

**Lockton Parish Council
Biodiversity Action Plan**

Site/Objective	Action	Outcome required	Timescale	Reporting/Publicity
Whole Parish Council area	Raise awareness of biodiversity initiatives that are brought to the PC for consideration	Gain local support for actions	Ongoing	Parish Council meeting minutes/website/notice board/Annual Parish Meeting
The built environment	Building planning applications are considered against the Biodiversity Policy	Protecting/enhancing habitats	Ongoing	Minuted in Parish Council records
Increase community awareness of biodiversity issues	Work with residents on biodiversity initiatives that could be considered within the Parish Publicise local area initiatives e.g. NYMNP relating to biodiversity Use Annual Parish Meeting and website for information sharing	Additional biodiversity activities/locations in place	Ongoing	Website and notice board updates/Annual Parish Meeting
Grass verges in Lockton	Have clear guidelines for grass cutting contracts re leaving uncut areas, whilst maintaining sight lines	Increased food sources and cover Encourages insects Protection of habitats	Ongoing	Monitoring of contractor actions/feedback from residents
Open spaces	Make use of open space to create insect/invertebrate wood piles when carrying out tree/shrub maintenance Maintenance of Community Orchard Village volunteers for regular maintenance of public areas	Improves environment for all Encourages invertebrates Increase in habitats Increased plant diversity	Ongoing	Issues/actions raised at PC meetings and minuted
Dark Skies lighting	Become a Dark Skies Friendly community with reduced street lighting after midnight	Protecting nocturnal animals/insects Meeting NYMNP Dark Skies aims	1 year	Lighting changes confirmed by NYMNP and NYC Dark skies status awarded

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