

SCOLE PARISH COUNCIL

BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

The Council will manage its land and buildings to enhance and improve biodiversity through best practices engaging with grounds maintenance contractors and volunteers to:

Desired Outcome	Actions	Target Date	How to publicise
Plant indigenous trees and wildflowers;	Tree whips obtained and planted where suitable space available. Whips obtained from Woodland Trust, Gardening Club and Environment Agency	Ongoing since 2016	Posthorn Reports Council meetings
Reduce mowing to create a mosaic of new habitats that benefit wildlife;	Park areas, footpaths and other greenspaces are all managed with this in mind by SNTT on behalf of Scole Parish Council. Several, mainly roadside, areas maintained by local contractors.	Ongoing since 2-14 Annual contract	Posthorn Reports Council meetings
Enhance water bodies including village ponds/streams with marginal planting;	River Waveney and it's banks and other wetland areas all maintained by volunteers since 2014 with input from River Waveney Trust and the Environment Agency.	Ongoing since 2014	Posthorn Reports Council meetings
Install bird/bat boxes and creating hedgehog friendly gardens;	Volunteers all have hedgehog friendly gardens; all greenspace areas are maintained with wildlife areas. Several birdboxes already erected by local resident on greenspace areas. More required.	Ongoing since 2014	Posthorn Reports Council meetings
Reduce reliance on pesticides and herbicides.	No pesticides used and herbicide use kept to an absolute minimum.	Ongoing since 2018	
Create an outdoor classroom	An outdoor classroom has been created in the Scole Pocket Park to educate future generations regarding biodiversity, this is used by the Scole Primary School	Ongoing	

The Scole Nature Trails Trust SNTT manage the green areas in Scole on behalf of the Parish Council, a desire is to encourage and involve young people in the voluntary work undertaken to achieve these objectives.