

GUTHORPE WITH BALE PARISH COUNCIL BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN
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The Council will manage its land and buildings to enhance and improve biodiversity through best practices engaging with grounds maintenance contractors and volunteers to:

Site	Desired Outcome	Actions	Target Date	How to publicise
Whole Council Area	Raise local awareness of biodiversity	Information promoting the installation of bird and bat boxes, hedgehog highways, bee-friendly plants and overwintering spaces Identify vulnerable trees, hedgerows, ponds, wildlife corridors, meadows, verges etc	Ongoing	Noticeboard, website Local newsletter
The Built Landscape	Planning Applications take local biodiversity into account	Request planning applications require shielded dark sky lighting and permeable boundaries for small animal/hedgehog highways	Ongoing	
Residents gardens	Raise awareness of the importance of gardens as habitats for wildlife	Encourage reduced Spring mowing Encourage bird and bat boxes in suitable locations, and hedgehog highways between gardens Encourage planting of bee-friendly and indigenous trees and flowers	Ongoing	Noticeboard Website Local organisations - eg ?
Church & Churchyard	Awareness of biodiversity in the environs of the Church	Liase with the PCC on the Act and actions beneficial to wildlife and biodiversity	Ongoing	PC & PCC liaison
Night Corridors – roadways, paths & gardens	Increased biodiversity and improved resilience of nature	Identify sources of light pollution and raise awareness of the impact on the natural habitat	Ongoing	Noticeboard, website Local newsletter