

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 - Section 6
The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty
Report 2020

Name of Town or Community Council: Wentlooge Community Council

Introduction and Context

Wentlooge Community Council arrange a variety of services for its local community via the Local Authority and via volunteers which have an impact on biodiversity. These include:

- Litter picks.
- Upkeep of planters.
- Reporting of waste tipping.
- Reporting of damage of the environment to the Local Authority and NRW.
- Focusing heavily on the effects and impact on the environment when considering planning applications.

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

We serve approximately 642 residents. The precept for 2020-21 is £10677

Action Report

Action carried out to:		Monitored by:
embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflected the commitment to biodiversity and natural areas • Taking into account biodiversity considerations when considering planning applications and other associated matters, such as footpath diversion orders and neighbourhood services matter. Developing adaption & mitigation responses to the impacts of climate change. 	Community Councillors

<p>raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Publish all details on the Living Levels Project and the current issue with resolutions on the WCC Web site and notice boards. □ organised awareness raising for members of the Community Council. □ encouraged the community as a whole to volunteer in the context of nature/green spaces. posted details of the actions we have taken to help biodiversity on our website, social media platforms 	<p>Through feedback from Community Council members and residents.</p> <p>Numbers of people taking part in activities</p>
<p>safeguard principal species and habitats</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Contributed via third parties to the management of protected sites and species, including Local Wildlife Sites/Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs) □ Managed land via third parties around them to buffer and join them up as part of resilient ecological networks □ Ensured no negative impacts on protected species 	<p>Records of any sites or species safeguarded via Living Level project</p>

<p>-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks via the Living Levels Project</p>	<p>□ Planted hanging baskets and planters with native pollinator friendly flowers.</p> <p>Supported a local community woodland which has delivered tree and shrub planting which is now a haven for wildlife and includes features such as a community bench.</p> <p>Created wildlife areas in church yards to provide nesting and hibernating areas to encourage a range of species.</p> <p>Advice on tree management via Living Levels Project. This has expanded into the orchard programme with numbers of new trees planted and ancient orchards being rescued and restored.</p> <p>Information board and monuments installed to promote the unique eco system in the area.</p>	<p>Area of habitat increased via the Living Level Project.</p> <p>Numbers of nesting sites provided</p>
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<p>use of expert advice</p>	<p>□ Taken advice from the Local Environmental Record Centres (LERCs) on local sites and species of interest. Via the experts in the living levels project, CPRW, Gwent Wildlife trust, RSPB and Keep Wales Tidy.</p>	<p>Records submitted to LERC</p>
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-support capacity and/or other organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Worked in partnership with Local Wildlife Trust to provide extra volunteers to improve local wildlife area 	Partnerships formed to deliver biodiversity benefit.

Review of s6 duty

- What has worked well?

The level of volunteer's for activities such as litter pick initiatives. This has expanded to involve a group of 3 teams across the Wentlooge area.

The monitoring process and the reporting of issues such as flytipping and environment destruction.

The work with the Living Levels project and the knowledge that has been obtained by Councillors.

The installation of a pollinator garden to promote awareness of the environment, eco system and wildlife.

- What have the barriers been?

No Community Council control of local spaces. No budget to effect change and reliant on third parties in all activity.

Large scale developers targeting the green space

- What will you change?

Work with the Living Levels Project and the Local Biodiversity Officer to seek advice.

- How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?

The duty will be monitored through individual officers reporting back to the Community Council on the success or otherwise of the actions taken through the

usual weekly, monthly and annual inspections.

The s6 plan will be reviewed in light of these reports and any other evidence or information that is made available to the Council. At the time of this report's publication, there is no specific time or date set for the plan to be reviewed, but this will be done within the next six months.