

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 - Section 6

**The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty
Report 2019**

Name of Town or Community Council: Bronington Community Council

Introduction and Context

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

- Responsibility for green spaces including a play area and a war memorial.
- Funding - we give grants for projects in the Council's area. This impacts on biodiversity through cascading funding criteria.

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

We serve approximately 1,242 residents. The precept for 2019-20 is £19,000.

Action Report

Action carried out to:



Monitored by:

embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement

Reflected the commitment to biodiversity and natural areas in the Council's 2019 Annual Report.

Commitments made in documents

Taken into account biodiversity considerations when considering planning applications and other associated matters, such as footpath diversion orders and neighbourhood services matters.

Consideration of biodiversity demonstrated in decisions on planning applications.

Developing adaptation & mitigation responses to the impacts of climate change.

<p>raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance</p>	<p>Promote awareness raising through training sessions for members and staff</p> <p>Encourage the community as a whole to volunteer in the context of nature/green spaces.</p> <p>Posted details of the actions we have taken to help biodiversity on our website, social media platforms</p>	<p>Through feedback from Council members and residents.</p> <p>Numbers of people taking part in activities</p>
<p>safeguard principal species and habitats</p>	<p>Contributed as and when required to the management of protected sites and species, including Local Wildlife Sites/Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs).</p> <p>Ensured no negative impacts on protected species</p>	<p>Records of any sites or species safeguarded</p>
<p>-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species</p>	<p>Sustainable procurement policy which includes ensuring office supplies such as paper, cleaning products and office furniture are sustainably sourced (e.g. locally and/or made from recycled material).</p>	<p>Areas of invasive species tackled</p> <p>Amount of pesticide applied</p>

<p>use improve and share evidence</p>	<p>worked with the Biodiversity Officer at Local Borough Council (for eample) to ensure use of best practice and to increase knowledge of local issues</p> <p>Take advice from the Local Environmental Record Centres (LERCs) on local sites and species of interest.</p> <p>Provided any data collected through local surveys to the LERCs</p>	<p>Records submitted to LERC</p> <p>Use of expert advice</p>
<p>-support capacity and/or other organisations</p>	<p>Required any organisations receiving grant from us to demonstrate how this will contribute to supporting biodiversity as part of their project.</p> <p>Worked in partnership with Local Wildlife Trust to provide extra volunteers to improve local wildlife area</p>	<p>Amount of money spent which will provide positive biodiversity benefits</p> <p>Partnerships formed to deliver biodiversity benefit.</p>
<p>Review of s6 duty</p>		

- What has worked well?
To be evaluated January 2021.

- What have the barriers been?
Lack of expertise and training by Brough Council to identify changes needed.

- What will you change?
Work with the Borough Council, Local Environmental Records Centre and the Local Biodiversity Officer to seek advice.

- How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?
The duty will be monitored through the Environmental, Sustainability and Planning Committee and individual officers reporting back to the council on the success or otherwise of the actions taken through the usual weekly, monthly and annual inspections.

The s6 plan will be reviewed in light of these reports and any other evidence or information that is made available to the Council. At the time of this report's publication, there is no specific time or date set for the plan to be reviewed, but this will be done within the next twelve months.