house sparrow; slow worm; common lizard; hedgehog; chalk hill blue
Abbots Barton	✓	✓	✓			✓	As above
Winton close	✓	✓	✓				As above
Bar End roundabout	✓	✓	✓				As above
Pitt roundabout	✓	✓	✓				As above
Otterbourne Common	✓	✓	✓				As above
Chilcomb Rec	✓	✓					As above
Topfield	✓	✓					As above
Garrison Ground	✓	✓					As above
Gordon Avenue							As above
Deliver the management plan for the WCC Nitrate Neutrality Site provided planning is granted in 2023. (If planning is not granted in 2023 this action will either be moved forward to the following year or deleted).	✓	✓	✓				Hedgerows; trees; rivers; species rich grassland; bat; water vole; slow worm; common lizard, toad, bumblebee, hedgehog
Topfield - Hookpit complete and implement management plan	✓	✓	✓				Species rich grassland; woodland; hedgerow; dormouse; slow worm, hedgehog, bat, common lizard; skylark; great spotted, woodpecker; stag beetle; bumblebee; chalk hill blue; stripped lychnis moth
Liaise with community group							
St Giles Hill - Take the draft management plan to Town forum in March	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Species-rich grassland; woodland; hedgerow; slow worm; hedgehog;bats; great spotted woodpecker; stag beetle; bumblebee; chalk hill blue
Implement agreed actions							
Produce a draft management plan for Greenacres							
Implement year 1 of the Tree Strategy 2022	✓	✓	✓				Trees
Renew annual SLA with Wildlife Trust by April 2023	✓	✓	✓			✓	All
Agree timeframe and work programme to achieve transfer of Barton Meadows Nature Reserve to Wildlife Trust.	✓	✓	✓			✓	Species rich grassland; hedgerow; bats; grey partridge; skylark; bumblebee; house sparrow; slow worm; common lizard; hedgehog; chalk hill blue
LAND MANAGEMENT - HABITAT CREATION							
Directly plant 100 trees on council owned land	✓	✓	✓		✓		Trees; hedgerow; stag beetle; bats; house sparrow; hedgehog; great spotted woodpecker; bumblebee
Wildflower creation at KGV following completion of the new cricket pavillion	✓	✓	✓				Species rich grassland; slow worm; common lizard; hedgehog; bat; bumblebee; chalk hill blue
PARTNERSHIPS/VOLUNTEERS/COMMUNITY PROJECTS							
Contribute to support the Meon Valley Partnership Group	✓	✓	✓			✓	Rivers; water vole; bat; white-clawed crayfish, southern damselfly
Contribute to the East Hants Catchment Project	✓	✓	✓			✓	Rivers; water vole; bat; white-clawed crayfish, southern damselfly
Renew SLA with HBIC and who will undertake at least 100 survey days on behalf of WCC; update the SINC register; provide the planning screening report on a weekly basis; and hedgerow evaluation surveys by December 2023	✓	✓	✓			✓	All
Secure 1 placement/casual worker/student to support summer survey season by May 2023	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Grassland, dormouse, slow worm, common lizard, common toad, hedgehog, bats, bumblebee, chalk hill blue
Contribute to North Pond Conservation Group, Bishop's Waltham	✓	✓	✓			✓	Rivers; trees and woodland; common toad; bat; great spotted woodpecker
Attend volunteer group meetings; undertake trees works as required; undertake clearance of non-native vegetation as required							
Contribute to Bird Aware Steering Group							
Contribute to BCT working group							
Contribute to GCN district level licensing							
ENGAGEMENT							
Produce updates to website on biodiversity in approximately February (actions identified for 2023); June (survey work); December	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		All
Update database of people who have expressed an interested and update three times a year.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	All
Green Week							
Agree how WCC can engage and deliver biodiversity awareness raising as part of Green Week	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	TBC
MONITORING/SURVEY							
Undertake monitoring surveys (botany/reptiles/butterflies/amphibians as required) and produce annual reports	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Whiteshute Ridge							Grassland, dormouse, slow worm, common lizard, common toad, hedgehog, bats, bumblebee, chalk hill blue
West Hill Cemtery							
Greenacres							
Magdalen Hill Cemetery							
Ensure dormouse mitigation & monitoring is undertaken as part of the mitigation licence							
Dean Copse Knowle	✓	✓	✓				Dormouse
Topfield							
Report back to Carbon Emergency Action Plan via Carbon Neutrality Delivery Group monthly meetings.	✓	✓	✓	✓			All
Advise Sustainability Team on new targets for the refreshed Carbon Neutrality Plan (February 2023)	✓	✓	✓	✓			All