

**Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 - Section 6
The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty
Report 2019**

Summary

PCC provides a range of services to its local community which have an impact on biodiversity. These include:

- Responsibility for a number of green spaces including woodland, play area, park, recreation area, moorland and church yards.
- A community allotment site which is managed by an allotment group.
- Supporting local groups who organise planters and providing hanging baskets village centres.
- Funding - we give grants for projects in the PCC area.

We promote sustainability and biodiversity by pursuing sustainability goals and sustainable practices whenever possible.

The Council is currently developing a longer-term Business Plan which will seek to further support biodiversity & local ecosystems .

Action Report

Action	Example	Monitoring
Embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	Reflected the commitment to biodiversity and natural areas in the Council's Annual Report.	Council agenda
	Taken into account biodiversity when considering planning applications and other associated matters, such as footpath diversion orders at local quarries, large local housing developments, road widening scheme.	Planning Committee minutes
Restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	Manage own woodland to improve it for wildlife	Annual tree survey and management

	Support community groups working to increase biodiversity in local green and woodland spaces	Grants Councillor involvement
	Consider how to create wildlife areas in church yards to provide nesting and hibernating areas to encourage a range of species.	Annual tree survey and management
	Changed mowing regimes by reducing the frequency of cuts in some areas to encourage wildflowers and other pollinator friendly plants, also providing cover for small mammals and reptiles.	On-going
Tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	Moving to battery-powered tools where practical and safe for staff.	On-going
	Reducing use of herbicide by use of injectors for Japanese Knotweed	Areas of invasive species tackled Staff trained to use herbicide injectors