

Draft – North Mundham Parish Council Biodiversity Action Plan

SITE/OBJECTIVE	ACTION	OUTCOME	TARGET	REPORTING /PUBLICITY
The built landscape	When considering planning applications, the Parish Council will ensure that the project has taken full account of its potential impact on biodiversity and includes suitable targets that will provide a meaningful and measurable net gain in ecological diversity.	Habitats are protected and enhanced.	Ongoing	Leaflet/Council website
Whole council area – to increase community awareness of biodiversity	<p>– Raise local awareness about biodiversity and the need for action.</p> <p>Ask local residents for their views on what they would like to be done to enhance and conserve biodiversity within the Parish.</p> <p>Prepare a map of the Parish showing the location of the main habitats.</p> <p>Conduct a more detailed survey of the Parish as part of the Chichester District Council Parish Habitat Mapping Project, to identify habitats and biodiversity in detail.</p> <p>Conduct a survey of the trees in the Parish and record their location, species, approximate size, and condition, and</p> <p>(1) identify those trees for which an application for a Tree Preservation Order could be considered,</p> <p>(2) identify and record separately any ancient trees.</p> <p>In view of the number and variety of water-based habitats in the Parish, collect the results of the survey</p>	<p>– There is local support for action.</p> <p>There is engagement/ownership of biodiversity within the Parish.</p> <p>Greater understanding of variety of habitats and their location.</p> <p>There is a better understanding of the range and variety of the habitats in the Parish and areas which could be improved are identified.</p> <p>Trees that would benefit from some management and locations where some new planting would be possible are identified.</p> <p>There is better management of the water-based habitats.</p>	Ongoing	

	<p>of them separately as a sub-set of the full habitat survey.</p> <p>Contact the owners/managers of the biodiversity Special Interest Areas in the Parish to establish whether they have biodiversity management plans for them, and to assist, as appropriate, with the preparation and implementation of such a plan.</p> <p>Raise awareness of the importance of gardens as habitats for wildlife and make advice available on creating an attractive and safe garden for wildlife.</p> <p>Support hedge/tree planting in appropriate areas.</p> <p>Encourage residents to remove litter and pick up after their dogs.</p> <p>Create a page on the Parish Council website for information about biodiversity, photographs and links. Examine other ways of communicating with residents about biodiversity.</p> <p>Encourage local farmers, growers and garden centres to contribute advice and information on conserving biodiversity.</p>	<p>The biodiversity in the Special Interest Areas is maintained and enhanced.</p> <p>Gardens in the Parish are more wildlife friendly.</p> <p>There is better tree cover in the Parish and some restoration of hedges.</p> <p>Roads and footpaths are tidier and safer.</p> <p>Good practices and outcomes are shared with residents.</p> <p>The knowledge of residents about steps they can take to enhance and conserve biodiversity is improved.</p>		
<p>Land managed by the County Council and Parish Council</p>	<p>Liaise with the County Council on verge management with the aim to conserve biodiversity whilst allowing cutting for highway safety.</p> <p>When the Parish Council has responsibility for the public open spaces within housing developments, it will prepare a management plan for each which is wildlife</p>	<p>Biodiversity of highway verges is protected and enhanced.</p> <p>A biodiversity rich public space has been created and residents</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Pending completion</p>	

	friendly, encourages biodiversity, and includes the residents in its implementation. Depending on the size and layout of the area, the plan would aim to include wildflowers to attract pollinators, shrubs, trees and grassed areas and any compost used to be peat free. Grass cutting would be kept to a minimum and part allowed to grow longer. The aim would be for there to be no use of pesticides or herbicides.	are actively involved in managing and enhancing it.	of new development	
Church grounds and burial ground	Share with the churchwardens and PCC the biodiversity aims of the Parish Council for natural spaces and include them in initiatives to promote and conserve biodiversity.	There is increased biodiversity in these areas.	Ongoing	
North Mundham Primary School	Include the school in initiatives and activities to promote and conserve biodiversity and to develop the pupils' awareness of the environment around them.	Pupils at the school have a better understanding about biodiversity and how it can be enhanced and protected.	Ongoing	
Playing field	Continue to work with the Playing Field Trust committee on mapping the habitats and biodiversity in the wooded area along the east side of the playing field, and identifying trees that could be considered for a TPO. Assist with the preparation of a management plan for the whole of the playing field to enhance and conserve biodiversity.	The biodiversity in the playing field has been enhanced.	Ongoing	
Lakeside Holiday Park	Seek to include the Holiday Park in the Parish's plans for promoting and enhancing biodiversity, with particular reference to the conservation of the gravel pits and the areas around them.			