

**Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 - Section 6  
The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty - Report 2019**

**Vale of Grwyney Community Council**

**Introduction**

The Vale of Grwyney Community Council is a small community council situated within the Brecon Beacons National Park. It represents three villages and a scattered rural hinterland with a total population of approximately 700.

The Community Council is a custodial trustee of Glangrwyney Village Hall, but does not own any premises or land.

The Council contributes financially towards the upkeep of three churchyards and a playground located within its community. It has recently been instrumental in the creation of community allotments and is currently developing a nature garden and community orchard.

The Council actively promotes applications from community groups to fund sustainable projects which enhance the environment and benefit its residents.

The precept for 2019/20 is £7,000.

**Action Plan**

Action carried out to:		Monitored by:
embed biodiversity into decision making and procurement	Biodiversity implications are taken into account when considering planning applications and associated matters, ie footpath divisions. It is also a factor for consideration when making procurement decisions.	Commitments made in documents.
Raise awareness of biodiversity and its importance	Event held to encourage community participation in development of a nature garden and community orchard and to increase knowledge and raise awareness of sustainability matters. Local primary school children have been actively involved	Feedback from council members and residents

Safeguard principal species and habitats	Management schedule prepared for the nature garden which aims to create suitable habitats for protected species.	Records of any sites or species safeguarded.
Restore and create habitats and resilient ecological networks	Installed nesting boxes in the nature garden to provide safe places for species of birds to nest  Designed landscaping to encourage a diverse wildlife population, especially pollinating insects such as bees and butterflies.	Numbers of successful nesting sites monitored
Tackle negative factors: eg reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	Remove use of pesticides to only where absolutely necessary, is control of invasive non-nature species such as Japanese Knotweed.	Use of expert advice
Use improve and share evidence	The Council will play its part in ensuring evidence and information is promulgated widely and may be used to best effect.	Documented evidence
Support capacity and/or other organisations	Require any community groups requesting grant funding to demonstrate how this will contribute to supporting biodiversity as part of their project.	Documented evidence

**Review of s6 Duty**

The Vale of Grwyney CC represents a small rural community with limited assets. It aims to promote sustainability and biodiversity by pursuing sustainability goals and sustainable practices wherever possible. This duty and related plan will be reviewed annually each May.

The plan will be up-dated in light of best practice or upon guidance from the Welsh Government, One Voice Wales, Powys County Council or the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority.