

Based on the results of the recent Biodiversity Audit carried out by Suffolk Wildlife Trust Wilder Ecology together with other information gathering and discussions, suitable actions have been developed that will improve the biodiversity interest of the parish. Actions are focussed on providing a connected space for wildlife across the parish. Some of the actions listed are already underway; others are potential projects, while others are aspirational, they represent ideal actions given sufficient resources and time. The actions listed represent the current priorities. Priorities will, however, change for many reasons, hence the need for regular review of this BAP.

SITE / OBJECTIVE	ACTION Red = officers notes/suggestions Green = Previous PC's commissioned reports Orange = Wilder Ecology recommendations from audit	OUTCOME	TARGET (1 – 10 Years)	REPORTING / PUBLICITY
<p>Whole council area</p> <p>Protect, support and enhance biodiversity</p>	<p>Raise local awareness of biodiversity. Raise awareness of its health and wellbeing benefits</p> <p>Generally encourage suitable planting and management of existing habitats to support biodiversity.</p> <p>Consult specialists for advice and practical help</p> <p>Undertake a tree inventory, log and assess mature trees for veteran status. Assign TPO's where necessary</p>	<p>Gain local support for action.</p> <p>Connect & diversify habitats to meet the needs of a variety of wildlife species</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Newsletter Website page</p> <p>Mapping</p>
<p>Cemetery / churchyard</p> <p>More Space for Wildlife without compromising visitor experience</p>	<p>Additional planting Trees and hedging</p> <p>In conjunction with PCC - Adopt a plan to support wildlife & diversity whilst maintaining the site in a way which enables visitors to experience quiet and calm remembrance.</p> <p>Wilder Ecology – Continue to mow regularly around visited graves. Older grave areas to be left uncut April –</p>	<p>Increased diversity of habitats and food sources</p> <p>Increased cover for invertebrates, reptiles, amphibians and small mammals.</p>	<p>Completed January 2024</p>	

	<p>August. Some areas could be rough grassland and be allowed to overwinter uncut, areas adjacent to bramble scrub and along the hedgerows and trees</p> <p>Add swift boxes</p>	<p>Encouraging insects particularly butterflies & bees.</p> <p>Valuable for hedgehogs, small mammals, reptiles.</p>		
<p>Recreation ground</p> <p>Improve wildlife habitat without compromising visitor experience</p>	<p>Sympathetically maintain hedging.</p> <p>Leave some areas unmown.</p> <p>Only use environment friendly pesticides where absolutely necessary and only in ideal weather conditions.</p> <p>Open space strategy March 2020 – “wildflower margins could be developed to improve biodiversity value”</p> <p>Wilder Ecology – 1 – 5 mt strip around the perimeter to be left uncut between April and late August</p> <p>Erect bird boxes</p>	<p>Food sources & cover</p> <p>Encourages insects.</p> <p>Sustain & enhance natural habitats.</p>		
<p>Common / other open spaces MSDC owned/managed</p> <p>Enhance and improve habitat for wildlife without</p>	<p>Adopt a management plan. Enhance and support MSDC meadow mowing plans.</p> <p>Encourage residents to remove litter and pick up after their dogs.</p> <p>Work with the county council on verge management</p> <p>Encourage residents to adopt areas to look after.</p> <p>Identify a site to create a bog garden</p>	<p>Sustain & enhance natural habitats.</p> <p>Protecting habitats</p> <p>Protecting/enhancing habitats</p> <p>Regular attention.</p>		

<p>compromising resident amenity</p>	<p>Increase standing dead wood</p> <p>Map the green corridors</p>	<p>Biodiversity Audit maps available</p>		
<p>Heather Close</p>	<p>Rewilding experimental 2022/3 – MSDC –</p> <p>Ethos Open space strategy March 2020 – “this would be a lovely site for wildflower margins or areas around trees to improve biodiversity value, particularly for polliinators”</p> <p>Wilder Ecology – Northern section provides excellent habitat and should become Flagship within the parish Southern section should be managed in the same way Enhance with bird boxes, bug hotel, wood piles, pond, tree planting, picnic bench.</p>	<p>Some backlash to the mowing regime. MSDC fought back and survey of residents showed more for than against so mowing will remain as uncut between April – August</p> <p>Encouraging insects particularly butterflies & bees.</p> <p>Create a species rich grassland</p> <p>Create space for residents to be proud of and want to look after.</p>		
<p>Genesta Drive</p>	<p>Revisit residents to garner support for rewilding</p> <p>Ethos Open space strategy March 2020 – “good biodiversity value with a variety of tree species and thicket/shrub areas providing habitat for nesting birds and other wildlife. Could be improved with wildflower areas/provision of nectar for pollinators”</p> <p>Wilder Ecology – Particularly valuable to reduce mowing. Allow dense scrub to extend, leave edges uncut away from the road, leave any tree arisings to create wood piles</p>	<p>Encouraging insects particularly butterflies & bees.</p> <p>Create a species rich grassland and dense scrub whilst creating a space for residents to be proud of and want to look after.</p>		

<p>Maltings Garth</p>	<p>Revisit residents to garner support for extending the rewilding</p> <p>Ethos Open space strategy March 2020 – “additional tree and shrub planting (native and berry rich) and wildflower areas for pollinators”</p> <p>Wilder Ecology – Should also become Flagship area with excellent wildlife habitat. Continue to manage in this way. Cut pathways for people, extend regime to some of the verge to increase connectivity. Erect bird boxes, bug hotel, wood piles, create a pond. Erect picnic benches.</p>	<p>Sustain & enhance natural habitats. Create a species rich grassland Create space for residents to be proud of and want to look after. Fresh water for birds for drinking and bathing</p>		
<p>Furze Close</p>	<p>Revisit residents to garner support for rewilding</p> <p>Ethos Open space strategy March 2020 – “Important area for wildlife and visual amenity – not publicly accessible – private signs. Wildlife value of site should be retained and developed further with the community”</p> <p>Wilder Ecology – Increase scrub create more understorey, plant fruit and nut bearing hawthorn, hazel etc. Relax mowing to encourage spread of gorse and holly. Plant more bulbs</p>	<p>Sustain & enhance natural habitats. Create a species rich grassland Create space for residents to be proud of and want to look after.</p>		
<p>The Hambros</p>	<p>Revisit residents to garner support for rewilding</p> <p>Ethos Open space strategy March 2020 – “Wildflower areas and additional planting to enhance biodiversity” Wilder Ecology – continue to manage uncut between April and August Erect bird boxes</p>	<p>Sustain & enhance natural habitats. Create a species rich grassland</p>		

	West of this area is managed less positively, planting of additional trees would benefit. Manage grassland as other area, introduce similar signage to Heather Close.	Create space for residents to be proud of and want to look after.		
PC Owned/managed Open Space	<p>Carry out audit of existing</p> <p>Enhance habitats – plant up gaps in hedges, Plant new hedgerows to form corridors to link up habitats</p> <p>Create transitional habitats along boundaries of amenity spaces</p> <p>Ensure measures are appropriate to the location</p> <p>Create a method of survey and record for PC for birds, plants and invertebrates – encourage resident participation</p> <p>Create a management plan to promote biodiversity by; Reducing the use of pesticides, Leave areas uncut Carry out work at less sensitive times</p>	<p>Extending habitats</p> <p>Nettle patch supports for vast number of invertebrates (worms, insects)</p>	Completed audit by Wilder Ecology Oct 2024	
Heath Road	<p>Enhance habitats – plant up gaps in hedges.</p> <p>Leave unmown/rewild a border</p> <p>Collaborate with Thurston Relief in Need Charity on plans for the additional land.</p> <p>Ethos Open space strategy March 2020 “Opportunity for tree planting/wildflower margins to enhance biodiversity”</p>	<p>Sustain & enhance natural habitats.</p> <p>Create a gradient from the hedge to the amenity grassland to improve connectivity and enhance species rich habitat</p>		

	Wilder Ecology – Relax mowing 1 – 2 mt strips along base of hedgerows. Create a wildlife area in western corner. Grassland left uncut, paths cut through to create area for children to explore. Create a small orchard. Delay hedge cutting until December to enable fruiting. Consider coppicing small areas to increase density at the base of hedges			
New Green Open Space	Wilder Ecology - Relax the mowing regime, areas not used regularly leave uncut between April and August. 10 – 20 meter strips through the middle, along fence line to south or around bowls hedge. Erect bird boxes	Increased cover for invertebrates, reptiles, amphibians and small mammals. Encouraging insects particularly butterflies & bees. Increased connectivity Sustain and enhance natural habitats		
Wildlife Garden	Erection of three bird boxes Install single bee houses Set up monitoring of bug hotel Create a haven for wildlife and an amenity for residents Use only native species, remove any invasive or non native	Increase nesting habitat for cavity dwelling birds Create habitat for solitary bees Sustain & enhance natural habitats.	Completed August 2024 Completed August 2024 Completed September 2024	Ongoing monitoring of the boxes to ensure they are clean and ready for each season Ongoing monitoring and maintenance

	Wilder Ecology - Maintain hedgerow to keep it dense by coppicing small areas, allow hedge to grow tall and wide			
School Road open space – Gravel pits	<p>Review completed 2023 residents against rewilding</p> <p>Revisit residents to garner support for rewilding</p> <p>Ethos Open space strategy March 2020 – Enhance with wildflower areas and additional tree/shrub planting</p> <p>Wilder Ecology – Change regime to April – August uncut. Create pathways to ensure the area looks deliberately managed and erect signage.</p>	Sustain & enhance natural habitats.		
Allotments Denbury	Encourage tenants to garden peat free and manage pests organically	Increase connectivity		
Other Public Open Space coming forward				
Thurston Park Open Space and SUD's lagoon	<p>Wilder Ecology – Currently providing good habitat, future management needed to keep open water, great reed/mace can spread quickly.</p> <p>Discourage dog swimming, detrimental to water quality. Allow north scrub either side of pathway to develop into a grassland and scrub mosaic, leave unmanaged for several years to develop natural scrub patches.</p>	Sustain & enhance natural habitats. Increase connectivity		
<i>Allotments (DC/23/2429/30)</i>	Encourage tenants to garden peat free and manage pests organically	Protecting habitats		

	<p>Set up communal composting</p> <p>Register interest in BMSDC “Call for land”</p>			
<p><i>Orchard</i> <i>(DC/23/2429/30)</i></p>	<p>Plant traditionally Create a tree nursery</p> <p>Create a haven for wildlife and an amenity for residents increase engagement and sense of ownership of green spaces</p> <p>Register interest in BMSDC “Call for land”</p>	<p>Provision of varied food source to meet the needs of a variety of wildlife species</p>		
<p><i>Lady Greene Woodland</i> <i>(05070/16 DC/20/01249)</i></p>	<p>Create a wild fun area</p> <p>Encourage schools to use new areas and to record and survey</p> <p>Set up traditional woodland craft events</p> <p>Manage the ponds – remove silt, ensure shallow sloping edges, remove overhanging vegetation</p> <p>Leave dead wood safely</p>	<p>Provide a habitat for people of all ages and wildlife can thrive together</p> <p>Promote biodiversity</p>	<p>2025/2026??</p>	
<p><i>Nature Reserve Norton Road</i> <i>(DC/23/2429/30)</i></p>	<p>Encourage suitable planting to support biodiversity</p> <p>Register interest in BMSDC “Call for land”</p>	<p>Removed from the application</p>		
<p>The Built Landscape</p>	<p>Ensure that planning consultations are considered against the requirements of the Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Encourage hedgehog/small animal highways with</p>	<p>Protecting/enhancing habitats</p> <p>Extending habitats.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	

	<p>permeable boundaries</p> <p>Neighbourhood Plan says; “buffer zones between built development and the open countryside need to be crated and planted appropriately” “retention of existing trees, shrubs and hedges” “native trees and shrubs with specimen trees ideally being of a reasonable size” Policy 11</p> <p>Feed findings into Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Support the protection of sensitive habitats.</p> <p>Require wildlife friendly lighting</p> <p>Highlight key species to enable developers to focus on enhancement for these.</p>	<p>Net biodiversity gain by; “Incorporating integral bird and bat boxes under the eaves of new houses or creating artificial nests” “Hedgehog friendly fencing” “New planting to support bees and other pollinators by including nectar rich plants” Encourage new tenants to adopt a wildlife friendly approach to gardening</p> <p>Policy 12</p> <p>Protecting/enhancing habitats</p>		
<p>4963/16 West of Ixworth Road - Persimmon</p>	<p>Review promised facilities</p>			
<p>5070/16 North of Norton Road – Lindon/Vistry</p>	<p>Review promised facilities</p>			
<p>4942/16 Meadow Lane – Lawrence Homes</p>	<p>Review promised facilities</p>			

5010/16 South of Norton Road – Hopkins Homes	Review promised facilities			
DC/17/02232 West of Barton Road - Bovis	Review promised facilities			
DC/19/03486 – Beyton Road – Bloor Homes	Review promised facilities			
DC/19/02090 – East of Ixworth Road - Gladman	Review promised facilities			
Increase community awareness of biodiversity	<p>Ask residents for their views on what they would like to be done to conserve biodiversity within the parish.</p> <p>Raise awareness of the importance of gardens as habitats for wildlife, with possible actions highlighted in the parish magazine.</p> <p>Bird Box Project Encourage further uptake of bird boxes and ensure feedback is received and publicised.</p> <p>Create a page on the parish council website for photographs / information / links</p>	<p>Engagement/ownership of biodiversity</p> <p>Promote biodiversity.</p> <p>Increase in bird boxes, feeders, ponds, grassland, wildflowers, less mowing</p> <p>25 resident bird boxes distributed in 2023/2024. Feedback monitored and published.</p> <p>Promote biodiversity.</p> <p>Promote biodiversity.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Completed March 2024</p>	<p>Website Newsletter</p>

	<p>Encourage local farmers to contribute.</p> <p>Provide seed bombs / bulbs etc. for residents' use.</p> <p>Discourage floodlighting.</p> <p>Provide information for landowners, possible funding streams and/or free planting opportunities</p> <p>Form an active community wildlife group</p> <p>Set up a survey for residents to record and monitor plants, birds, fungi, invertebrates, amphibians</p> <p>Invest in trail cameras</p> <p>Invite specialist groups to survey</p> <p>Exchange information with local wildlife trust</p>	<p>Extending habitats.</p> <p>Protect nocturnal animals.</p> <p>Increased diversity of habitats and food sources</p>		
<p>Further information and strategies</p>	<p>There will be around 50 local nature recovery strategies covering the whole of England with no gaps or overlaps. Preparation of local nature recovery strategies is expected to begin across England from April 2023</p> <p>Species conservation strategies</p> <p>Protected site strategies</p>	<p>We will need to; understand how/if they are relevant to us</p> <p>be aware of how these strategies affect land that we own or manage, or actions we could take to conserve and enhance biodiversity</p> <p>consider how we could contribute to the strategy, where appropriate</p>		

