

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 - Section 6

The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report 2019

Name of Town or Community Council:

Llanbadoc Community Council

Introduction and Context

Llanbadoc Community Council is located within a rural area and provide a range of services to its local community which have an impact on biodiversity.

These include responsibility for:

Common land, which include 5 woodlands, roadside, large riverside picnic area and two playgrounds at Llanbadoc Island and Lower Common in Glascoed

LCC serve approximately 3000 residents. The precept for 2019/20 is approx £14,000.

Action Report		
Action carried out to:	Action Taken:	Monitored by:
- embed biodiversity into decision making and procurement	Biodiversity considerations when considering planning applications.	Consideration of biodiversity plans and ecological requirements in decisions on planning applications.
- raise awareness of biodiversity and its importance	Jenny's Bushes woodland was recognised as a Local Wildlife Site in 2013 by Gwent Wildlife Trust.	Educational opportunity via provision of free management advice from GWT
- safeguard principal species and habitats	Ensure no negative impacts on protected species such as bluebells	Report misuse of woodland by public users, ie off road motorbikes etc
- restore and create habitats and resilient ecological networks	Retain dead wood within woodlands and leave dead wood standing wherever possible. Habitat piles created to provide habitat for wildlife.	Regular reporting of condition of woodlands - Health and Safety being primary consideration however.
- tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	Recycled paper and cardboard waste from the office.	Consideration of reduction in printing of documents.
	Report and/directly control Japanese Knotweed, Rhododendron & other invasive species at appropriate times of year to minimise herbicide contamination.	Regular reporting of condition of woodlands and footpaths
	Carry out regular litter picking	Identify areas of regular fly tipping and litter dropping. Initiate reporting and/ facilitate direct action to carry out regular litter picks.

Review of S6 duty

What has worked well?

The mature woodlands provide habitat with minimal management & restock themselves naturally. The regular litter picks ensure that the litter does not build up excessively.

What have the barriers been?

Limited of expertise to identify and implement changes needed or best practice.

What will you change?

Improve biodiversity knowledge & engage with experts wherever possible to expand current practices as much as possible.

How and when will the S6 duty be monitored and the S6 plan be reviewed?

The S6 plan will be reviewed annually at the December Council meeting.

