

Trefriw Community Council Biodiversity Plan 2023/24

Trefriw Community Council (TCC) serves two rural wards in Conwy County: Trefriw and Llanrhychwyn. TCC is responsible for the management of Trefriw cemetery, a small parcel of land on Wood Bank (known locally as Top Road), and Trefriw Trail 1 (adjacent to Gower Road). In addition, TCC is responsible for arranging the footpath maintenance in respect of the other Trefriw Trails around the village.

| Action carried out to: | | Monitored by: | Schedule of actions taken towards compliance: |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - embed biodiversity into decision making and procurement | <p>Ensure opportunities to maintain and increase biodiversity are considered as part of decision making and procurement of services / goods as appropriate. For example, contracts for grass cutting of land under TCC jurisdiction to specify mower blade height to preserve pollinators; grants to relevant community groups will be conditional on biodiversity being promoted and - if possible - enhanced.</p> | <p>Full Council (decision making); Clerk (procurement of goods/services)</p> | <p>Autumn 2022: grass cutting contracts renewed including clauses to promote biodiversity.</p> <p>December 2022: new village bike racks procured which incorporate planters in their design to support biodiversity through flora.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - raise awareness of biodiversity and its importance | <p>Promote positive messages about the importance and benefits of biodiversity and support others in this, e.g., Trefriw Gardening Club, Trefriw Walkers are Welcome.</p> | <p>Full Council</p> | <p>February 2023: TCC publicised actions residents can take to promote wellbeing of hedgehogs as they emerge from hibernation.</p> |

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| <p>– safeguard principal species and habitats</p> | <p>Ensure protection of species and habitats is paramount in decisions about land under TCC jurisdiction, and safeguarding of the same is the default position. Any proposed necessary action which may threaten principal species / habitats will be subject to additional scrutiny (including by experts as appropriate) to ensure all steps have been taken to prevent or mitigate such an outcome.</p> | <p>Full Council and working groups as appropriate</p> | <p>Winter/spring 2023: updated plans for cemetery extension to take account of previously stipulated requirements to support habitats and species.</p> |
| <p>– restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TCC will take every opportunity to restore and create habitats and resilient ecological networks on land under our jurisdiction through: - appropriate timing of land maintenance. e.g., so as not to disturb nesting birds or other animals - maintenance of the cemetery butterfly garden to increase pollinating plants and insects - appropriate planting to attract pollinators, insects, birds and animals e.g., in future cemetery extension - reviewing grass cutting / land maintenance contracts to ensure they help promote biodiversity (e.g., preservation of pollinators, hedges etc.,) - consideration of developing TCC owned land on Wood Bank ('Top Road') as a specific haven for wildlife - grants to relevant community groups being contingent on biodiversity being maintained / enhanced. | <p>Full Council and working groups as appropriate</p> | <p>Autumn 2022: grass cutting contract renewed with additional clauses re the promotion of biodiversity as detailed above.</p> <p>Winter 2023: bike racks planted with spring bulbs, to be replaced after flowering by annual pollinators.</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - tackle negative factors: for e.g., reduce pollution, use nature-based solutions, address invasive species | <p>To reduce pollution, TCC will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - co-ordinate regular litter picks around Trefriw - continue to promote anti-litter / dog waste messaging, including provision of dog waste bags near the Gower Road and Bro Geirionydd play parks and Gower Road recreation grounds - promote ways in which residents can report littering / dog mess / pollution issues for action - support and promote residents' 'Himalayan Balsam bashing' events | <p>Full Council</p> | <p>November 2022: new signage at community field gate to remind users to dispose of litter and dog waste in the adjacent bin</p> <p>February 2023: TCC led a village litter pick. Next one planned for late spring and quarterly thereafter.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - use, improve and share evidence | <p>TCC will share details of our activities and plans around biodiversity with interested bodies at their request, e.g., the principal authority, Natural Resources Wales, Keep Wales Tidy etc.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> | <p>March 2023: action taken throughout 2022/23 to be shared with One Voice Wales Local Places for Nature Officer. Litter picks reported to principal authority.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - support capacity, and/or other organisations | <p>TCC will support other local groups to maintain and improve biodiversity in our area, e.g., grants to Trefriw Gardening club to purchase appropriate plants</p> | <p>Full council and/or Clerk</p> | <p>Grants to be considered by TCC on request</p> |
| <p>Key outcomes</p> | <p>Our key outcomes are to maintain and, over time, increase biodiversity in Trefriw and Llanrhychwyn. Decisions about land under TCC jurisdiction will always consider opportunities to enhance biodiversity, including working with community groups where relevant. Any proposals for necessary action that may reduce or harm biodiversity will be subject to additional consideration to ensure appropriate and robust mitigations are in place.</p> | | |

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| Review points, for e.g., enablers and barriers to action, improvements to forward plan | The TCC biodiversity plan will be reviewed each year in line with our annual plan. | |
| How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed? | Consideration and decisions made in reference to our s6 duty will be recorded in meeting minutes and related documentation. The plan will be reviewed annually as above. | |

**This document was reviewed and re-adopted
at a meeting on 16th May 2023
and will be reviewed in May 2024
or sooner should legislation dictate**