

## Llanfairfechan Town Council Biodiversity Plan 2023/24

### Introduction and context

Llanfairfechan Town Council is responsible for an area that has a population of 3660 residents and the budget for 2022/23 was £125,000.

This plan is based on the the principles set out by Welsh Government as follows:

Environment (Wales) Act 2016, Section 6

Objective 1: Engage and support participation and understanding to embed biodiversity throughout decision making at all levels

Objective 2: Safeguard species and habitats of principal importance and improve their management

Objective 3: Increase the resilience of our natural environment by restoring degraded habitats and habitat creation

Objective 4: Tackle key pressures on species and habitats

Objective 5: Improve our evidence, understanding and monitoring

Objective 6: Put in place a framework of governance and support for delivery

The document below details our work in relation to meeting the Environment Act objectives.

<b>Action</b>	<b>Lead Officers</b>	<b>Status</b>
1. Ensure that biodiversity conservation is embedded as a core component of Llanfairfechan Town Council's policies and development plans	TC Environmental Committee TC staff team	Town Council are committed to protecting the environment and developing projects that are environmentally friendly.
1. Ensure biodiversity impacts and opportunities are considered when developing or reviewing policies, strategies, plans or programmes and in project management.	TC Environmental Committee TC staff team Llanfairfechan Town Council	This has now been included in the policy review process and is part of the project management process
2. Ensure biodiversity actions are included in any service plan template	TC Environmental Committee TC staff team	This is already a consideration in service plans and Environmental Committee are consulted on this
3. Review procedures to ensure that planning applications which may require measures to ensure biodiversity	Llanfairfechan Town Council	All planning applications received from the County Borough Council are forwarded to all local councillors for comment, with an

conservation are always identified.		opportunity to call for a meeting to agree a collective response or submission of concern.
6. Review procurement policies which could have biodiversity implications elsewhere	TC Environmental Committee TC staff team Llanfairfechan Town Council	Town Clerk to report to Town Council on biodiversity when developing projects
6. Raise awareness of biodiversity and its Importance  Community events – awareness of supporting local produce and recycle reuse along with biodiversity information sessions	TC Environmental Committee TC staff team Llanfairfechan Town Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Big Green Week events</li> <li>• Book, toy, and plant swap opportunities at the market</li> <li>• Focus on local produce at the market</li> <li>• Support for clothes swap events</li> <li>• Supporting the Incredible Edibles group</li> <li>• Support for Plastic Free Llanfairfechan</li> <li>• Supporting the Community Orchard group</li> <li>• Host for Llanfairfechan Litter Picking Hub</li> <li>• Developing a Llanfairfechan Fruit Trail</li> <li>• Reusing green space for edible and wildlife plants</li> </ul>

### Site Management and Species Protection

#### Victoria Gardens

1. Gardening  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WI wildlife garden</li> <li>• Incredible Edibles vegetable bed</li> <li>• Victoria Gardens Edible Hedges</li> </ul>	TC Staff team Environmental committee	Gardening only allowed within biodiversity guidelines. Hedges and trees should not be disturbed during nesting season March to August. TC does not allow weedkilling in the area and the Incredible Edibles group maintains and tidies the area on a weekly basis April to October. Biodiversity Guidelines for contractors have been written & are to be given to contractors.
2. Equipment	Town Council	Any equipment purchased will follow biodiversity guidelines. Where possible items will be natural materials or recycled.

#### Public Rights of Way (PROW)

1. Contractors will provide two cuts a year for the PROW	Environmental Committee Town Clerk Contractor	Biodiversity Guidelines for contractors have been written & are to be given to contractors.
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<p>May cut is a low level cut without disturbing any potential nesting areas September cut is a full cut that takes back any overgrown areas</p>		<p>Biodiversity Guidelines for contractors have been written &amp; are to be given to contractors.</p>
<p>2. No weedkiller or chemicals will be used in the areas</p>	<p>Environmental Committee Town Clerk Contractor</p>	
<p><b>MUGA West Shore Llanfairfechan</b></p>		
<p>1. Contractors will be engaged to maintain the area</p>	<p>Environmental Committee Town Clerk Contractor</p>	<p>Biodiversity Guidelines for contractors have been written &amp; are to be given to contractors.</p>
<p>2. No weedkiller or chemicals will be used in the areas</p>	<p>Environmental Committee Town Clerk Contractor</p>	
<p><b>How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the Biodiversity Plan be reviewed?</b> The plan will be monitored by the Environmental Committee on an ongoing basis. The plan will be reviewed annually in May along with the governance documents at our Annual Meeting</p>		
<p><b>This plan was prepared by Town Clerk and RFO Jayne Neal and ratified by Llanfairfechan Town Council</b></p> <p><b>Date:</b></p> <p><b>Signed:</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Mayor of Llanfairfechan</b></span></p> <p><b>Signed:</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Town Clerk</b></span></p>		