

Evesham Town Council
Biodiversity Action Plan

Issue	Objective	Action	Target (years)
Heavily reduced numbers of pollinators, including bees, moths & butterflies	Create more habitat for pollinators	Plant & sow more wildflowers on appropriate spaces Utilise more pollinator friendly plants in Town Council Planting	Ongoing
As above	Maintain & protect habitat important for pollinators	Work with WCC to identify & map roadside verges with important flora.	Ongoing
Lack of appropriate nest sites for pollinating insects	Provide more nest sites	Distribute insect hotels to local organisations. See also action on encouraging wildlife gardening, wildflowers & road verges	1 year
Loss of wildflower meadows	Increase wildflower meadow land	Work with & support Vale Landscape Heritage Trust to increase area of wildflower meadow land in Evesham	Ongoing

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Loss of habitats Lack of appropriate sites in urban areas. Wildlife is more reliant upon gardens.	Utilise green areas available in the town	Encourage wildlife gardening for residents, schools and other appropriate organisations	Ongoing
Lack of tree cover in Evesham- nest and roost sites	Increase number of trees in the town	Plant more trees in appropriate areas.	Ongoing
Loss of trees due to development	Protect existing trees where possible- particularly ancient & veteran trees as well as traditional orchards	Use of Tree Protection orders Creation of Local Wildlife sites	As necessary
Lack of dead wood- over tidying green areas - lack of shelter for some species & lack of food for others	Provide more shelter & food for various species, e.g. stag beetles, hedgehogs	Leave standing deadwood where possible Create log piles	Ongoing

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Lack of suitable nest/roost sites for a variety of birds, e.g. swifts, and bats	Increase available nest/roost sites for birds and bats	Provide bird and bat boxes on appropriate sites See also actions on trees & hedgerows	Ongoing
Lack of suitable wetland habitat for wildflowers & birds	Increase amount of wetland available	Assess possibilities for wetland creation in Evesham	
Need more homes & winter shelter for slow worms, common toad & frogs	Create more shelters/homes for various species	Build hibernacula on appropriate Town Council land	1 year
Need for otter refuges	Provide more refuges for otters	Create at least 1 holt on Town Council land	1 year

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Light pollution affecting moths, bats & glow worms	Protect habitats suitable to moths, bats & glow worms	Encourage & work with WCC to provide appropriate lighting near relevant habitats	Ongoing
Poor water quality affecting wildlife using waterways	Improve the water quality of the Avon, Isbourne and surrounding streams	Support Avon River Action Group and their work to improve local water quality	Ongoing
Loss of traditional orchards in Evesham	Retain and create new traditional orchards	Work with & support Vale Landscape Heritage Trust to maintain & create traditional orchards in Evesham	Ongoing
Loss of hedgerows- important for food, nesting & shelter	Protect and increase native hedgerows	Plant native hedgerows Encourage owners to maintain hedgerows appropriately	Ongoing

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