

**LLANFAIR YN NEUBWLL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**BIO DIVERSITY PLAN 2022-2025**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Introduction:</b> The Environment (Wales) Act 2016 introduced the Biodiversity Resilience and Ecosystems Duty requiring public authorities to maintain and enhance biodiversity and, in doing so, promote the resilience of ecosystems, thereby embedding biodiversity in its day-to-day decision making, plans and policies.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Our aim:</b> The aim of the Plan is to ensure the Community Council maintains and enhances the area's varied and notable biodiversity in the exercise of its statutory duties and discretionary activities and, in so doing, promote the resilience of ecosystems.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Key objectives:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ensuring the impacts and opportunities associated with biodiversity are an integral part of the Council's decision making process.</li> <li>2. safeguard species and habitats of principal importance</li> <li>3. increase the resilience of our natural environment by habitat creation;</li> <li>4. tackle key pressures on species and habitats;</li> <li>5. increase awareness, understanding and appreciation of biodiversity;</li> </ol>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Our area:</b> Llanfair yn Neubwll Community Council encompasses the villages of Caergeiliog, Llanfihangel yn Nhowyn and the hamlet of Llanfair yn Neubwll. We have diverse habitats such as sand dunes and salt marshes, lakes and wetlands but very few wooded areas. Tywyn Trewan Common Land is managed by the Tywyn Trewan Board of Conservators and Valley Wetlands are managed by the RSPB. Although we have representatives on the Tywyn Trewan Board of Conservators the reality is that the Community Council has very few areas of ground that it can directly manage and control. The emphasis must therefore be on improving existing wildlife interest at these sites and considering this in relation to the wildlife that is in the surrounding areas.  The sites that are ideally suitable for the development of bio-diversity initiatives as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tre Ifan Play Area</li> <li>• Village Hall Grounds</li> <li>• Entrance Trelfan Estate</li> <li>• Entrance Rhen Ysgol</li> <li>• Cofeb Mathew Bach</li> </ul>	
<b>PLANNED ACTIVITIES 2022-2025 to INCLUDE:</b>		
Action carried out to:		Monitored by:
Raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	organising awareness raising  encouraging the community as a whole to volunteer in the context of nature/green spaces.	Through feedback from Council members and residents. Numbers of people taking part in activities

Safeguard principal species and habitats	Ensuring no negative impacts on protected species.	Records of any sites or species safeguarded
Restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	Planting planters with native pollinator friendly flowers.  Creating wildlife areas to provide nesting and hibernating areas to encourage a range of species.  Changing mowing regimes by reducing the frequency of cuts to encourage wildflowers and other pollinator friendly plants, also providing cover for small mammals and reptiles.  Installing nesting boxes at our premises, to provide safe places for species of birds that are struggling to nest.	Area of habitat increased.  Numbers of nesting sites provided
Tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	Adopting a sustainable procurement policy which includes ensuring office supplies such as paper, cleaning products and furniture are sustainably sourced (e.g. locally and/or made from recycled material).  Encouraging participation in litter picking exercises  Encourage the reporting of any issues of concern about pollution etc to the County Borough Council.  Reduced the use of pesticides to only where absolutely necessary.	Records of purchases  Records of events  IOACC app  Amount of pesticide applied
Use improve and share evidence	Work with IOACC to ensure use of best practice and to increase knowledge of local issues	Use of expert advice
Support capacity and/or other organisations	Work in partnership with other organisations to improve local wildlife area	Partnerships formed to deliver biodiversity benefit.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Monitoring</b> - How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?	
	Monitoring and Reporting Monitoring of progress in respect of the actions will be ongoing over the term of the plan. Regular monitoring will allow flexibility in terms of addressing changing priorities or meeting deficiencies in the Plan thereby making it proactive working document. The Council must prepare a Report on how it is meeting the s6 duty every three years as of 2022	

