

**Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – Section 6  
The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty**

**Reporting on Section 6**



**Freystrop Community Council**

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**Name of Town or Community Council: Freystrop Community Council**

**Introduction and Context**

- Freystrop Community Council's purpose is to benefit the local population. Assets of the council include the Village Hall and the Recreation Park. The shores of the Cleddau in the community are in the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park and adjacent to that is a large area of woodland managed by the National Trust. Some 30 acres of common land within the community boundary are managed by Pembrokeshire County Council who work with local graziers to safeguard the biodiversity of this area.
  - Development of the Recreation Park has begun to create a multi-use/multi-functional area for the local population with a bias towards nature conservation & enhancement. Grants have been received, with additional donations from local residents, for tree saplings. These have been planted in various parts of the park by local volunteers. Plans for a community orchard are underway with a number of crab apple and other fruit trees already planted. Dead hedging has been created to encourage wildlife.
  - Freystrop Recreation Park is at the furthest edge of the village on Targate Road and has an area of 6.5 acres – 2.633 hectares.
  - Public service delivery - the work undertaken is for the benefit and Well-being of Future Generations.

**Action Report**

Action carried out to:		Monitored by:
-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	Recreation Park Committee, supported by Freystrop Community Council	
-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	Involvement of volunteers to plant a variety of trees. Updating of community in newsletters and social media.	Recreation Park Steering Group
-safeguard principal species and habitats	Sections of the field have been left for nature. Monitoring of orchid population and locations.	Recreation Park Steering Group
-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	Creation of dead hedging and introduction of a log pile to create new habitats.	Recreation Park Steering Group

-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	The planting of trees is known to be a key factor in the fight against global warming effects. Maintenance of areas as wildflower meadows.	Recreation Park Steering Group
-use improve and share evidence	Pembrokeshire Cost National Park, Pembrokeshire County Council, Pembrokeshire Nature Partnership and Magnificent Meadows Wales Project advice and guidance	
-support capacity and/or other organisations	Pembrokeshire Cost National Park, Pembrokeshire County Council, Rotary Haverfordwest	
<b>Review of s6 duty</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What has worked well? What have the barriers been? What will you change? Recreation Park use by local residents has increased. <b>To be reviewed annually and presented at the Freystrop Community Council AGM</b></li> </ul>		
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Approved by Freystrop Community Council at the meeting of 17 April 2023