

# PSECC Biodiversity Policy 2025

The Community Council manages the Churchyard, Playing Fields, Playground and allotments. It also co-operates with the Vale Council in maintaining the road verges. Peterston also has a **Site of Special Scientific Interest** on the banks of the River Ely. The aim of this policy is to maintain & where possible improve the biodiversity of the area. The Council will follow guidance from expert bodies such as Natural Resources Wales & Plant Life. Promotion of biodiversity is also considered when awarding council grants.

The Council will work in co-operation with TASC (manging Multi use Games Area) and Cyswllt Peterston Connect **CPC** (Local environmental charity).

## **River Ely SSI**

Please see separate rivers document.

## **Churchyard**

A wild area has been managed for wildlife since 2022, with delayed mowing to encourage wildflowers. Bird boxes installed prior to this. Avoidance of chemicals as far as possible.

## **Playing Fields**

Suitable areas to be kept wild. Spreading of previously planted snow drops and native daffodils to around newer trees. Trees have been planted to screen the MUGA & around edges of playing fields. Grants from Keep Wild Tidy for a pollinator garden. Seven fruit trees were planted for Diamond Jubilee. Four hundred whips have been planted around playground to form a mixed hedge. The final height will have to be decided and leaders cut back.

## **Verges**

Management in accordance with Plant Life guidance if no safety concerns.

Monitoring to be carried out using the Standard Recording Template and reported yearly to the full council. (??AGM) {New one AGA toolkit is being developed & may be useful in the future}

The Council also supports the Community Orchard in Lanlay Fields NT Nature Reserve. The Orchard, which is run by **CPC** has held a green flag award for three years.

**Reporting Template** {subject to revision in line with new One Voice Wales Toolkit}

<b>Site</b>	<b>Current Management</b>	<b>Future Plans</b>
<b>River Ely SSI</b>	Cutting back excess brambles. Monitor Monkshood and invasive plants in collaboration with CPC	Develop area of wildflowers by White Bridge. Consider improving access to "Village Green"
<b>Churchyard</b>	Managed by "4Seasons", regular mowing round graves	Further develop wildlife areas.
<b>Playing Fields</b>	Regular mowing and cutting back around boundaries.	Develop wildlife areas at edges of the field. "Topping" of hedge around playground.
<b>Verges</b>	Manage in accordance with PlantLife Guidelines	Continue
<b>Allotments</b>		?? Greenflag