

CLEE ST MARGARET
BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

Areas where the Parish Council can have a direct impact

SITE / OBJECTIVE	ACTION	OUTCOME	TARGET (Years)	REPORTING/ PUBLICITY
Whole Council area	Raise local awareness of biodiversity Discuss conducting carbon footprint calculations at community level with resources provide by NALC	Gain local support for council and community biodiversity aims and projects Better understanding of impact of our lifestyles	Ongoing	Annual PC meetings, website, local newsletter
Protect and conserve biodiversity	Encourage litter picking Ensure Byeways Open to All Traffic (BOATs) and green lanes are kept traffic free Encourage landowners and contractors to maintain hedges in environmentally sympathetic way Explore/consult with community collection point for waste items that are currently not taken by VEOLIA, eg Tetra-paks	Protects habitats and water courses; removing potential hazards to wildlife Protects and improves habitats Sustains habitats that provide cover and food for wildlife Reduction in items going to landfill and car trips to waste site	Ongoing	
Parish Council Business	Conduct PC business in environmentally low-impact ways, e.g. reduce paper use and printing, source sustainable supplies	Reduction in PC carbon footprint	In place and ongoing	

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Clee Liberty Common	<p>Manage Common to maintain its historic status and provide local and wide community enjoyment, while always aiming to conserve, protect and improve biodiversity</p> <p>Review, monitor and update management plan annually, especially as regards gorse and bracken</p> <p>Work with Commoners and local community to provide network of biodiverse habitats to benefit wildlife, local economy and landscape</p> <p>Engage with local wildlife groups conducting surveys</p> <p>Consider Slow the Flow projects</p> <p>Review of rush cutting near quarry</p>	<p>Maintain and protect natural habitats</p> <p>Habitat protection</p> <p>Improve water retention for habitat and species benefit, sphagnum moss, marsh violets (food plant of the pearl-bordered fritillary butterfly)</p>	In progress and ongoing	
Countryside Stewardship	Awaiting outcome of application which is currently with the RPA			
SFI	Common entered 2023 into SFI Moorland Scheme	Data collection, e.g. plant species, soil depth	Ongoing	

Areas where the PC will work to a positive impact on biodiversity through the support and encouragement of community and partner activities

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Local Community / Parishioners	<p>Promote:</p> <p>wildlife-friendly gardens, e.g. leaving wild areas, avoiding chemicals, peat-free compost, being over tidy</p> <p>planting of good pollinator plants and food producing species</p> <p>creation of dead hedges, habitat piles rather than burning of dead vegetation and prunings/trimmings</p> <p>Explore:</p> <p>community bulk-buying schemes</p> <p>community car-sharing, e.g. twice-monthly car sharing to local Farmers' Market</p>	<p>Encourages insects, butterflies and small mammals</p> <p>Provision of habitats, cover and food for wildlife</p> <p>Reduces car journeys</p> <p>Supports local growers and local economy, reduction in food miles</p>	Ongoing	
Churchgrounds	<p>Encourage management of church grounds in ways sympathetic to biodiversity, e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - no mow May - leave areas of long grass and leaf litter/dead vegetation - wild flower area 	<p>Encourage insects, especially butterflies and bees</p> <p>Increase diversity of habitats for insects, amphibians and small mammal</p>	Ongoing	
Village Hall and its Grounds	<p>Encourage VH Committee and users to continue to adopt environmentally low-impact and sustainable practices in the management of its buildings and grounds</p> <p>Support tree planting and community orchard</p>	Improved biodiversity	In progress and ongoing	Website, community newsletter, social media,

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Local and community organisations	<p>Work alongside local wildlife partners and community initiatives, e.g. butterfly, bird, fungi surveys that improve local, county-wide and national understanding</p> <p>Keep informed and engage with local organisations aiming to inform about and conserve biodiversity (e.g. Abdon and District Wildlife Group, South Shropshire RSPB, Page's Meadow Talks & Films)</p>	Increased awareness and understanding of local habitats	Ongoing	