

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL BIODIVERSITY ACTIONS 2022-23

Introduction

The list of actions is drawn from the Biodiversity Strategy commissioned by Buckden Parish Council and approved July 2022. [LINK TO WEBSITE](#)

No	Topic	Action	Lead
1	Grass cutting		
1a		• Inform HDC as to the location of the Key Wildlife Sites listed in the Neighbourhood Plan	GI&BAG
1b		• Identify designated areas to be protected from mowing by the Parish or HDC	GI&BAG
1c		• Make and put in place signs to prevent designated areas being mowed	GI&BAG
1d		• Promote and encourage residents to take part in 'No Mow May'	GI&BAG
1e		• Review the mowing regime in the cemetery and protect the sites where fungi flourish	GI&BAG
1f		• Showcase the 'no mow' areas e.g. Roundabout, open day, as part of open gardens	GI&BAG
1g		• Set up champion groups of residents to protect areas of fungi or wildflowers	GI&BAG
1h		• Lobby HDC to sign up to Plantlife (the UK's leading wildflower organisation) roadside verge initiative (https://plantlife.love-wildflowers.org.uk/roadvergecampaign)	GI&BAG
2	Stinging nettles, bramble and ivy		
2a		• Promote allowing stinging nettles, ivy and brambles to flourish (especially brambles in hedgerows, field margins, rough ground but avoiding woodland) Through sharing information with residents and guidance for handymen	GI&BAG
3	Fruit trees		
3a		• Promote the planting of fruit trees	Allotments AG and GI&BAG
4	Dead wood		
4a		• Provide guidance to residents and staff on how to use dead wood	GI&BAG
4b		• Ensure that any contract with a tree surgeon prevents the chipping of wood and includes its use as a wildlife habitat	Clerk
5	Hedge cutting		
5a		• Ensure the Parish only sanctions hedge cutting in January or February	GI&BAG
5b		• In January/February communicate to residents the legal restrictions on hedge cutting during the bird nesting season, which is March to August	GI&BAG
6	Bulbs		
6a		• Include bulbs in any planting initiative	GI&BAG

7	Pesticides		
7a		• Communicate to residents the harmful effects of pesticides including risk in particular to hedgehogs and thrushes from slug pellets	Allotments AG and GI&BAG
8	Elms		
8a		• Contact the landowners who have elms on their land to discuss the protection of the trees	
9	Hedgehogs		
9a		• Embed in the planning process that any planning applications consider hedges for boundaries as the preferred option and as a minimum create hedgehog holes	Planning Committee and Large Scale Planning AG
9b		• Encourage residents to support hedgehog highways and create homes for them	GI&BAG
10	Bird Nesting		
10a		• Embed in the planning process that any planning applications should avoid bird excluders and make provision for swift, starling and sparrow nests	Planning Committee and Large Scale Planning AG
10b		• Erect nest boxes for swifts, starlings and sparrows	Village Volunteers
10c		• Raise awareness of the need to protect house martin nests	GI&BAG
10d		• Offer to provide shelving to place under nests to catch droppings	GI&BAG