

## EAST WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### BIODIVERSITY AND ENVIRONMENT DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN

Under the Environment Act (Wales) 2016 all local authorities 'must seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity in the proper exercise of their functions and in doing so promote the resilience of ecosystems'. This means that, when managing our parks for people to enjoy, town (and community) councils should also be seeking opportunities to maintain and enhance the wildlife that these areas support and manage the habitats (e.g. grassland, trees, wetlands) so that they are in as natural and resilient a state as possible.

The duty also supports our wider remit under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 so that Wales benefits from a prosperous economy, a healthy and resilient environment and vibrant, cohesive communities.

East Williamston Community Council continues to contribute positively to the local environment and promoting sustainability.

#### Areas to be considered by Council for future action and inclusion

The Council does not own/manage a great amount of open space within the community but will continue to work collaboratively with Pembrokeshire County Council and be ready to take any potential opportunities that arise through the transfer of assets or tasks devolved from PCC in the future. It is also suggested that any additional acquisition of land (such as play areas or footpaths, for example) should include a specific action linked to this duty.

Further ideas to make a difference with biodiversity and our environment are outlined below and will be incorporated into the Community Council's Action Plan as the development of that document progresses. It is possible that some of the initiatives below can be implemented now by working with PCC to gain their permission to start.

The Common	Continue to encourage wildlife.
Village Green	Leave part of the green as 'wild' to encourage wildlife. Suggest planting some wildflowers areas to attract pollinators.
Jubilee Park	Continue to encourage wildlife.
All of community area	Become a 'bee friendly' community which is a Welsh Govt Initiative aimed at all pollinators, not just bees. There are four goals: Food (provide food sources), 5* accommodation (provide places for insect pollinators to live) Free from pesticides and herbicides (commit to avoid use of chemicals that can harm pollinators.) Fun (involve all the community and letting people know what we are doing
Living Roofs	Look at potential opportunities to include 'living roofs' in the community as the installation of these helps to improve the thermal performance of the roof and also can help with a decrease in rainwater run-off by absorbing rainwater for it be stored in the plants and the planting material and is then evaporated back into the atmosphere.