

CYNGOR CYMUNED CORRIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report 2025

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – Section 6		
Name of Town or Community Council: Corris Community Council		
<p>Introduction and Context</p> <p>Corris Community Council provide a range of services to its local community which have an impact on biodiversity.</p> <p>These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsibility for a number of green spaces including the orchard, two playgrounds, King George 5th playing fields and cemetery. • Organising planters and floral displays in the playgrounds. <p>We promote sustainability and biodiversity by pursuing sustainability goals and sustainable practices whenever possible.</p> <p>We serve approximately 650 residents. The precept for 2024/25 was £12,000.</p>		
Action Report		
Action carried out to:		Monitored by:
-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflected the commitment to biodiversity and natural areas by expressing the desire to join the Dyfi Biosphere and committing to playing an active role within the organisation • Taking into account biodiversity considerations when considering planning applications and other associated matters, such as footpath diversion orders and neighbourhood services matters. • Ensuring that our contractors are fully aware of the duty to promote bio diversity and protect it from interference. 	<p>Commitments made in documents</p> <p>Consideration of biodiversity demonstrated in decisions on planning applications.</p>
-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where possible encourage the public to consider the bio-diversity of the natural surroundings • Where possible take part in events and seminars to learn more about biodiversity and how to improve it and contribute to public information schemes and advertising. • Posting details of the actions we have taken to help biodiversity in the Corris Community Council area on our website, social media platforms. 	<p>Through feedback from Council members and residents.</p> <p>Numbers of people taking part in activities</p>

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<p>-safeguard principal species and habitats</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is reflected in the Council's commitment to undertaking essential grounds works at appropriate times of year and with due consideration for the wildlife and plant-life populations. • Ensured no negative impacts on protected species 	<p>Records of any sites or species safeguarded</p>
<p>-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installed planters with native pollinator friendly flowers and shrubs in the playground. • Maintain the orchard/folly to encourage pollinator friendly flowers, trees and shrubs. • Look at possibilities to improve the biodiversity in and around the cemetery without impacting on the experience when visiting graves of family and friends. 	<p>Area of habitat increased.</p>
<p>-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whenever possible, ensuring office supplies such as paper and cleaning products are sustainably sourced (e.g. locally and/or made from recycled material). • Reduced the use of pesticides to only where absolutely necessary such as to control invasive non-native species such as Japanese Knotweed. 	<p>Minimum amount of pesticide applied</p>
<p>-use, improve and share evidence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuously work with the Dyfi Biosphere and other local environmental groups to ensure use of best practice and to learn about other initiatives in the local area to increase our knowledge and share our experiences. 	<p>Increased knowledge</p>
<p>-support capacity and/or other organisations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked with Keep Wales Tidy to improve the school grounds and the Playground areas. • Continuously looking for opportunities to take part in projects that will give more knowledge of how to improve the biodiversity in our community. 	<p>Use of expert advice</p>
<p>Review of s6 duty</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What worked well? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Keep Wales Tidy raised beds and climbers have grown well and increased the number of native plants for wildlife. •Several hedgehog boxes and bug hotels have been placed in the community. These will be reviewed in the Spring. 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What have the barriers been? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gwynedd County Council has continued to spray areas within the Community. Lack of communication also means that we are not sure the spraying will take place. •Some planting has caused problems with buildings as they are growing too close and are very vigorous. •Lack of knowledge of fruit trees meant that ongoing maintenance was not done. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What will you change? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Some of the plants will need to be moved to more suitable areas. •Raised beds will be repositioned to enable better access. •Training in fruit tree pruning to make sure the trees are given the best chance of survival. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The biodiversity plan will be reviewed every year. Successful projects and actions will be noted as well as looking at improvements. •Any changes to the biodiversity plan will be decided on in the review. 	

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