

Biodiversity Plan Update May 2025

A. *Raising Local Awareness of Biodiversity*

Articles in the Farnie from residents, groups and the Parish Council

Feb 25

- **Guides and Rangers** sowing wildflower seeds on the Bunds on Parfitt Drive

March 25

- **Bats in the Millennium Wood** 7 different species and 2000 movements detected Common Pipistrelle, Soprano ,Pipistrelle, Natterers, Daubentons.
- Community Volunteer Tree Planting. PC awarded £8000 as part of the Trees for Climate project .46 trees planted

April 25

- **News from the Aviary.** Article on pollinators for bees

May 25

- **Leave your garden wild** Article on leaving parts of your garden wild for pollinators

Website Links

Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Nottinghamshire and Nottingham <https://notts naturerecovery.co.uk/index.php>. Online survey for residents to participate .Link available on the Parish Council website . Open from 6th May-16th June

<https://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/latest-news/2025/april/grass-allowed-to-grow-for-no-mow-may/>

B. *Protecting and Supporting Biodiversity*

Recreation Grounds

- No Mow May 2025. For the first time areas on Parfitt Drive, Wilsons Field, The Acres and Reynolds fields were marked out and signs erected to denote these areas would not be mown. Mown paths were created to allow residents to access pitches and recreational areas freely.

Open Space and Woodland

- The Squirrels uniform Group planted an oak tree in Compartment 1 in Feb.They are enjoying the woodland
- Western Power have cut down the Cherry saplings under the power lines on the Eastern footpath in the woodland
- Need to advertise the safe disposal of cigarette butts. Too many found near the Football pavilion. Suggest sticker on the door

- Parish Council Litter grabbers continue to be used in the community. 18 are out on semi permanent loan and Mansfield Road, Cockett Lane and the village are regularly picked. Thanks go to all the volunteers
- The WI have replanted the tubs on the Ridgeway Green Space and members of FCS continue to look after this area. Typical activities include cutting back the Buddleia ,borders and mowing them 2x a year as a meadow. Yellow Rattle are increasing and having an effect on the more vigorous grasses. A water butt has been reinstated and helps us to water the planter again with the help of volunteers. Big thanks to our new neighbours next to the Green Space

Encourage Residents to Monitor and Survey

- Big Garden Birdwatch
- Big Butterfly Count
- Love Your Burial Ground Week

C. Built Environment

- Planning Applications are scrutinised with biodiversity in mind
- Young hedging adjacent to Bowls Club has been watered and looking healthy and newly planted whips in Hawthorn hedge on the Southwell Road

D. Supporting Community Projects

- 46 trees have been kept alive during this very dry Spring. Thanks go to councillors, caretaker, residents and the Cricket Club . A combination of wheelbarrow, camper vans and watering cans were used
- The Youth Council took part in “Lets Grow With It “ a RHS initiative to increase biodiversity in Green Spaces. This can be seen on the Ridgeway Green Space . Chives, Red Campion, Cosmos and other annuals