

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – Section 6

The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty report 2022

Magor with Undy Town Council

Magor with Undy Town Council provide a range of services to its local community which have an impact on biodiversity. These include:

- Responsibility for Common-y-coed Plantation
- Organising planters in the villages
- Provision of Community grants. This impacts on biodiversity through funding criteria

The Town Council aims to promote sustainability and biodiversity goals as part of its operation activity whenever possible.

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

We serve approximately 9,000 residents. Precept 2023/24 £320, 292.00

ACTION REPORT

| Action Carried out to: | | Monitored by: |
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| Embed biodiversity into decision making and procurement | <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Full Council Meetings when considering Planning Applications have particular emphasis on the impact of applications in regard to biodiversity considerations as part of their decision making.❖ Council has reflected the commitment to biodiversity and natural areas in the Council's Annual Report. | |
| Raise awareness of biodiversity and its importance | <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Published details of work undertaken with the local Magor Marsh Wildlife Warriors Group | |
| Safeguard principal species and habitats | <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Continue to manage the Common-y-coed Plantation in a manner conducive to wildlife and biodiversity encouraging wildflowers and pollinators by changing the mowing and hedging regime. | |

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| <p>Restore and create habitats and resilient ecological networks</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A wildlife meadow on the land surrounding the Council's Tennis & Multi Use Games Area at Sycamore Terrace was created involving landscaping, planting of 30 plus native trees, the creation of a wildflower meadow and Equalities Act compliant pathways. ❖ Past projects include financial support to the GWT in 2012 for the removal of encroaching willow in an area of Magor Marsh to enable it to be returned to a natural reed bed. ❖ An annual program of provision of large planters in and around the community planted up with pollinator friendly flowers. ❖ Work with Monmouthshire County Council, Network Rail and Natural Resources Wales a program of work to address localised flooding of December 2020 was initiated to clear debris from the Mill Stream and associated reens, culverts and flood gates etc to prevent further flooding. | |
| <p>Tackle negative factors: for example reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Worked with various local groups and organisation on Community Litter picks, including the Marine Conservation Society in 2016. ❖ Provision of 33 dog waste bins across the villages and an ongoing effort via Council Website and Social Media Platforms to educate and remind owners/walkers of their responsibilities to benefit the whole community. ❖ Council office provides a point for recycling batteries and crisp packets. | |
| <p>Use, improve and share evidence</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Information from biodiversity studies and surveys undertaken by the Wildlife Warriors on Council owned land have been shared with the SE Wales Biodiversity Records Centre http://www.sewbrec.org.uk/ | |
| <p>Support capacity, and/or other organisations</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Worked with the local 'Living Levels' project to provide local knowledge. Agreement to assist with funding for production of Notice Boards and | |

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| | <p>Information Leaflets identifying specified nature walks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Continued to support the local Wildlife Trust, in particular their youth group Wildlife Warriors, giving financial support for qualified trainers. ❖ Supported the GWT in numerous projects. ❖ Supported and assisted local youth groups in their endeavours to promote and champion biodiversity and wildlife. | |
| Key outcomes: use narrative and metrics where possible | The wildflower meadow at the MUGA courts has been developed and planted, with some positive feedback from members of the public. For the first year, there was an abundance of cornflowers and poppies. | |
| Review points, for example enablers and barriers to action, improvements to forward plan | <p>The Town Council continues to look at ways in which to promote the eco systems and biodiversity within its boundaries.</p> <p>The Town Council is able to address biodiversity further by ensuring applicants for and recipients of funding from MWUTC address biodiversity in their projects.</p> <p>Improving biodiversity needs to be added to the grants, so that the issue is even more explicitly considered and focused on.</p> <p>The clerk to the council should attend any training session that will assist in promoting good eco systems and biodiversity.</p> | |
| How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed? | <p>The plan will be reviewed by the Town Council's development working group, who will make any required recommendations to Full Council for consideration.</p> <p>The plan can be further reviewed by Full Council as part of their Annual Meeting agenda.</p> | |
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