

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

Neyland Town Council

Neyland Town Council provides services for a population of approximately 3,465, according to the 2011 census with a precept for 2019-2020 of £65. Areas of biodiversity consideration include:

- The children’s playpark
- Flower beds at the cenotaph
- Land at Honeyborough Cemetery and a field behind that is leased out to a farmer (shared ownership with Llanstadwell Community Council
- Neyland Vale (common land) that is jointly administered by Neyland Town Council and Pembrokeshire County Council
- Advice given on planning applications to the planning authority
- Financial and other support made to other organisations that cascade down.

Action Report **[Based on year ending 31st December 2019]**

Action carried out to:	Examples:	Monitored by:
Embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	Biodiversity has been considered during planning applications. Sustainability is part of the council’s environment policy.	Minutes recorded
Raise awareness of biodiversity and its importance	Council gave out native wild flower seeds to residents during the successful application for ‘bee friendly’ status, approved in Sep 2019. Council has created a new ‘environment’ category on its website.	Will form part of the council’s annual plan
Safeguard principal species and habitats	Protected species found in Neyland include Bats (10 species recorded) and Otters. No works have been done by town council likely to impact these. Principal habitats in the town Honeyborough Cemetery is well known as a good site for Waxcap Fungi. These are vulnerable to artificial fertilisers, cultivation and pesticides. It continues to be managed in a low impact way that protects these by short grass mowing. There are shrubs and trees that provide shelter and food for birds. Some non-natives conifers offering poor biodiversity have been removed.	Consult Pembrokeshire nature partnership when engaging in activities that might affect principal species and habitats

-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	Provided funding for 3 flower beds using pollinator friendly perennials.	Area of habitat increased
-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	We have identified a problem with two non-native invasive species in Neyland: Japanese Knotweed and Winter Heliotrope. Japanese Knotweed is encroaching on the cemetery from a local business. Sustainable procurement policy which includes ensuring office supplies such as paper, cleaning products and office furniture are sustainably sourced (e.g. locally and/or made from recycled material	Contact land-owners where invasive species are found to request appropriate action.
-use improve and share evidence	The county Biodiversity Officer spoke to council about the bee friendly scheme.	Bee friendly scheme reviewed at March meeting of council
-support capacity and/or other	Gave financial support and publicity to NADEE (Neyland and District Environment Enthusiasts)	Invite a speaker annually eg Pembrokeshire nature Partnership or Wildlife Trust to talk about their work on biodiversity.

Review of s6 duty

What has worked well?

The bee friendly scheme has been received positively by the community.

What have the barriers been?

Lack of expertise to identify changes needed or best practice.

What will you change?

Work with the Local Biodiversity Officer to seek advice.

How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?

Will be reviewed at the March meeting of Neyland Town Council