

THURSFORD PARISH COUNCIL BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN
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The Council will manage its land and buildings to enhance and improve biodiversity through best practices engaging with grounds maintenance contractors and volunteers to:

Site	Desired Outcome	Actions	Target Date	How to publicise
Whole Council Area	Raise local awareness of biodiversity	information promoting the installation of bird and bat boxes, hedgehog highways, bee-friendly plants and overwintering spaces	Ongoing	Noticeboard, website Tablet
Allotments	Encourage reduction on pesticides and herbicides Increased diversity of soil organisms and biodiversity in wildlife	adopt a plan to support wildlife and diversity	Ongoing	Noticeboard, website Tablet
The Built Landscape	Planning Applications take local biodiversity into account	Request planning applications require shielded dark sky lighting and permeable boundaries for small animal/hedgehog highways	Ongoing	
Residents gardens	Raise awareness of the importance of gardens as habitats for wildlife	Encourage reduced Spring mowing Encourage bird and bat boxes in suitable locations, and hedgehog highways between gardens Encourage planting of bee-friendly and indigenous trees and flowers	Ongoing	Noticeboard Website Local organisations - eg Barney, Fulmodeston & Thursford Food Production Club
Cemetery	Awareness of biodiversity in the Cemetery	Liaise with the grass cutting contractor regarding the number of cuts in the Cemetery and consider No Mow May for certain areas	Ongoing	
Churchyard	Awareness of biodiversity in the environs of the Church	Liaise with the PCC on the Act and actions beneficial to wildlife and biodiversity	Ongoing	PC & PCC liaison