



Berrick Salome Parish Council

Biodiversity Policy

In accordance with the duty imposed on town and parish councils by Section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, updated by Section 102 of the Environment Act 2021, Berrick Salome Parish Council (hereinafter referred to as the Council) must from time to time consider what action it can properly take, consistently with the proper exercise of its functions, to further a general biodiversity objective.

The Council states that it will have due regard for conserving or enhancing biodiversity in all of its thinking, decision making and actions. A non-exhaustive list of areas through which it will demonstrate regard for biodiversity will be as follows:

1. Consideration of the impact of planning applications in relation to their;
 - a. Impact on existing habitats.
 - b. Creation of new habitats.
2. Endeavour to conserve the biodiversity of the land it manages by having regard for;
 - a. The cutting and removal of vegetation, timing necessary works to least disturb wildlife habitats.
 - b. Minimising the application of chemicals.
3. Work in partnership with other organisations such as BaNG (Benson Area Nature Group) to protect, promote and enhance biodiversity within the parish.
4. Raise, wherever possible, public awareness of biodiversity issues by encouraging community involvement in biodiversity projects in the parish, such as;
 - a. Tree Planting.
 - b. Stream management.
 - c. Wildlife protection and/or enhancement.
5. Communicate information through its newsletters to raise awareness of biodiversity with parishioners, to include such things as;
 - a. Local events.
 - b. Potential grant funding opportunities.

Adopted by Berrick Salome Parish Council on 14th November 2024

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Chairman

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Parish Clerk