

Carmarthenshire County Council Environment Act Forward Plan 2020 – 2023
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1.DEVELOPING BEST PRACTICE FOR BIODIVERSITY WITHIN CCC - CCC RURAL CONSERVATION SECTION will delivery to seminars on:				WBO10
1.1	Building design and biodiversity - building in features for bird and bats into new builds and building maintenance – training delivered for Architects and Property Design and Property Maintenance	Delivered 9/9/21	Biodiversity Officer	
1.2	Planning and Bats training delivered for Development Managers:	Delivered 6/5/21	Senior Ecologist	
1.3	Planning, Hedgerows and Highways – training delivered for Development Managers:	Delivered 6/5/21	Rural Conservation Manager	
1.4	Working in/adjacent to SSSI and other sensitive habitats for Highways and Transportation. Guidance provided for Highways and Transportation	Delivered 11/6/21	Biodiversity Officer	
1.5	Seminar on s.6 Biodiversity Duty for CCC Planning Committee delivered	Delivered 13/4/21	Rural Conservation Manager	

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2. FACILITATING THE CARMARTHENSHIRE NATURE PARTNERSHIP CCC RURAL CONSERVATION SECTION				WBO10
2.1	Facilitate 3 meetings of the CNP p.a. (February, June, and October) each year	Target - 3 meetings facilitated each year (Feb, June and September)	Biodiversity Officer	
2.2	Prepare with CNP partners a State of Nature Report for Carmarthenshire, that will inform the actions required to address the WG Nature Emergency Workshops May to June 22 Draft by Nov 2022	Nov 2022	Biodiversity Officer	
2.3	In partnership identify and publish the actions required to deliver nature recovery across Carmarthenshire and ensure ecosystem resilience Preparation of draft June to Nov 2022	Nov 2022	Biodiversity Officer	
2.4	Continue to raise awareness of the importance of biodiversity e.g., Carmarthenshire Nature Notes and Carmarthenshire's Wildlife on your Ward profiles Produce 3 Press Releases or equivalent p.a.	3 PRs or equivalent by Dec 22	Biodiversity Officer	

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3.ENVIRONMENT (WALES) ACT 2016, and S.6 Biodiversity Duty to maintain and enhance biodiversity and promote ecosystem resilience CCC RURAL CONSERVATION SECTION with others				WBO10
Continue to develop systems to ensure all CCC plans, projects and working practices demonstrate delivery of CCC’s Env Act duty at the concept, planning and delivery stages. Demonstrate how biodiversity informs design and delivery of projects			Project Ecologist	
3.1	CCC Regeneration - Pentre Awel Continuation of provision of ecological guidance to project delivery team to ensure all ecological requirement are met	Ongoing Dec 2022	Project Ecologist	
3.2	CCC Highways and Transportation - Cross Hands Economic Link Road Delivery of dormice and marshy grassland mitigation consistent with planning conditions, on-going management of the site, and NRW dormice licence monitoring requirements	Ongoing Dec 2022	Project Ecologist	
3.3	CCC Regeneration - Cross Hands East Strategic Site Phase 1 and 2. Delivery of dormice and marshy grassland mitigation consistent with planning conditions, and on-going management of the site	Dec 2022	Project Ecologist	
3.4	CCC Education - Ysgol Gwenllian Kidwelly , design of dormouse mitigation as required by NRW plus design of biodiversity enhancement to progress planning application	Dec 2022	Project Ecologist	
3.4	CCC Highways and Transportation Road safety improvements on the A 484 , provide advice and guidance regarding ecology requirements into planned improvements o	Dec 2021	Project Ecologist	
3.5	CCC Planning Services Through the planning system ensure Section 7 Habitats and Species and designated sites are protected. The Planning Ecologists will be consulted on sites that support S7 interest. All recommendations received will be incorporated into CCC’s decision making. Ensure 100% of CCC Planning Ecology team’s requests for S7 Habitat and Species protection are reflected in planning decisions made by Development Management	Sept 2022	Senior Development Manager	

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3.6	<p>CCC Planning Services Ensure developers deliver biodiversity enhancement consistent with local and national policy. All decisions made will reflect the LA's duty to maintain and enhance biodiversity and promote ecosystem resilience. Ensure 100% of request made by CCC Planning Ecology team for Biodiversity Enhancements are integrated into development proposals by Development Managers.</p>	Sept 2022	Senior Development Manager	
3.7	<p>CCC Planning Services Improve information available on CCC Planning web pages for developers regarding biodiversity and planning requirements. Provide post validation ecological guidance to all applicants, as appropriate. CCC Guidelines on Biodiversity Enhancement and Bat and Birds on Development Sites to be integrated and used within Planning Services by Sept 2022, and available on CCC website</p>	Sept 2022	Senior Development Manager	
3.8	<p>CCC Mineral Planning Service Produce a protocol for managing peat on minerals and development sites that can be used by all those LAs using CCC's Minerals planning. Ensure CCC adopts this protocol and raise awareness of the benefits of its use by other LAs in Wales</p>	Peat Protocol published on CCC web site Dec 2022 Report annually (November) on uptake by other LAs	Senior Minerals Planning Officer	

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4.CCC STRATEGIES: Adoption of CCC strategies and operational plans that will benefit biodiversity and the natural environment Delivery of actions set out in these strategies CCC RURAL CONSERVATION SECTION				WBO10
4.1	A Strategic Plan for Pollinators – Pilot CCC’s approach to managing amenity grassland for pollinators at 30 sites across the county in summer 2022. Review this approach and develop overarching policy for future years in collaboration with Grounds Maintenance	Ongoing - being delivered in summer 2022	Biodiversity Officer	
4.2	CCC’s Ash Dieback and Tree Safety Management– continue deliver the necessary actions. Summer 2022 repeat ash dieback surveys of all A and B roads. Complete 50 tree safety surveys in schools and programme all necessary work.	Sept 2022	Tree Safety Officer	
4.3	Progress the development of a Tree Strategy for CCC –	Dec 2022	Rural Conservation Manager	

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5.SITES MANAGED BY CCC for BIODIVERSITY Biodiversity management plans will be prepared/ updated and delivered for the following sites. Actions will be delivered by CCC RURAL CONSERVATION SECTION subject to funding being available				WBO10
5.1	Sites managed as part of the Carmarthenshire Bogs Project . ENRaW funded in Winter 2021 completed, further worked planned for winter 2022/23. Orders for winter 22/23 work to be placed by Sept 22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mynydd y Styfflau Carn, Peniel, Firebreaks on heathland and scrub managed, some ash dieback work • Figyn and Mynydd Fifgyn firebreaks and public access enhancements 	Sept 2022	Biodiversity Officer	
5.2	Pembrey Canal - Progress the development of a management plan that will deliver multiple benefits, biodiversity, green and blue infrastructure, active travel, and the necessary flood defence etc. Funding to be confirmed. WG grant may cover some of the surveys required to inform this plan and its delivery	Integrated management plan to be progressed Dec 22	Flood Defence Manager	
5.3	Kidwelly Quay Management plan to be updated with partners and winter work programme with Public Rights of Way (PROW) and Kidwelly Town Council to be developed. Funded by Welsh Government ENRaW grant or Local Places for Nature grant	Nov 2022	Biodiversity Officer	
5.4	Commissioner's Bridge, Kidwelly Installation of otter pass. Funded by National Grid via NRW agreement. The necessary Flood risk Activity Permit has been granted by NRW	June 2022	Biodiversity Officer	
5.5	St Clears Wetland and cycle way management plan developed for the wetland area. WG ENRaW funding/ Local Places for Nature will fund habitat management works.	Management plan to be completed Dec 2022	Rural Conservation Manager	

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5.6	Cwmoernant Reservoirs Carmarthen. Delivery of management plan actions to address tree safety, and safety of the reservoirs, public access, and ongoing woodland management. Disease ash removed in early Spring and Autumn 2021. Funded by Ash Dieback budget and WG grant aid (Green Recovery)	Dec 2022	Coed Cymru Officer	
5.7	CCC land adjacent Penclacwydd Continue to manage new areas of water vole habitat and survey for water voles to gauge success of habitat creation. Autumn/ winter 2022.	Dec 2022	Biodiversity Officer	

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6.CAEAU MYNYDD MAWR PROJECT (CMM) Delivery of the project safeguards the Marsh Fritillary population associated with the Special Area of Conservations, and enables development in the Cross Hands Economic Growth area to proceed in accordance with legislation CCC RURAL CONSERVATION SECTION				WBO10
6.1	Continue to deliver the CMM project which is funded 100% by developer contribution. Project area to be extended subject to new LDP being approved. The project manages 26 grassland sites. 7 sites are owned by CCC and 19 are subject to voluntary management agreements with landowners. 132ha of marshy grassland are managed for biodiversity and in particular the marsh fritillary butterfly	Progress towards managing in perpetuity 100ha of land suitable for the Marsh Fritillary butterfly consistent with Special Area of Conservation management objectives	Conservation Project Officer	

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7.S106 AND OTHER MECHANISMS FOR DELIVERING BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT ON DEVELOPMENT SITES. Taking on the management of other sites subject to S 106 that require biodiversity management Liaise with developer prepared costed management plans, and deliver actions CCC RURAL CONSERVATION SECTION				WBO10
7.1	Persimmon site in Machynys enhancement of water vole habitat, and public access consistent with agreed management plan, and planning permission granted, funded by the developer over 25 years in accordance with costed management plan as per S106 agreement.	Delivery of costed and agreed management plan up to Dec 2022	Conservation Project Officer	
7.2	Morfa Berwig Local Nature Reserve, Bynea Management of the habitats in the Local Nature Reserve (LNR), public access and interpretation as set out in management plan. Volunteering opportunities to be delivered. Management plans for LNRs will all be reviewed by March 22, with orders placed for 22/23 winter work programme funded by ENRAW placed by Nov 22	Delivery of costed and agreed management plan up to Dec 2022	Conservation and Green Infrastructure Co-ordinator	
7.3	Dyfed Powys Police Custody Suite, Dafen. Delivery of habitat management onsite and off-site at Mynydd Mawr Woodland Park (MMWP), funded by the developer over 25 years, in accordance with costed management plan as per S106 agreement. On-going for 25 years 2021 – 2056, all work is funded by the developer.	Delivery of costed and agreed management plan up to Dec 2022	Conservation Project Officer	
7.4	Management of land for biodiversity at Cross Hands West, as per agreed and costed management plan (2021-2056)	Delivery of costed and agreed management plan up to Dec 2022	Conservation Project Officer	

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7.5	Caegaer Housing site, Bynea Delivery of agreed off-site mitigation at Cae Pobl, Cross Hands in partnership with NBGW, funded by the developer over 25 years, in accordance with costed management plan (2021-2056) as per S106 agreement.	Delivery of costed and agreed management plan up to Dec 2022	Conservation Project Officer	
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8. REVIEW PROCUREMENT AND USE OF CLEANING PRODUCTS - use only those products that are phosphate free CCC CLEANING SERVICES				WBO10
8.1	Progress revision of the procurement framework for all CCC cleaning products and in new framework request that all product supplied must be phosphate free. Framework to be in place by Jan 2023	Dec 2022	Business Improvement Manager - Environment	
8.2	Ensure all cleaning staff understand why products that are phosphate-free are being purchased. Run briefing sessions for all cleaning staff by Dec 2022	30/11/2022	Business Improvement Manager - Environment	

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9.REGULATION and COMPLIANCE The Environmental Damage (Prevention and Remediation) (Wales) Regulations 2009 CCC PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS				WBO 10
9.1	Set up reporting system within CCC to comply with these Regulations	March 22	Public Health Practitioner - Communities	
9.2	Raise awareness of the regulations in CCC and the need to report breaches Run briefing session for all staff involved	June 22	Public Health Practitioner - Communities	

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Glossary

- WG = Welsh Government
- CCC = Carmarthenshire County Council
- LDP = Local Development Plan
- NRaW = ENRAW is the Enabling Resources and Well-being (Welsh Government grant)
- CMM = Caeau Mynydd Mawr
- CNP = Carmarthenshire Nature Partnership