



**HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN**  
**2024/2025**

<b><u>Site/objective</u></b>	<b><u>Action</u></b>	<b><u>Outcome</u></b>	<b><u>Review</u></b>	<b><u>Publication</u></b>
Whole council area	Raise local awareness of biodiversity.	Gain local support for action.	Ongoing	Newsletter
Protect and support biodiversity	Encourage suitable planting to support biodiversity.	Connect & diversify habitats to meet the needs of a variety of wildlife species – as Members of Wilder Towns Initiative with Wilder Essex	Ongoing	Mapping
Allotments	<p>Encourage allotment holders to preserve water with water butts on site, use compost bins</p> <p>Adopt a plan to support wildlife &amp; diversity whilst maintaining the site in away which enables visitors to experience quiet and calm.</p> <p>Sympathetically maintain hedging.</p> <p>Routine Tree surveys</p>	<p>Water preservation, lower costs of water bills</p> <p>Supporting and maintaining established nests/habitats and encourage wildlife to area.</p> <p>Establish HTC owned trees and carry out works as necessary Maintain habitats (nesting birds)</p>	Every 18 months	<p>Annual allotments Newsletter</p> <p>Website</p>
Hill School Site	Sympathetically maintain hedging.	Maintain habitats	Ongoing	Website

Leave some areas unmown.

Encourages insects.

Only use environment friendly pesticides where necessary and only in ideal weather

Sustain & enhance natural habitats.

<p>The Built Landscape - Harwich and Dovercourt</p>	<p>Ensure that planning consultations are considered with biodiversity in mind.</p>	<p>Protecting/enhancing habitats  Extending habitats.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	
<p>Increase community awareness of biodiversity</p>	<p>Ask residents for their views on what they would like to be done to conserve biodiversity within the town.</p> <p>Raise awareness of the importance of gardens as habitats for wildlife, with possible actions highlighted in the biannual council newsletter.</p> <p>Create a page on the town council website for photographs information and links</p>	<p>Engagement/ownership of biodiversity</p> <p>Promote biodiversity.</p> <p>Promote biodiversity.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Biannually</p>	<p>Survey Councillor communications</p> <p>HTC newsletter</p> <p>HTC Website</p>

<p>Support Community Projects</p>	<p>Support hedge/tree planting in any appropriate areas.</p> <p>Work in partnership with local schools to develop young people's awareness of the environment around them. Consider events and offer volunteering</p>	<p>Extending habitats. Promote biodiversity.</p> <p>Promote biodiversity.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	
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