

# Croydon Parish Council

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## Biodiversity Policy

All Councils must consider how to conserve and enhance biodiversity in their area. Policies and objectives need to be decided, and how best to deliver them and achieve the objectives.

### Croydon Parish Council

In line with Section 40 9f the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, updated by Section 102 of the Environment Act 2021, Croydon Parish council must from time to time consider what action it can take to further the general biodiversity objective. Biodiversity is the variety of all life on earth and it includes everything that is alive on our planet. It is the building block of our ecosystems and it supports us with our economic and social wellbeing.

### Aims and Objectives

Council aims to work towards enhancing and conserving the biodiversity of the parish by

- considering and commenting on the potential impact of a planning application
- supporting local businesses to adopt low impact and nature positive practices
- supporting other organisations to manage their areas with biodiversity in mind
- encourage all residents to enhance and promote diversity

### Land and Property

Council does not own any land or property.

**Council will raise awareness** in the local community via its website and other communications, working with any organisation to further enhance biodiversity within the parish.

**Council will work in partnership** with others to protect, promote and enhance biodiversity in the parish, by reviewing any nature strategies, species conservation and Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSIs), and consider if there is anything Council may do to promote and enhance biodiversity within them.

The policy will be reviewed from time to time, as required.

<b>Site/Objective</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Target in years</b>	<b>Publicity</b>
Whole area	Raise local awareness of biodiversity	Gain support for any action taken	Ongoing	
Protect and support biodiversity	Encourage planting to support biodiversity	To meet the needs of a variety of wildlife species	Ongoing	
Churchyards	Additional planting	Extra free trees from SCDC	Completed	Minutes May 2024
The Built Environment	<p>Ensure planning applications are considered with biodiversity in mind</p> <p>Work with CCC regarding verge management and biodiversity</p>	<p>Protect and enhance biodiversity habitats</p> <p>Protect and enhance biodiversity habitats</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Minutes Dec 2023</p> <p>Ongoing/ as received</p>
Increase community awareness	<p>Raise awareness of biodiversity in gardens</p> <p>Encourage permeable boundaries for wildlife</p> <p>Ask residents hw they would like to conserve biodiversity</p>	<p>Protect and enhance biodiversity habitats</p> <p>Promote biodiversity</p> <p>Promote biodiversity</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	
Support Community projects	Support any biodiversity projects undertaken in the parish	Protect and enhance biodiversity habitats	Ongoing	Purchase of strimmer July 2024