

LLANDOUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT (WALES) ACT 2016

PART 1 – SECTION 6

THE BIO-DIVERSITY AND RESILIENCE OF ECOSYSTEMS DUTY

REPORT ON 2021 and PLAN FOR 2022

1. INTRODUCTION.

1.1 The village of Llandough is located in the eastern part of the Vale of Glamorgan and is situated between the town of Penarth and city of Cardiff. It has the benefit of being close to two major urban areas but is cushioned by a large expanse of forestry areas and green fields. It serves a population of over 2000 and its precept for 2021/22 was £40474 and this will remain unchanged for 2022/23.

1.2 The Council manages a number of sites that are ideally suitable for the development of bio-diversity initiatives as follows:

Corbett Road Allotments.

An excellent allotment facility comprising of over 65 plots which are mostly in pristine condition. The site is surrounded by a hedgerow and many trees that attract a range of different species of bird life.

Brook Green Pocket Park

The park comprises a large planted area, a brook, grassed area and a woodland area. The site is ideal for a local diversity project which would enhance the natural habitats that already exists for a range of birds, insects and plant life.

Village Green.

Located in front of the Church, the green has a range of trees that over time might grow to sufficient size to encourage birds to nest. There is an opportunity however, to consider planting some of the area with wild flowers.

Village Garden.

Situated off Penlan Road, the site has limited potential but could be considered for spring bulb planting.

Lewis Road Garden.

A very small site with a tree and shrubs. Recently the site has been vandalised and there is an opportunity to consider re-planting of the garden with a view to creating an enhanced habitat for wild life.

1.3 Other sites that would be suitable for attention would be:

St. Dochdwy's Churchyard.

A very tranquil area situated close to Brook Green pocket park. It is relatively well maintained and has the benefit of a range of large trees that attract bird life.

Adventure Playground

Situated off Cogan Pill Road, the site is ideal for planting of wild flowers. The permission of the Vale of Glamorgan Council would be required.

Llandough Primary School Grounds.

The school has already made steady progress in creating a natural habitat for wildlife within the school grounds. This could be supplemented by the possible creation of a bug hotel and planting of wild flowers.

Highway Verges.

Subject to the agreement of the Vale of Glamorgan Council it might be possible to plant spring bulbs in many of the verges that have not already been considered for planting.

Hedgerows and Land of Unknown Ownership in Cogan Pill Road.

For the longer term, it might be appropriate for the Council to consider planting of wild flowers and locating bird boxes in this area.

Area of Land adjacent to the Llandough Scout and Guide Hall.

This area is owned by the Scout and Guide Association and would benefit from a bio-diversity initiative involving the Association's volunteers.

Land around the playing fields (Lewis Road end).

There appears to be scope to develop a number of measures to enhance the bio-diversity of the playing fields.

Reserve Allotments Site, Lewis Road

The site is currently let by the Council for grazing but it is planned to develop the site for allotments, a community area and a range of biodiversity measures. A design of the site has been prepared by a professional designer and a Working Party has been established to take forward a plan to develop the site.

2. CORE OBJECTIVES OF THE ACTION PLAN.

- 2.1 To manage and re-generate trees and woodland to support the creation and continuation of wildlife habitats.
- 2.2 Manage and regenerate wooded areas and hedgerows.
- 2.3 Manage the nature and wildlife habitat of roadside verges.
- 2.4 Work with the local scouts and guides and the School to create new habitats for wildlife. (Currently there is not an active Scout and Guide movement in the community).
- 2.5 To create planted areas of wildflowers to enhance the appearance of the village.
- 2.6 To develop opportunities for increasing the bee population in the community and for encouraging an increase in the bat population.
- 2.7 To encourage the Vale of Glamorgan Council to develop a protocol on the cutting of highway verges so as to enhance the bio-diversity of the area.

3. MONITORING.

- 3.1 The Council has a Bio-Diversity Working Party that meets on several occasions during each year for the purpose of monitoring the implementation of the plan and to plan for future bio-diversity actions.

4. ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2021.

LOCATION	ACTION PROPOSED	PRIORITY AND TIMESCALE	RESOURCES	GROUP INVOLVEMENT
Corbett Allotments Road	Encourage allotment tenants to grow flowers on sections of their allotment in order to support an increase in the local bee population	High/Immediate	Provision of a supply of wildflower seeds	Allotment Tenants
Corbett Allotments Road	Strategic Location of Bird Boxes	Ongoing	An additional supply of bird boxes was funded by the Council.	Allotment Tenants
	Provision of a Wildlife Garden	A wildlife garden was provided through the Welsh Government's Places for Nature scheme	The package included bulbs, wildflower seeds and a tree together with supporting materials.	Allotment Tenants
	Green Flag status for allotments site	An application had been submitted to the relevant awarding body but was not successful.	None specific	Allotment Tenants
	Bee Walks to research the species of bees that visit the allotments.			Allotment Tenants
	Preparation of an Annual Biodiversity Plan.			Allotment Tenants

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Brook Green Pocket Park	Planting of primroses, daffodils, bedding plants and wildflower seeds	Completed	Seeds, bulbs and plants purchased by the Council	Councillors and volunteers
Village Green	Planting of cowslips, daffodils and wildflower seeds	Completed	Plants, bulbs and seeds purchased by Council	Councillors and volunteers
Village Garden	Planting of Wildflower Seeds, daffodils and primroses	Completed	Bulbs, plants and seeds purchased by the Council	Councillors and volunteers
St. Dochdwy's Churchyard	No action			
Adventure Playground	Planting of wildflower seeds at two locations and planting of bluebells	Completed	Seeds purchased by the Council as well as bluebells	Councillors and volunteers
Llandough Primary School Grounds	No action this year but the school was maintaining its biodiversity area and was always willing to assist the Council with initiatives in the community			

LOCATION	ACTION PROPOSED	PRIORITY AND TIMESCALE	RESOURCES	GROUP INVOLVEMENT
Playing Fields	No action other than maintaining the planted area	Completed		
Land adjacent to the Llandough Scout and Guide Hall	No action			
Increasing the local bee and bat population	No action			

5. PLAN FOR 2022

LOCATION	ACTION PROPOSED	PRIORITY AND TIMESCALE	RESOURCES	GROUP INVOLVEMENT
Corbett Road Allotments – Land adjacent to the sub-station	Provision of bird boxes subject to landowner's consent – Consent has not yet been received	Medium	Purchase of Bird Boxes	Allotment Tenants
Corbett Road allotments	Provision of additional bird boxes - Achieved	High	Purchase of Bird Boxes	Allotment Tenants
Playing Fields	Rotovate section of land and re-plant	High	Purchase of seeds	Councillors and Volunteers

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	wildflower seeds - Achieved			
Grassed areas off Penlan Rise and Greenway Close	Planting of Daffodil Bulbs	High – October 2022	Purchase of bulbs	Councillors and Volunteers
Designated lamp standards	Supply and planting of hanging baskets – No suitable lamp standards identified.	Medium	Purchase of hanging baskets (Approval of Highways Authority Required)	Contractor
Creation of Bird Sanctuary with Viewing Area on site of redundant tennis court	Approval received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council and work to be carried out in 2022	By August 2022	Detailed plan approved.	Councillors and Volunteers