

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – Section 6
The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty

Reporting on Section 6
Reporting Template for Town and Community Councils

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| <p><i>Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 - Section 6</i></p> <p><i>The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report 2025</i></p> |
| <p>Name of Town or Community Council: Trefriw Community Council</p> |
| <p>Introduction and Context</p> <p>Trefriw Community Council (TCC) serves two rural wards in Conwy County: Trefriw and Llanrhychwyn (combined population c850) with a precept of c£23k/pa. TCC is responsible for the management of Trefriw village hall, Trefriw cemetery, Trefriw recreation grounds, 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. The Council is subject to the Well-being of Future Generations (WFG) Act.</p> |
| <p>Action Report</p> |

| Action carried out to: | | Monitored by: |
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| - embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement | We have ensured 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 specify mowing intervals and mower blade height to preserve pollinators; grants to relevant community groups (e.g. to Trefriw Gardening Club for maintaining our village planters) are conditional on biodiversity being promoted and - if possible - enhanced. | Full Council (decision making); Clerk (procurement of goods/services) |
| - raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance | We have promoted positive messages about the importance and benefits of biodiversity and support others in this, e.g., publicity around 'hedgehog highways', Trefriw Gardening Club, Trefriw Outdoors, Betws and District Plastic Free Community (TCC is a member of the PFC steering group and hosted the information stand at Trefriw Produce Show in September 2025). | Full Council |

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| - safeguard principal species and habitats | Protection of species and habitats is paramount in decisions about land under TCC jurisdiction, and safeguarding of the same is our default position. Any proposed necessary action which may threaten principal species / habitats is subject to additional scrutiny (including by experts as appropriate, e.g. felling of diseased trees) to ensure all steps have been taken to prevent or mitigate such an outcome. In March 2025 TCC worked with Eryri National Park to co-ordinate the planting of new yew trees and mixed boundary hedging in the cemetery extension to promote better biodiversity. | Full Council |
| - restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks | <p>- In this reporting period TCC has taken every opportunity to restore and create habitats and resilient ecological networks on land under our jurisdiction through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - appropriate timing of land maintenance. e.g., so as not to disturb nesting birds or other animals at key times of the year - maintenance / development of the cemetery to attract a greater variety of insects, birds and animals - reviewing grass cutting / land maintenance contracts to ensure they help promote biodiversity (e.g., preservation of pollinators, hedges etc.) - grants to relevant community groups being contingent on biodiversity being maintained / enhanced | Full Council |
| - tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature-based solutions, address invasive species | TCC has continued to organise village litter picks twice a year in support of our local Plastic Free Community and Keep Wales Tidy initiatives. We have also reported invasive species / land and water pollutants to the relevant body and taken action to remove diseased trees. In addition, TCC has switched to refillable cleaning products for the village hall where possible. | Full Council |
| -use improve and share evidence | TCC has shared litter pollution information with our PFC and principal authority to identify hotspots and take action where possible (e.g. in this reporting period we have worked with CCBC to replace / resite some dog waste bins and general litter bins in the village to try and reduce all litter). | Full Council |

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| - support capacity and/or other organisations | As a PFC steering group member, TCC has supported the agenda of the Community and promoted its messages and ideas for reducing single use plastics to residents, local business, schools and organisations. | Full Council |
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| Review of s6 duty |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What has worked well? What have the barriers been? What will you change?• Consideration of our land management practices in terms of supporting biodiversity has worked well, and we are proud to be helping lead our local Plastic Free Community. However, we do not have jurisdiction over very much land in our community and so do not have the power to determine when many local hedges are flailed for example - this would require awareness and action by local landowners over whom the community council has little sway.• Going into the next reporting period, TCC will be designing and building a memorial garden in the cemetery and is planning to use this as a further opportunity to enhance local biodiversity through appropriate planting etc. and taking expert advice on how to achieve this.• How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?• TCC produces an annual Biodiversity Action Plan which is reviewed by council at least once a year to track progress and take corrective action if targets / actions are at risk of being missed. |