

## **BRONINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **SECTION 6 BIODIVERSITY AND RESILIENCE OF ECOSYSTEMS DUTY REPORT**

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#### **Introduction**

Under Section 6 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016, Bronington Community Council must seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity in the exercise of its functions and, in doing so, promote the resilience of ecosystems.

This report outlines the actions taken by Bronington Community Council during the reporting period 2023–2025 to meet its biodiversity duty and contribute to nature recovery within the community.

Bronington Community Council recognises the importance of protecting and enhancing local habitats, supporting wildlife, and ensuring that biodiversity considerations are incorporated into decision-making wherever practicable.

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#### **1. What has the Council done to embed biodiversity into its decision making?**

The Council has:

- Considered biodiversity impacts when managing community land and assets.
  - Taken opportunities to enhance habitats where practical and financially achievable.
  - Included biodiversity considerations when reviewing maintenance arrangements for community-owned land.
  - Encouraged environmentally sensitive management practices.
  - Considered biodiversity implications when responding to planning applications affecting the local environment.
  - Supported local initiatives that contribute to environmental improvement and nature recovery.
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#### **2. What has the Council done to raise awareness of biodiversity?**

The Council has:

- Supported local residents and community groups undertaking environmental improvement projects.
- Encouraged responsible management of green spaces for the benefit of wildlife.
- Shared information on biodiversity initiatives where opportunities have arisen.

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### 3. What safeguarding actions and monitoring have been undertaken?

The Council has sought to:

- Protect existing habitats within its ownership and control.
- Avoid unnecessary disturbance to wildlife during maintenance activities.
- Ensure that vegetation management is undertaken at appropriate times where possible.
- Retain natural features such as hedgerows, mature trees and grass verges where practicable.
- Monitor areas under Council management and identify opportunities for future biodiversity enhancement.

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### 4. Biodiversity Action Summary

The following actions have been undertaken or supported during the reporting period:

| Action                                                        | Biodiversity Benefit                                |
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| Sensitive management of grassed areas                         | Supports pollinators and invertebrates              |
| Protection of trees and hedgerows                             | Provides habitat and wildlife corridors             |
| Consideration of biodiversity in planning responses           | Helps safeguard local habitats                      |
| Support for community environmental initiatives               | Encourages nature recovery and community engagement |
| Reduction of unnecessary vegetation clearance where practical | Protects wildlife habitats                          |

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### 5. Monitoring and Review

The Council will continue to:

- Consider biodiversity in all relevant Council decisions.
  - Identify opportunities to improve habitats on land under its control.
  - Support local nature recovery initiatives.
  - Review maintenance practices to ensure they remain environmentally sustainable.
  - Work with local stakeholders and landowners where opportunities arise to enhance biodiversity.
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## **6. Future Actions (2026–2028)**

Bronington Community Council aims to:

- Identify opportunities for additional wildflower planting.
  - Explore installation of bird and bat boxes on suitable Council assets.
  - Promote pollinator-friendly planting within the community.
  - Continue to protect existing trees, hedgerows and green infrastructure.
  - Consider biodiversity impacts when developing future projects and policies.
  - Encourage community involvement in environmental improvement initiatives.
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## **Conclusion**

Bronington Community Council is committed to fulfilling its obligations under Section 6 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016. Through practical management of its assets, consideration of biodiversity in decision making, and support for local environmental initiatives, the Council will continue to contribute to the maintenance and enhancement of biodiversity and the resilience of ecosystems within the community.

This report will be reviewed and updated in accordance with future reporting requirements.

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