

Community & Town Councils

Biodiversity Action Plan 2026-27

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

Name of Community & Town Council:	Corris Community Council
Council type (Group 1, 2 or 3 for NRAP Objectives):	Group 2
Introduction and Context	
<p>Corris Community Council provide a range of services to its local community which have an impact on biodiversity. Corris Community Council is a Group 2 Council under the Nature Recovery Action Plan (NRAP) classification. The Council owns several areas of land, namely King George 5th playing fields, two Playgrounds, Orchard and Cemetery. Its primary functions include representing the local community, supporting local initiatives and providing small grants along with maintaining its green spaces and footpaths etc.</p> <p>As a Group 2 organisation, Corris Community Council must report on objectives 1-6 of the Nature Recovery Action Plan for Wales (NRAP).</p> <p>Corris Community Council promote sustainability and biodiversity by pursuing sustainability goals and sustainable practices whenever possible. The Council serves approximately 650 residents and the precept for 2026/27 is £19,000.</p>	

NRAP Objective	Biodiversity objectives	Action planned	Time scale	Monitored by:
1	-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take biodiversity considerations into account when reviewing planning applications and other associated matters, i.e. footpath diversion orders and neighbour services matters. Ensuring that our contractors are fully aware of the duty to promote biodiversity and protect wildlife from interference. No work to be carried out during the nesting season. To consider a biodiversity element when the Council looks to supporting local projects. 	Ongoing	Council/Clerk

	-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where possible encourage the public to consider the biodiversity 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 and social media platforms. 		
2.	Safeguard principal species and habitats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage local groups and residents to report sightings of protected species and habitats to relevant authorities. 	As opportunities arise	Council/Clerk
3.	Restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and promote community led initiatives ie wildflower planting, community gardens through small grants or publicity. • Plant a wildflower area in cemetery until required for graves. 	As opportunities arise	Council/Clerk
4	-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	<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). • Reduce the use of pesticides to only where necessary such as to control invasive non—native species such as Japanese Knotweed and report infestations. • Share information on the Councils social media page regarding invasive species and how to report them. • Support community initiative to eradicate Japanese Knotweed. 	As opportunities arise	Council/Clerk

5.	Use, improve and share evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share local biodiversity data (from residents or local groups) on the Councils website and Social Media page 	As opportunities arise	Council/Clerk
6	-support capacity and/or other organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with Keep Wales Tidy to improve the school grounds and 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. 	As opportunities arise	Council/Clerk

Annual review of the Biodiversity Action Plan		Date reviewed:	May 2026
What has worked well?	<p>The Keep Wales Tidy raised beds and climbers continue to grow well and have increased the number of native plants for wildlife.</p> <p>A grant from Gwynedd Council was partially used to purchase recycled plastic benches for the school which has the environmental benefit of profound waste diversion and prevent tons of material from clogging landfills etc.</p>		
What have the barriers been?	<p>Gwynedd County Council has continued to spray areas within the Community. Lack of communication has meant that we are not sure when the spraying will take place.</p> <p>Some planting (hops) has caused problems with buildings/walls as they are growing too close and are very vigorous.</p> <p>Lack of knowledge of fruit trees meant that ongoing maintenance was not done.</p>		
What will you change?	<p>The Biodiversity plan will be reviewed every year. Successful projects and actions will be noted as well as looking at improvements.</p> <p>Any changes to the biodiversity plan will be decided on the review.</p>		

Next review due:	May 2027
Approved by Council on:	14th May 2026

