

## Milton Parish Council Biodiversity Action Plan

<b>Site / Objective</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Target (Years)</b>	<b>Reporting / Publicity</b>
Whole council area	Raise local awareness of biodiversity.	Gain local support for action.	Ongoing	Newsletter, social media, website
Protect and support biodiversity	Encourage suitable planting to support biodiversity.	Connect & diversify habitats to meet the needs of a variety of wildlife species	Ongoing	Mapping
The Built Landscape	Ensure that planning consultations are considered against the requirements of the SCDC Local Plan and SPD  Encourage hedgehog/small animal highways with permeable boundaries	Protecting/enhancing habitats  Extending habitats.	Ongoing	Newsletter, social media, website
Village Cemetery	Adopt a plan to support wildlife and diversity whilst maintaining the site in a way which enables visitors to experience quiet and calm remembrance.  Additional planting  Maintain and renew bird boxes as required  Leave leaf litter and dead vegetation wherever possible as a habitat for invertebrates.	Increased diversity of habitats and food sources. Increased cover for invertebrates, reptiles, amphibians and small mammals. Encouraging insects particularly butterflies and bees.	Ongoing	Newsletter, social media, website
Recreation grounds	Sympathetically maintain hedging.  Leave some areas unmown.  Only use environmentally friendly pesticides where absolutely necessary and only in ideal weather conditions.	Increased diversity of habitats and food sources. Encourages insects.  Sustain and enhance natural habitats.		

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Common / other open spaces	<p>Adopt a management plan.</p> <p>Encourage residents to remove litter and pick up after their dogs.</p> <p>Work with the county council on verge management, favouring biodiversity but noting which areas may need cutting for highway safety.</p> <p>Encourage residents to adopt areas to look after, making it clear what is expected e.g. peat free compost and no chemicals.</p>	Sustain protect enhance and natural habitats.	Ongoing	Newsletter, social media, website
Increase community awareness of biodiversity	<p>Ask residents for their views on what they would like to be done to conserve biodiversity within the parish.</p> <p>Raise awareness of the importance of gardens as habitats for wildlife, with possible actions highlighted in the parish magazine.</p> <p>Create a page on the parish council website for photographs / information / links</p> <p>Encourage local farmers to contribute.</p> <p>Provide seed bombs / bulbs etc. for residents' use.</p> <p>Discourage floodlighting at night.</p>	<p>Engagement and ownership of biodiversity</p> <p>Promote biodiversity.</p> <p>Promote biodiversity.</p> <p>Promote biodiversity.</p> <p>Extending habitats.</p> <p>Protect nocturnal animals.</p>	Ongoing	<p>Local Plan consultation</p> <p>Newsletter, social media, website</p>

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Support Community Projects	<p>Support hedge/tree planting in any appropriate areas.</p> <p>Work in partnership with the school to develop young people's awareness of the environment around them.</p> <p>Consider events and offer volunteering opportunities to support biodiversity, working with local organisations.</p>	<p>Extending habitats.</p> <p>Promote biodiversity.</p> <p>Promote biodiversity.</p>		Newsletter, social media, website