

# Community & Town Councils Biodiversity Action Plan 2026-2028

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

Name of Community & Town Council:	<b>Trefriw Community Council</b>
Council type ( <a href="#">Group 1, 2 or 3</a> ):	<b>2</b>
<b>Introduction and Context</b>	
<p><b>Introduction:</b></p> <p>Trefriw Community Council (TCC) is committed to playing its part in protecting and enhancing biodiversity (the variety of life found on earth) and reversing its decline. We will also take action to protect our broader environment, including aligning with the principles set out in the One Voice Wales / Friends of the Earth Cymru 'Tackling Climate Chaos' guide for town and community councils (2023). This Biodiversity Plan includes the actions which will be taken across all the Council's functions to achieve this.</p> <p><b>Context:</b></p> <p>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.</p>	

NRAP Aim	Actions planned	Time scale	Monitored by:
<p><b>1. Protect, restore and effectively manage ecosystems to build their resilience.</b></p>	<p>TCC will take every opportunity to restore and create habitats and resilient ecological networks on land under our jurisdiction through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- appropriate timing of land maintenance. e.g., so as not to disturb nesting birds or other animals</li> <li>- maintenance / development of the cemetery to increase pollinating plants, insects and attract birds and animals</li> <li>- reviewing grass cutting / land maintenance contracts to ensure they help promote biodiversity (e.g., preservation of pollinators, hedges etc.,)</li> <li>- consideration of developing TCC owned land on Wood Bank ('Top Road') as a specific haven for wildlife</li> <li>- grants to relevant community groups being contingent on biodiversity being maintained / enhanced</li> </ul>	<p>Ongoing.</p>	<p><b>Full Council, and Working Groups as appropriate.</b></p>
<p><b>2. Safeguard species and improve their management.</b></p>	<p>Safeguarding of species and habitats is paramount in decisions TCC makes about land under our jurisdiction. Any proposed development / action will be expected to at least protect - and ideally enhance - native species and habitats. Potential threats or risks to species / habitats will be subject to additional scrutiny (by experts where appropriate) to ensure all steps have been taken to prevent or mitigate such an outcome.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>	<p><b>Full Council, and Working Groups as appropriate.</b></p>
<p><b>3. Tackle key pressures on species, habitats and ecosystems.</b></p>	<p>TCC will seek to tackle pressures on species, habitats and ecosystems through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- regular litter picks around our wards</li> <li>- continuing to promote anti-litter / dog waste / pollution messaging and informing residents how to report incidents for action by the relevant authority</li> <li>- promoting efforts to deal with invasive species and support native species (e.g. Himalayan balsam bashing / hedgehog highways etc)</li> <li>- informal monitoring of invasive species (e.g. Japanese Knotweed at Trefriw Quay) and reporting to relevant authority</li> </ul>	<p>Ongoing.</p>	<p><b>Full Council</b></p>

<p><b>4. Establish effective governance and capacity to deliver.</b></p>	<p>TCC will share details of our biodiversity plans and activities with interested bodies at their request, e.g., the principal authority, One Voice Wales, Natural Resources Wales, Keep Wales Tidy etc.          We will also 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>Ongoing.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>5. Embed biodiversity through engagement and awareness raising to support effective decision making at every level.</b></p>	<p>TCC will 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 maintained and - if possible - enhanced.           We will also promote positive messages about the importance and benefits of biodiversity and support others in this, e.g., Trefriw Gardening Club, Trefriw Walkers are Welcome, Betws and District Plastic Free Community (PFC) (TCC is a member of the steering group).</p>	<p>Ongoing.          Specific action for renewal of footpath maintenance contract in March 2027.</p>	<p><b>Full Council (decision making); Clerk (procurement of goods/services)</b></p>

**6. Improve our evidence and monitoring.**

TCC will update this plan at least annually, or more frequently if further actions are needed to support specific NRAP aims. We will also complete s6 reporting as required.

Ongoing.

**Full Council**





## Annual review of the Biodiversity Action Plan

Date reviewed:	/2026	/2027	/2028
What has worked well?			
What have the barriers been?			
What will you change?			

Review approved:	/2026	/2027	/2028
Next review:	/2027	/2028	



**Table 1: Types of organisations and possible s6 actions relative to their functions**

Group	Description of organisation relative to biodiversity.	Minimum Actions	Examples	NRAP aim for Planning
	<b>Organisations:</b>			
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>that own or occupy an office building only and</li> <li>whose functions are not directly connected to biodiversity and/or land management.</li> </ul>	Actions related to buildings management, procurement, sustainability, awareness raising, training, or in partnership with other organisations	Commissions, DVLA, Health Boards	NRAP aims: 3, 4, 5
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>that own, occupy or manage land their own buildings and grounds,</li> <li>whose functions are connected with biodiversity and/or land management, or</li> <li>that can influence those who own or manage land.</li> </ul>	As per Group 1 above PLUS grounds management, cascading funding criteria, providing education and training	Public Health Wales, Universities, Sport Wales,	NRAP aims: 3, 4, 5 as above NRAP aims: 1, 2, 6 relating to own grounds
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>that own or manage land beyond their own grounds, whether their functions are connected with biodiversity and/or land management or not.</li> </ul>	As per Groups 1 and 2 above PLUS land management to maintain and enhance biodiversity and promote the resilience of ecosystems.	Dŵr Cymru, Local Authorities, NRW, Welsh Government	All NRAP aims

**NRAP Aim 3:** Protect, restore and effectively manage ecosystems to build their resilience.

**NRAP Aim 4:** Establish effective governance and capacity to deliver.

**NRAP Aim 5:** Embed biodiversity through engagement and awareness raising to support effective decision making at every level.

**NRAP Aim 1:** Protect, restore and effectively manage ecosystems to build their resilience.

**NRAP Aim 2:** Safeguard species and improve their management.

**NRAP Aim 6:** Improve our evidence and monitoring.