

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL BIODIVERSITY ACTION LIST

No	Topic	Action	Lead
1	Grass cutting	• Lobby HDC to sign up to Plantlife (the UK's leading wildflower organisation) roadside verge initiative (https://plantlife.love-wildflowers.org.uk/roadvergecampaign)	
2		• Inform HDC as to the location of the Key Wildlife Sites listed in the Neighbourhood Plan	
3		• Identify designated areas to be protected from mowing by the Parish or HDC	
		• Review the mowing regime in the cemetery and protect the sites where fungi flourish	
4		• Set up champion groups of residents to protect areas of fungi or wildflowers	
5		• Make and put in place signs to prevent designated areas being mowed	
6		• Promote and encourage residents to take part in 'No Mow May'	
7		• Showcase the 'no mow' areas e.g. Roundabout, open day, as part of open gardens	
8	Stinging nettles, bramble and ivy	• Promote allowing stinging nettles, ivy and brambles to flourish (especially brambles in hedgerows, field margins, rough ground but avoiding woodland)	
9	Fruit trees	• Promote the planting of fruit trees	
10	Dead wood	• Provide guidance to the footpath working group on how to use dead wood	
11		• Ensure that any contract with a tree surgeon prevents the chipping of wood and includes its use as a wildlife habitat	
12	Hedge cutting	• Ensure the Parish only sanctions hedge cutting in January or February	
13		• In January/February communicate to residents the legal restrictions on hedge cutting during the bird nesting season	
14	Bulbs	• Include bulbs in any planting initiative	
15	Pesticides	• Communicate to residents the harmful effects of pesticides including risk in particular to hedgehogs and thrushes from slug pellets	
16	Elms	• Contact the landowners who have elms on their land to ensure they understand the importance of protecting those trees	
17	Hedgehogs	• Embed in the planning process that any planning applications consider hedges for boundaries as the preferred option and as a minimum create hedgehog holes	
18		• Encourage residents to support hedgehog highways and create homes for them	
19	Bird Nesting	• Embed in the planning process that any planning applications should avoid bird excluders and make provision for swift, starling and sparrow nests	
		• Erect nest boxes for swifts, starlings and sparrows	
		• Raise awareness of the need to protect house martin nests	
		• Offer to provide shelving to place under nests to catch droppings	