

NORTH LEVERTON WITH HABBLESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL BIO-DIVERSITY POLICY

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In accordance with the Duty imposed on parish councils by Section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act (NERC) 2006, North Leverton with Habblesthorpe Parish Council will in exercising its functions, have regard, so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of those functions, to the purpose of conserving biodiversity.

Biodiversity means the variety of life around us and includes every species of plant and animal, the genetic material that makes them what they are, and the communities that they form. Biodiversity is essential to sustaining the living networks, or 'ecosystems', that provide us all with health, wealth, food, fuel and the vital services our lives depend on. It is a core component of sustainable development, underpinning economic development and prosperity.

The Parish Council, when commenting on planning applications, will support site and building design that benefits biodiversity through the conservation and integration of existing habitats or provision of new habitats. It will support protection of sensitive habitats from development and will consider whether the development would mean the loss of important habitats for wildlife in respect of all applications.

The Parish Council will, while balancing the needs of the community for maintained areas of land, conserve the biodiversity of the land it manages. It will adopt beneficial practices with regarding to cutting and removal of vegetation, application of chemicals and timing of maintenance work. Special care will be taken in the specification of grounds maintenance contracts to ensure that the work, whilst reaching acceptable standards, does not harm the natural environment.

North Leverton with Habblesthorpe Parish Council undertakes to work in partnership with other organisations to protect, promote and enhance biodiversity within areas of the parish.

The Parish Council will, wherever possible, raise public awareness of biodiversity issues. It will, where feasible, involve the community in biodiversity projects on its land including for example tree planting, wild flower areas, birdbox making and encouraging the development of gardens and other areas.

The Parish Council will communicate information and raise awareness of biodiversity through its website and social media.

See also NLPC Action Plan Appendix A.

NORTH LEVERTON WITH HABBLESTHORPE BIODIVERSITY PLAN

SITE / OBJECTIVE	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>OUTCOME</u>	TARGET TIME SCALE	REPORTING / PUBLICITY
WHOLE COUNCIL AREA	RAISE LOCAL AWARENESS OF BIODIVERSITY	GAIN LOCAL SUPPORT / BACKING	ONGOING	NEWSLETTER / SOCIAL MEDIA / WEBSITE
PROTECT & SUPPORT BIODIVERSITY	ENCOURAGE SUITABLE PLANTING TO SUPPORT BIODIVERSITY	CONNECT & SUPPORT VARIOUS INDIGENOUS FLORA & FAUNA & PROMOTE INCREASE	ONGOING	NEWSLETTER / SOCIAL MEDIA / WEBSITE
HABBLESTHORPE LAND	COMPLETE PURCHASE CARRY OUT SURVEY OF LAND TO ESTABLISH WHAT ANIMAL & PLANT LIFE EXISTS DEVELOP / FORM PLAN TO SECURE SITE AS A CENTRE OF BIODIVERITY INVITE OUTSIDE EXPERTS FOR ADVICE / GUIDANCE EDUCATIONAL NOTICES / PICTURES OF SPECIES SITE VISIT WILDLIFE TRUST	REGENERATE SITE AS A FOCAL POINT FOR GROWTH OF NATURE A CENTRE FOR RESIDENTS TO VISIT WILDLIFE TRUST TO VISIT SITE IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMNET AS PART OF EDUCATION EDUCATIONAL NOTICES / PICTURES OF SPECIES	2024 /25 AUGUST 2024	NEWSLETTER / SOCIAL MEDIA / WEBSITE
HABBLESTHORPE CEMETERY	MAINTAIN AS A SITE FOR NATURAL REWILDING INTRODUCE / ENDOURAGE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT SITE VISIT NOTTINGHAM WILDLIFE	ADDITIONAL SITE OF BIODIVERSITY	ONGOING AUGUST 2024	NEWSLETTER / SOCIAL MEDIA / WEBSITE
RECREATIONAL GROUND/ PLAYING FIELD/ MEMORIAL GARDEN	MAINTAIN AREA FOR USE & SAFE ENVIRONMENT EDUATIONAL PLAQUES NOTICE BOARDS LISTING DIFFERENT SPECIES DEVELOP FURTHER THE MEMORIAL GARDEN TO ENCOURAGE BIODIVERSITY SITE VISIT WILDLIFE TRUST	ADDITIONAL SITE OF BIODIVERSITY	ONGOING AUGUST 2024	NEWSLETTER / SOCIAL MEDIA / WEBSITE

COMMON GROUND OTHER OPEN SPACES	DECIDE WHICH AREAS TO LEAVE UNMOWN. (MOWN AREAS ROAD SAFETY) CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO REMOVE LITTER AND PICK UPAFTER DOGS ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN MAINTAINING & DEVELOPING VARIOUS AREAS. ADVISING ON HOW TO DO SO. PEAT – FREE COMKPOSTS (NO CHEMICALS) SCHOOL AND YOUTH PARTICIPATION.	TO ENCOURAGE INSECT INCREASE.	ONGOING	NEWSLETTER
CONTAINER BY RAILWAY BRIDGE	PAINT AND DECORATE CONTAINER AT RAILWAY BRIDGE AS AGREED. COVER ROOF WITH APPROPRIATE PLANTING. SURROUND CONTAINER WITH APPROPRIATE PLANTING	ENCOURAGE INCREASE IN INSECTS AND BIRDS	AUTUMN 2024 ONGOING	NEWSLETTER
CHURCHYARD CEMETERY	MAINTAIN GRASS AREAS. LEAVE SECTION TO GO WILD BHT SURVEY		ONGOING	
INCREASE COMMUNITY AWARENESS OF BIODIVERSITY	INVOLVE RESIDENTS IN PROJECTS. EG. HABBLESTHORPE LAND INVOLVE LOCAL FARMERS. INVOLVE LOCAL SCHOOL INVOLVE OUTSIDE AGENCIES TO RAISE AWARENESS & MAKE DEVELPOMENTS MORE PROFESSIONAL.	GREATER AWARENESS OF IMPORTANCE OF BIODIVERSITY BETTER OUTCOMES	ONGOING	PROMOTE VIA PHOTS IN NEWSLETTER.
PLANNING	TO INCORPORATE 10% INCREASE IN BIODIVERSITY WITH EACH PLANNING APPLICATION	CURRENT	ONGOING	