

Skenfrith Community Council

Biodiversity Action Plan November 2023 – November 2025

Updated March 2024 – Version 2

	Proposed action	Expected Outcome	Councillors involved	Review Date
	Theme 1 Understanding our Environment			
1.	'Big Garden Birdwatch' 2024/25 results out in mid April. When available see whether regional/county results can be viewed.	Understand what species we have locally and identify ways to increase our biodiversity. Engage community with national environmental projects.		May 2024
2.	Advertise and encourage participation in The Great Big Nature survey through The Wildlife Trust - The Great Big Nature Survey The Wildlife Trusts . Secretary to advertise on community website and Councillors to share on social media.	Understand what species we have locally and identify ways to increase our biodiversity. Engage community with national environmental projects.		April 2024
3.	Soil Testing – on public land and/or any private land offered for testing.	Assess the health of soil in our area in terms of its ability to sequester carbon and therefore protect/aid biodiversity.		TBC
4.	Work with NRW, Welsh Water and Friends of the Lower Wye to understand the health and behaviours of our local rivers (Monnow and Trothy). <ul style="list-style-type: none">Find out local contact details and make contact to arrange 1st meeting/discussion.	By understanding the present condition of the river we can work with local residents to identify and put in place ways to improve the health and behaviour (flood risk) of the rivers so wildlife can flourish.		April 2024
	Theme 2 Community Conversations			
5.	Devise and publish a survey to understand local residents' views on biodiversity and what is important to them.	Raise awareness and understanding of biodiversity so we can all support biodiversity.		June 2024

6.	Share and promote results from actions 1-4 above to inform and empower local residents' to take action.	Inform residents of where to focus efforts to protect and enhance local habitats. Empowering all to take action.		Sept 2024
7.	Connect with local schools specifically Cross Ash Primary School (Mrs Presdee- Head) to understand and support our community council biodiversity plan and relevant school projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make contact with Head • Agree scope and next steps. 	To enhance work completed by schools to educate children and enhance biodiversity on school premises and across the local community.		April 2024
8.	Develop a Biodiversity section to the Skenfrith Community Council website to encourage and share biodiversity knowledge and activities.	Ensure our community are aware of up to date and current local biodiversity information and knowledge.		July 2024
Theme 3 Taking Action				
9.	Organise local litter picks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LLanvetherine litter pick occurs monthly (confirm with David) • Ask around for volunteers in Cross Ash and Skenfrith. • Confirm availability of supplies etc. (Bags /gloves/etc) 	Protect our wildlife and enhance our environment.		May 2024
10.	Organise local events with guest speakers from relevant bodies/charities and action groups to raise awareness of biodiversity.	Increase discussion and actions to understand our local environment and how biodiversity can be enhanced.		July 2024
11.	Investigate opportunities to develop community growing, initially of fruit and vegetables but also flowers and trees	Expand knowledge about growing food to help with cost of living, health and wider environmental well being .		Sept 2024
12.	Attend Cross Ash Village Hall Asks (1 st May) to discuss options for developing the Hall.	Highlight Biodiversity Plan and look at options to develop community growing.		May 2024
13.	Help the Hedgehogs. Local community activity to build hedgehog house's, create hedgehog highways.	Increase hedgehog numbers across the community council area.		Oct 2024