

STODY WITH HUNWORTH PARISH COUNCIL BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN
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The Council will manage its land and buildings to enhance and improve biodiversity through best practices engaging with grounds maintenance contractors and volunteers to:

Site	Desired Outcome	Actions	Target Date	How to publicise
Whole Council Area	Raise local awareness of biodiversity	Information promoting the installation of bird and bat boxes, hedgehog highways, bee-friendly plants and overwintering spaces Identify vulnerable trees, hedgerows, ponds, wildlife corridors, meadows, verges etc	Ongoing	Noticeboard, website
The Built Landscape	Planning Applications take local biodiversity into account	Request planning applications require shielded dark sky lighting and permeable boundaries for small animal/hedgehog highways	Ongoing	PC minutes, Response to planning applications
Hunworth Common	A natural space encouraging maximum local biodiversity	Management is minimal to ensure safety and the continuation of the Common in a manner beneficial to biodiversity	Ongoing	
Hunworth Greens	Maintenance of the Greens to enhance local biodiversity which is sensitive to the character of the village	Work with the volunteer grasscutter in respect of the best arrangement for cutting the grass to enhance biodiversity and the use of the Greens as part of the village	Ongoing	Noticeboard, website, PC minutes
The Patch, Pinkey Lane	A natural space encouraging maximum local biodiversity	Currently no active management	Ongoing	Noticeboard, website, PC minutes
Hunworth Pit	A natural space encouraging maximum local biodiversity	Currently no active management	Ongoing	Noticeboard, website, PC minutes
Stody Common	A natural space encouraging maximum local biodiversity	No active management – the space is left to wildlife and not accessible easily accessible to people	Ongoing	Noticeboard, website, PC minutes
Residents gardens	Raise awareness of the importance of gardens as habitats for wildlife	Encourage reduced Spring mowing Encourage bird and bat boxes in suitable locations, and hedgehog highways between gardens Encourage planting of bee-friendly and indigenous trees and flowers	Ongoing	Noticeboard Website Local organisations - eg ?

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Churches & Churchyards	Awareness of biodiversity in the environs of the Church	Liase with Stody and Hunworth PCCs on the Act and actions beneficial to wildlife and biodiversity	Ongoing	PC & PCC liaison
Night Corridors – roadways, paths & gardens	Increased biodiversity and improved resilience of nature	Identify sources of light pollution and raise awareness of the impact on the natural habitat	Ongoing	Noticeboard, website Word of mouth