

**Jeffreyston Community Council Biodiversity Plan 2019 / 2022**  
**Environment Wales Act 2016 Section 6**

All Public Authorities in Wales, including Community and Town Councils have a duty to prepare and publish a Biodiversity plan by the end of the 2019 and then every three years, setting out its proposals to comply with the requirements of maintaining and enhancing biodiversity within their current work areas.

The duty also supports the Community Council's responsibilities under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 so that Wales benefits from a prosperous economy, a healthy and resilient environment and vibrant, equal and cohesive communities.

Biodiversity encompasses all living plants and animals, and the habitats they depend on. Biodiversity is, literally, life on earth. It is all living plants and animals (including human-kind), their genetic variation and the ecosystems on which they (and we) depend. Biodiversity is everywhere: in gardens, fields, hedgerows, mountains, cliffs and in the sea. Biodiversity represents quality of life. It gives us pleasure, interest and understanding of our environment.

***Jeffreyston Community Council***

Jeffreyston is a rural community, the south-western portion of which lies within the National Park. The main village is Jeffreyston, with smaller settlements including Cresselly, Cresswell Quay, Loveston and Yerboston. The community is largely landlocked, except where it abuts the upper reaches of the Cleddau estuary at Cresswell Quay. The community is predominantly agricultural, within a beautiful undulating landscape. The community Council has a modest precept of £3,150 We promote sustainability and biodiversity by pursuing sustainability goals and sustainable practices whenever possible. The Council has no direct responsibility for land in the community, it does lease the Village Green and Play Area however currently they are maintained by Pembrokeshire County Council.

**Objectives for Jeffreyston Community Council**

1. Embed biodiversity into decision making and procurement
2. Raise awareness of biodiversity and its importance
3. Safeguard principal species and habitats / restore and create habitats
4. Tackle negative factors, e.g reduce pollution / use nature based solutions
5. Support individuals and other organisations, engage with partners, work together to make changes

## Action Report

### Objective 1

(a) Reflected the commitment to biodiversity and natural areas in the Council's 2019 Annual Report. **Monitored by : Commitments made in documents**

(b) We have taken biodiversity into account when considering planning applications and other associated matters. The council has ensured all planning applications are assessed for possible effects on biodiversity and that planning applications that affect habitats and species are addressed and include full ecological surveys which are properly considered. **Monitored by : Consideration of biodiversity demonstrated in decisions on planning applications**

(c) The council ensured that an important factor for the procurement of a park seat for the Village Green was that it would be manufactured from heavy duty recycled plastic for durability and easy maintenance. The council has also been successful with a grant application for the purchase and installation of 2 easy access picnic tables, a further 2 benches and planters, they will also be manufactured from the same recycled material. **Monitored by : The grant application process**

### Objective 2

(a) Raised awareness for council members and staff with pertinent discussions during Council Meetings. **Monitored by : The number of people taking part**

(b) During our consultation for the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant we encouraged the community to volunteer in the context of nature/green spaces resulting in offers of assistance being received to tend to planters in the Village Green. **Monitored by : The consultation process and post installation progress report**

(c) We posted details of the actions we have taken to help biodiversity on our website, social media platforms

### Objective 3

(a) Our grant application proposal looked at specific dimensions of community vitality, such as volunteering, social cohesion, family, loneliness and health. **Monitored by : Increase use of the Village Green**

(b) We also included the proposed installation of planters, the planting of native pollinator friendly flowers, bug hotels and bird boxes – promoting a sustainable healthy eco system. **Monitored by : The increase of area habitat for birds, butterflies and insects and bees**

#### **Objective 4**

(a) The community council operates a sustainable procurement policy which includes ensuring that correspondence be circulated to council members electronically and only printing what is necessary. In addition, we ensure that office supplies and other purchases are sustainably sourced (e.g. locally and/or made from recycled material)

**Monitored by : Council recording system**

(b) The council ensures that invasive non-native species such as Japanese Knotweed is reported to the appropriate authority. **Monitored by : Council recording system**

(c) The council initiated and secured funds to install benches and tables in the Village Green / Play Area, this ensures that residents who previously used their cars to drive to play parks 3 miles away, can now meet in the village – avoiding unnecessary use of vehicles.

#### **Objective 5**

(a) We have worked with Pembrokeshire County Council during the introduction of new changes to the county's waste and recycling collections by raising awareness within the community through use of community notice boards, word of mouth and our website and Facebook page.

(b) We have liaised with Natural resources Wales when we had reports of slurry spillage on the roads.

(c) A community council member has been involved with a village forum, working alongside village residents, the county's assembly member and a local farmer in an effort to solve problems encountered with the spreading of farm slurry in and around the village.

**All the above are examples of partnerships formed to deliver bio-diversity benefit.**

#### **Review of s6 duty**

➤ **What has worked well?**

The enhancement of the Village Green / Play Area

➤ **What have the barriers been?**

(a) Lack of expertise to identify changes needed or best practice

(b) Lack of cohesion in the community

➤ **What will we change?**

(a) Increase collaboration, engage and work with organisations such as National Coast Park Authority, Pembrokeshire County Council, Natural Resources Wales, Wales Bio-diversity Partnership and any residents / organisations that are looking for support.

Jeffreyston Community Council will assist and help tackle identified problems such as fly tipping / litter issues / pollution of streams and rivers and flooding.

(b) Communication is the key to engaging the public in positive behaviour. We will engage with the children in the local primary school. Make a more determined effort in raising

awareness of the importance of this work with regular updates through our websites and social media.

(c) Promote bio-diversity and enlist residents to help with voluntary work. Encourage the community to take part in organised events such as ‘Keep Wales Tidy’ and dedicated community litter pick days. Promote the reduction of waste and encourage re-use / recycling.

➤ **How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?**

(a) This is a live plan that will evolve as and when. It will be monitored annually by the council with regular updates provided by the clerk during the year.

(b) The next report and renewal of the plan will be published no later than the end of December 2022.

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**Key Plan going forward :**

- Continue to safeguard the community’s natural environment and support conservation initiatives
- Continue to plant as many bee / butterfly friendly plants and shrubs as possible
- Continue to work with and support environmental groups and partners
- Continue to improve the Village Green / Play Area as a wildlife haven and engaging community hub

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