

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}

Site	Current Management	Future Plans
River Ely SSI	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"
Churchyard	Managed by "4Seasons", regular mowing round graves	Further develop wildlife areas.
Playing Fields	Regular mowing and cutting back around boundaries.	Develop wildlife areas at edges of the field. "Topping" of hedge around playground.
Verges	Manage in accordance with PlantLife Guidelines	Continue
Allotments		?? Greenflag