

BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN 2021

DELIVERING THE ACTION YEAR 1 – WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL



AREA/ACTION	AIM						SPECIES/HABITAT	TIMING	PROJECT COST	EXISTING BUDGET	LEAD
	HALT LOSS	RECREATE	ADAPTATION/ RESILIENCE	EVIDENCE/ MONITORING	ENGAGEMENT	PARTNERSHIP					
DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT & FORWARD PLANNING											
Produce an Information leaflet for bats in any historical building.	✓				✓		Bats	March	0	✓	E
Put leaflet/information on web site	✓				✓			March	0	✓	OS
Undertake ecology training for new planners	✓	✓	✓		✓		All	February	0	✓	PE; E
Undertake ecology training for housing including new homes team.	✓	✓	✓		✓		All	February	0	✓	PE; E
Respond to all Development Management applications which require ecology input.	✓	✓	✓				All	Ongoing	0	✓	PE; E
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; common toad; bumblebees; hedgehog	December	0	✓	PE
Produce draft policy for Local Plan on Biodiversity Net Gain	✓	✓	✓				All	December	0	✓	PE
Start review on how WCC will meet Net Gain resourcing requirements							All	December	0	✓	M
Write and adopt Tree Policy	✓	✓	✓		✓		Trees and woodlands	December	0	✓	TO; M
Start production of a Supplementary Planning document on biodiversity for the Local Plan	✓	✓	✓				All	December			PE
Respond to all enforcement cases which require ecology input	✓	✓	✓				All	Ongoing	0	✓	PE; E; TO
Respond to Hedgerow Regulation notices and breaches	✓	✓	✓				Hedgerows	Ongoing	0	✓	PE; E; M; L
Respond to TPO/TPC applications	✓	✓	✓				Trees	Ongoing	0	✓	TO
Create new TPO orders where applicable and within resourcing	✓	✓	✓				Trees	Ongoing	0	✓	TO
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	December	0	✓	PE;
Undertake year 1 of the tree survey project.	✓	✓	✓				Trees; woodland great spotted woodpecker; stag beetle; bats	December	Funding secured	✓	TO; NS
Undertake year 3 of the re-roofing and protected species project	✓	✓	✓				Bats; house sparrows; swifts	December	Funding secured - housing	✓	E
Undertake scoping of potential Land acquisition at Bishops Waltham including cost/benefit analysis	✓	✓	✓			✓	Survey needed	May	tbc		M; PE
Incorporate Swift boxes into re-roofed properties and new builds	✓	✓	✓		✓		Swift, House Sparrow	Ongoing	Funding secured – housing	✓	E
Work with Neighbourhood Services to deliver dormouse mitigation at Dean copse, Knowle	✓	✓	✓				Woodland, Dormouse, Great spotted woodpecker, bats, Stag beetle	Ongoing	tbc		PE; E; TO
Review potential to include nesting sites on properties not within the re-roofing programme.	✓	✓	✓				Bats, swift, house sparrow	December			E
Identify if there is an opportunity to comment on all committee reports in regard to natural environment and recreation matters.	✓	✓	✓				Woodland, Dormouse, Great spotted woodpecker, bats, Stag beetle	Ongoing	tbc		PE; E; TO
LAND MANAGEMENT											
Grassland management existing (Greenacres in Otterbourne, Hilliers Haven, West Hill Cemetery [WH], Whiteshute Ridge [WS], Magdalen Hill Cemetery [MH] and wildflower planted areas (WF) - 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)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	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;	Ongoing	WH - £24; WS; £2.5; MH £1 WF £20k	✓	PE; E; OSO
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;	April	tbc		M; PE
Support transfer of Barton Meadows Nature Reserve to Wildlife Trust.	✓	✓	✓			✓	Species rich grassland; hedgerow; grey partridge; skylark; bumblebees; house sparrow; slow worm/ common lizard; hedgehog	December	0	✓	M; PE
PROJECTS/ HABITAT CREATION											
Directly plant 100 trees on council owned land		✓	✓		✓		Trees; hedgerow: woodland; stag beetles	February	Tree budget	✓	TO
Expand swift boxes into Winnall and Weeke		✓	✓		✓		Swift; house martin	April	£1k		E
Undertake stage 2 of community wildflower project – compile list of next priority areas		✓	✓		✓	✓	Bumblebees; species rich grassland; slow worms; hedgehogs; bats; house sparrow;	October	£4k	✓	PE; E
Continue Hedgehog project					✓		hedgehogs	Ongoing		✓	E
PARTNERSHIPS/ VOLUNTEERS/ COMMUNITY PROJECTS											
Contribute to support the Meon Valley Partnership Group	✓	✓	✓			✓	Rivers; water vole; bats;	Ongoing	0	✓	M
Contribute to the East Hants Catchment Project	✓	✓	✓			✓	Rivers	Ongoing	0	✓	M
Support HBIC	✓	✓	✓			✓	All	Ongoing	£14k	✓	M
Secure 1 student to support summer survey season	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		All	October	0	✓	PE
Tree planting volunteer day	✓	✓	✓		✓		Trees and woodlands; stag beetle; bats; great spotted woodpecker	February		✓	TO; M
Support North Pond Group, Bishops Waltham	✓	✓	✓			✓	Rivers; trees and woodland; common toad; bats; great spotted woodpecker	Ongoing		✓	M
Continue monitoring with surveyor at Greenacres – Himalayan Balsam	✓	✓	✓	✓			Rivers; species rich grassland; great crested newt?; bats	October	0	✓	E
Engage with 3 new community groups to develop species rich grassland–Highcliffe; Dolphin Hill, Twyford and Alresford	✓	✓	✓				Species rich grassland; bumblebees; hedgehogs; slow worms; common lizard; bats	October	0	✓	PE; E
Investigate involvement with Local Nature Partnership	✓	✓	✓			✓	All	November	0	✓	M
Discuss and agree mini action plan with Highcliffe re biodiversity opportunities	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	tbc	August	0	✓	PE; E
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)											
ENGAGEMENT											
Biodiversity Day	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	All	October	£1k	✓	M; OSO
Enhance website to provide better access to information and have bigger profile as can't find us.	✓	✓	✓		✓		All	Ongoing	0	✓	OS; PE
Collate people who have expressed an interested and update via email.	✓	✓	✓		✓		All	Database compiled March. Send updated every 6 months	0	✓	PE; E; OS
Contribute event to Green Week	✓	✓	✓		✓		tbc	September	0	✓	PE; E; OSO
Upload survey results for Whiteshute Ridge; West Hill Cemetery, Greenacres, Hookpit and roofing works	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Species rich grassland; dormouse; slow worm; common lizard; house sparrow; swifts; bats;	November	0	✓	E; OS
MONITORING/SURVEY											
WCC biodiversity surveys & annual reports for Whiteshute; Greenacres; West Hill; Magdalen Hill;	✓	✓	✓	✓			Species rich grassland; slow worms; common lizard; dormouse;	December	0	✓	PE; E
Monitor new grassland areas – Thurmond Crescent; Ivy Close; Land opposite Stanmore Rec; Sainsbury Roundabout.	✓	✓	✓	✓			Species rich grassland; bumblebees; bats; slow worm; hedgehog; common lizard; house sparrow;	Summer	0	✓	E; Student
Report back to Carbon Emergency Action Plan	✓	✓	✓	✓			All	December	0	✓	M; PE