

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 - Section 6

The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report 2022

Name of Town or Community Council: Portskewett Community Council

Introduction and Context

Portskewett Community Council provide a range of services to its local community which have an impact on biodiversity. These include:

- Responsibility for a number of green spaces including a playground, Harold's Field, Stowball Common and The Village Green.
- Providing planters at the entrances to the villages.
- Giving Grants to projects in the Council's area which have an impact biodiversity.

We serve an electorate of approximately 1,946. The precept for 2022/2023 is £43,500

Action Report

Aim	Action	Monitored by
Embed biodiversity into decision making and procurement	Biodiversity is considered when making recommendations on planning applications	Consideration given in planning application decision process
	Supported establishment of Solar Farms in the community	Consideration given in planning application decision process
	Carbon footprint considered when procuring goods and services	Contracts awarded
Raise awareness of Biodiversity and its importance	Created a specific category of 'Wildlife Friendly' in the annual best kept garden competition	Number of entries to competition
	Pollinator areas maintained	Number of signed pollinator areas
	Published information on website	Number of articles published
Safeguard principal species and their habitats	Attention paid to the impact of new developments in the area and potential issues raised with relevant regulatory body	Number of issues raised resulting in corrective action being required
	Safeguarding areas known to be inhabited by protected species	Reported sightings of the protected species
Restore and create habitats and resilient ecological networks	Maintained planting of areas of land with native pollinator friendly flowers	Area of habitat increased
	Planted planters with pollinator friendly flowers. Continued with new mowing regimes (reducing the area being cut and frequency of cuts), to encourage pollinator friendly plants, also providing cover for small mammals and reptiles	Area of habitat increased
Tackle negative factors: e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	Recycled paper and cardboard waste from the office	Amount recycled
	Recycled used ink cartridges	Amount recycled

	<p>Reduced amount of paper used in office</p> <p>Recycled batteries used in Christmas lights</p> <p>Organised Community Litter Picks</p>	<p>Amount purchased</p> <p>Amount recycled</p> <p>Amount of rubbish collected</p>
Use, improve and share evidence	Publication of Section 6 report on Council website	Updated report published on approval by Council
Support capacity and/or other organisations	<p>Supported local organisation in planting small orchards</p> <p>Supported local school in establishing a wildflower bed</p>	Number of orchards established

Review of S6 duty

What has worked well?

- Wildflower and plant areas continues to be a success, proving attractive to residents too.
- Creation of new category in Best Kept Garden competition.
- Reducing amount of printed documents.

What have the barriers been?

Lack of expertise to identify changes needed or best practice.

What will you change?

Expand current practices as much as possible.

How and when will the S6 duty be monitored and the S6 plan be reviewed?

The S6 plan will be reviewed annually at the December Council meeting.