

Peterston-super-Ely Community Council

Cyngor Cymuned a Llanbedr-yr-Fro



Biodiversity Report

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

Town & Community Councils are subject to the Biodiversity and Ecosystems Resilience Duty under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016. Under this Act, all public authorities must, before the end of 2019 and before the end of every third year after 2019, publish a report on what they have done to comply with this duty. This report aims to outline how Peterston Super Ely Community Council supports biodiversity in its functions.

The Community Council manages the Churchyard, Playing Fields & Playground. 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 will also be considered when awarding council grants.

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

River Ely SSI

Maintenance to be carried out in the winter as advised by NRW. Himalayan Balsam Control will continue by CPC who also carry out regular surveys. Any Japanese Knotweed treatment to be approved by Natural Resources Wales.

Churchyard

A wild area is managed for wildlife with delayed mowing to encourage wildflowers. Bird boxes installed. 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. Fruit trees planted for Diamond Jubilee. Four hundred whips have been planted around playground to form a mixed hedge.

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.

The Council also supports the Community Orchard in Lanlay Fields NT Nature Reserve.

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