

QUEENBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

SITE/ OBJECTIVE	ACTION	OUTCOME	TARGET (YEARS)	REPORTING/ PUBLICITY
Queenborough and Rushenden	Raise local awareness of biodiversity.	Gain local support for action.	Ongoing	Website, Noticeboards, social media
Protect and support biodiversity	Encourage suitable planting to support biodiversity.	Connect and diversify habitats to meet the needs of a variety of wildlife species.	Ongoing	Mapping
Old Churchyard/ Churchyard	Additional Planting. Maintain and renew bird boxes as required. Adopt a plan to support wildlife and diversity whilst maintaining the site in a way which enables visitors to experience quite and calm remembrance. Leave leaf litter and dead vegetation wherever possible as a habitat for invertebrates.	Increased diversity of habitats and food sources. Increased cover for invertebrates, reptiles, amphibians and small mammals. Encouraging insects particularly butterflies and bees.	Ongoing	Work with the Church Work with Swale Borough Council QTC In Bloom
Parks	Sympathetically maintain hedging. Leave some areas unmown. Only use environment friendly pesticides where absolutely necessary and only in ideal weather conditions.	Food sources and cover Encourages insects Sustain and enhance natural habitats	Ongoing	Interact with SBC Greenspaces Team.

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Common/ other open spaces	<p>Adopt a management plan.</p> <p>Encourage residents to remove litter and pick up after their dogs.</p> <p>Work with the county council on verge management, favouring biodiversity but noting which areas may need cutting for highway safety.</p> <p>Encourage residents to adopt areas to look after, making it clear what is expected e.g. peat free compost and no chemicals.</p>	<p>Sustain and enhance natural habitats.</p> <p>Protecting habitats</p> <p>Protecting/enhancing habitats</p> <p>Regular attention.</p>	Ongoing	<p>Spray Signs on Pavement. Place signs. Noticeboards/Website/Social Media.</p> <p>Interact with KCC.</p> <p>Start Campaign. Social Media/Noticeboards/ Websites QTC In Bloom</p>
The Built Landscape	<p>Ensure that planning consultations are considered against the requirements of the neighbourhood plan.</p> <p>Encourage hedgehog/small animal highways with permeable boundaries</p>	<p>Protecting/enhancing habitats</p> <p>Extending habitats</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>2024</p>	<p>Neighbourhood plan.</p> <p>Sign up to Hedgehog Highway.</p>

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Increase community awareness of biodiversity	<p>Ask residents for their views on what they would like to be done to conserve biodiversity within the town.</p> <p>Raise awareness of the importance of gardens as habitats for wildlife, with possible actions highlighted in the town leaflet.</p> <p>Create a page on the town council website for photographs/information/links.</p> <p>Encourage local farmers to contribute.</p> <p>Provide seed bombs/bulbs etc for residents' use.</p> <p>Discourage floodlighting.</p>	<p>Engagement/ownership of biodiversity</p> <p>Promote biodiversity</p> <p>Promote biodiversity</p> <p>Promote biodiversity</p> <p>Extending habitats</p> <p>Protect nocturnal animals</p>	Ongoing	Neighbourhood Plan consultation
Support community projects	<p>Support hedge/tree planting in any appropriate areas.</p> <p>Work in partnership with the school to develop young people's awareness of the environment around them.</p> <p>Consider events and offer volunteering opportunities to support biodiversity, working with local organisations.</p>	<p>Extending habitats</p> <p>Promote biodiversity</p> <p>Promote biodiversity</p>		