

SWARDESTON PARISH COUNCIL
BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

SITE / OBJECTIVE	ACTION	OUTCOME	TARGET (Years)
Whole council area	Raise local awareness of biodiversity.	Gain local support for action.	Ongoing
Protect and support biodiversity	Encourage suitable planting to support biodiversity.	Connect & diversify habitats to meet the needs of a variety of wildlife species	Ongoing
Swardeston churchyard	Advise those responsible of SPC Biodiversity Policy. Request that wildlife and diversity be duly considered whilst the church maintains the site whilst allowing visitors to experience quiet and calm remembrance. SPC contribution towards grounds upkeep to be considered annually with reference to any actions carried out which enhance biodiversity	Increased diversity of habitats and food sources Increased cover for invertebrates, reptiles, amphibians and small mammals. Encouraging insects particularly butterflies and bees.	Annual
Play Area	Sympathetically maintain hedging. Consider leaving some areas unmown. Ensure that contracted maintenance staff only use environment friendly pesticides where absolutely necessary and only in ideal weather conditions.	Food sources and cover Encourages insects. Sustain and enhance natural habitats.	Annual
Swardeston Common	Advise Common Steering Group of SPC Biodiversity Policy Encourage residents to remove litter and pick up after their dogs. Work with Steering Group and FoSCom to ensure policy is considered in relevant actions, encouraging relevant planting, etc	Sustain, protect and enhance natural habitats. .	Ongoing

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The Built Landscape	Ensure that planning consultations and permissions are considered with reference to the Biodiversity Policy Encourage hedgehog/small animal highways with permeable boundaries where applicable	Protecting/enhancing habitats Extending habitats.	Ongoing
Increase community awareness of biodiversity	Ask residents for their views on what they would like to be done to conserve biodiversity within the parish. Raise awareness of the importance of gardens as habitats for wildlife, with possible actions highlighted in the parish magazine. Create a page on the parish council website for photographs / information / links Encourage local farmers to contribute. Provide seed bombs / bulbs etc. for residents' use. Discourage floodlighting.	Engagement/ownership of biodiversity Protect nocturnal animals.	Ongoing
Support Community Projects	Support hedge/tree planting in any appropriate areas. Consider events and offer volunteering opportunities to support biodiversity, working with local organisations.	Extend, protect and enhance natural habitats. Promote biodiversity.	