

# Upper Saxondale Parish Council Biodiversity Action Plan

Actioning ongoing consultation with Notts Wildlife Trust/Rushcliffe Borough Council Conservation Officer and Friends of Upper Saxondale Conservation Area (FoUSCA)

The Council will monitor regular reviews and updates of this Action Plan

SITE	AIM	ACTION	PUBLICITY
All areas of Council owned land	<p>To raise local awareness of biodiversity by actively engaging with residents.</p> <p>To encourage and create volunteering opportunities by arranging courses and events which support biodiversity</p>	<p>To hold regular FoUSCA meetings, listening and acting on the views of local residents when making Parish Council decisions concerning biodiversity</p> <p>To arrange regular land maintenance dates with residents being encouraged to attend</p> <p>To make support available to residents who wish to learn about biodiversity in order to gain further knowledge on the subject</p> <p><b>Events</b></p> <p><b>Events to promote biodiversity have been held and future ones will be considered. These include;</b></p> <p>A talk to residents from Notts Wildlife Trust (January 2024)</p> <p>A talk by a local resident concerning the history of Upper Saxondale and promoting knowledge of the area including the land.50 residents attended (February 2024)</p> <p>Rushcliffe Nature Conservation Forum held in Upper Saxondale which included engagement and learning for residents (October 2023)</p> <p>Councillors attending land management courses with the Woodland Trust and Forestry Commission concerning biodiversity (February and June 2024)</p>	<p>Newsletter, social media, website.</p> <p>Parish Council</p>
Protect and Support Biodiversity	To identify and support habitats which meet the needs of a variety of birds, wildlife and plants, encouraging biodiversity	To arrange dates for suitable planting in order to support the aim and to ensure identified areas are left as natural as possible, creating new habitats with	

	<p>To support hedge/tree planting in any appropriate areas</p> <p>To increase habitat for insects and smaller animals</p>	<p>dead coppiced and felled trees on the woodland floor</p> <p>Possible introduction of water butts to harvest water for wildlife and watering of new trees and plants</p> <p>Bug hotels are positioned in various places on the site of the fruit orchard</p>	
Wildflower Meadow	To encourage insects particularly butterflies and bees	To arrange appropriate dates for meadow grass cutting and extra planting	
Open spaces Recreation Ground Woodland Walk Fruit Orchard	<p>To adopt a management plan</p> <p>To encourage dog walkers to remove litter and pick up after their dogs</p> <p>To coppice and thin woodland walk trees at appropriate stages</p> <p>To arrange an appropriate maintenance and pruning programme including clearing of the fruit orchard while leaving some areas unmown to provide habitat for small mammals</p> <p>To clear a ditch near the footbridge to encourage frogs, newts etc</p> <p>To encourage the use of bird and bat boxes in appropriate areas</p>	<p>Management plan produced (November 2023)</p> <p>Dog bin provision provided along dog walking areas. Possible future additional bins</p> <p>Coppicing/thinning of trees to be carried out (February 2024)</p> <p>Notts Wildlife Trust carried out clearing work, paid for by RBC on the fruit orchard (October 2023)</p> <p>A local farmer has been approached to clear the ditch</p> <p>Plans to remove old unused bird and bat boxes and replace with new involving engaging with local licenced bat organisations.</p>	<p>Social Media/Website Parish Council minutes</p>
The Built Landscape	To ensure consideration towards biodiversity is recognised when making comments on planning applications, particularly those involving the removal of trees	To consult with the Borough Council Conservation Officer for expert recommendations when TPO's and any other application of concern is involved	

Managing contracts, buildings and sourcing materials	To ensure grounds maintenance contracts work does not harm the natural environment	<p>To ensure all future contracts and materials comply with the Council's decision to support biodiversity</p> <p>To source sustainable materials when carrying out work on all council owned land and amenities</p>	