

Leisure and Environmental Committee: 0-3year Goals.

Goal	Action Steps	Progress to date	Expected completion date
Bug Hotel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make contact with Thurston residents and local primary school to find interested children. 2. Gather relevant materials to make the hotel. 3. Hold hotel making workshop. 4. Monitor the hotel and report which insects have taken up residents via social media and newsletter to maintain interest. 	<p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Currently being undertaken by Duke of Edinburgh volunteer student</p> <p>Monitoring has ceased. Needs to be considered</p>	<p>September 2023</p> <p>Revamp April 2024 Roof and extra pallets added</p>
Bird boxes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish the interest of residents to erect a box in their garden 2. Establish the cost and apply for funding 3. Hold an event to distribute the boxes 4. Monitor birds using the boxes and report back via social media and newsletter to maintain interest 	<p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Ongoing – prompts to be sent out in June for feedback</p>	<p>May 2023</p> <p>Intention is to continue as an annual Thurston Spring Watch project.</p> <p>3 boxes left</p>
Ethos report review.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To review the provision of the promised facilities on the 'significant 5' developments. 2. Establish, where necessary, which developers have not fulfilled their objectives. 3. Report back to clerk for further investigation. 	<p>Ongoing – Can the sites be allocated to councillors to do this?</p> <p>New Infrastructure group may have data on this?</p>	<p>Before June 2024</p>

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<p>Biodiversity Policy and Action Plan</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt Biodiversity Policy 2. Carry out a Biodiversity Audit 3. Create an Action Plan to enhance and conserve biodiversity in parish 4. Engage with the community and review action plan 	<p>Completed – Feb 2024</p> <p>Suffolk Wildlife Trust – Wilder Ecology to carry out biodiversity audit</p> <p>Look at ways to provide additional data and information into the audit process.</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Discussions in place – no progress to date June 2024</p>
<p>Linden Homes phase 2 recreation plans.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the woodland management plans and ensure that the PC is clear on what their expectations of the area are in terms of design, public access, management and facilities. 2. To monitor the Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy to the specified timetable to ensure the development is making a positive contribution to the climate emergency. 3. With reference to the open space and Lady Green Plantation area to plan what range of equipment and facilities might be suitable to meet the needs of the village, with reference to (but not exclusively) the Ethos report. 1. Establish which Cllrs would be willing to commit to attending regular meetings with the developer as part of the liaison scheme. 	<p>Ongoing – uplift of housing numbers has been approved Handover of woodland still positive at completion of build Push for updated survey</p> <p>Some recommendations for additional inclusive play equipment put forward.</p> <p>Completed</p>	<p>To be determined – ongoing liaison meetings</p>

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<p>Community Events.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To identify events that will draw the community together. 2. Ensure the events appear to a wide range of residents. 3. Ensure the events on offer are cost effective and at a universal price point. 4. Book event. 5. Review popularity of event and determine if the event should become a regular booking. 6. To identify further events that will draw the community together 4. Promote Outdoor Theatre 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Events booked so far: Active Travel Day. High Street Christmas Safari. X 2 Cambridge Touring Productions Open Air Theatre – Alice in Wonderland. Outdoor Theatre Treasure Island booked for 10th August 2024 No interest came forward to organise a village fete</p>	<p>Review 2025</p>
<p>Loneliness Project</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify areas/groups of the community who may suffer from loneliness. 2. What can be done to alleviate their situation – clubs, transport, volunteers, etc 3. Set up support system. 	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Review 2025</p>
<p>School Road Gravel Pit</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review open space. 2. Identify if it is an area suitable for rewilding. 3. Establish if works need to be carried out in the area. 4. Consider any improvements that can be made to the site. 	<p>Completed</p> <p>Currently residents are against rewilding plans.</p> <p>Overhanging branches and dead trees have been removed/replaced.</p> <p>School Road scrubland has been cleared and tidied.</p>	<p>Review in 2025</p>

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<p>Reduced carbon footprint within the village.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keep up to date of any grants or incentives to encourage residents to change their habits. 2. Using social media and the newsletter keep the village informed of anything that could be advantageous to their carbon footprint reduction. 	<p>Achievements to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thermal Imaging project. • Rewilding project working with MSDC Biodiversity team. • Active Travel Events promoting cycling and walking in conjunction with the housing developers. • Partnership with Groundwork East and Suffolk Climate Change Partnership to advise how to reduce carbon footprint. • Installation of village recycling centre. • Installation on electric vehicle charge points. 	<p>Review December 2025.</p>
<p>DC/23/02430 & DC/23/02429 Barrells Road, Norton Road</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward thinking plans for the open space potentially coming for Norton Road. 		
<p>DC/19/02090 Gladman</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Look at what is wanted within this open space. Consultation process ready for liaison meetings with David Wilson. 		

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Completed Projects - Appendix

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Rewilding of public open spaces	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify areas. 2. Contact residents for support. 3. Inform biodiversity team which areas have support. 4. Assuming the success of the rewilding project carried out in May 2022, revisit the areas that did not support the project to see if opinions have changed. <p>Alert the biodiversity team of any changes and make the necessary adjustments to their mowing schedule.</p>	<p>Completed Completed Completed</p> <p>Heather Close already expressed interest to be part of the project next year (2024)</p>	<p>May 2022 St Peters Way, The Hambros, Birch Rd/Church Rd</p> <p>2024 Heather Close</p>
Recreation Ground Electric charging points	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify a suitable location. 2. Book a site visits with 3 x suitable suppliers. 3. Apply for CIL funding. <p>Install EV points and monitor usage.</p>	<p>Completed Completed</p> <p>Completed Completed</p>	<p>August 2022</p> <p>December 2023</p>

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Thermal Imaging camera project.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To register interest in Thurston residents taking part in the project. 2. Ensure all residents know of the incentives taking part in the project can bring – e.g. bulk buying discount. 3. Book camera. 4. Review results. 4. Determine if the results can be used for any longer term goals. 	<p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p>	<p>September 2022</p> <p>February 2023</p> <p>February 2024</p> <p>7 properties imaged plus 1 in Tostock</p> <p>Reduced uptake this year</p> <p>Not sufficient data for long term goals</p>
Thedwastre play area	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review current recreation facilities including the matting under the play equipment. 2. Replacement or upgrade of equipment required? 	<p>Quotes received for the replacement matting. Completed</p> <p>Supplier identified, funding in place.</p> <p>New inclusive roundabout and swing seats funded and installed – May 2024</p> <p>Annual inspection reports carried out. Minor recommendations being addressed</p>	<p>Completed</p>
New Green Open Space	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review open space. 2. Review current recreation facilities. 3. Replacement or upgrade of equipment needed? 	<p>Tree Survey undertaken and works ordered.</p> <p>Annual inspection reports carried out.</p> <p>Minor recommendations being addressed.</p> <p>Cocowave installed.</p> <p>New football posts installed</p>	<p>Additional tree work identified</p> <p>Completed March 2024</p>

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