Environment (Wales) Act 2016

Name of Public Authority: Overton Community Council

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| Short description of PA & its functions and context in relation to biodiversity (e.g. management of land, influence over land management, or indirect influence through procurement, funding projects, etc) | | Overton Community Council supports the Overton Growers and the Wildlife Group as it understands the need to improve the biodiversity in our area. Over the past few years, grants have been awarded to the Overton Growers to ensure this group can continue to grow and flourish.  The Wildlife Group have been given areas of land which they can use to encourage biodiversity and wildlife. The maintenance of the areas is paid for by the Community Council. | |
| Action carried out to: | |  | Monitored by: |
| 1 | -embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement | Advice has been sought on contracts for village green spaces by the local Overton Wildlife Group to ensure maintenance encourages wildlife.  The Overton Growers have taken over previously unused ‘green’ space specifically to encourage biodiversity | Overton Growers/Wildlife Group/OCC members involved in both groups. |
| 2 | -raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance | A bug hotel has been created in the village playground, this was built with the help of the local cubs and beavers. A monthly article is also written in the village newsletter to share advice on encouraging wildlife.  Weekly ‘green gym’ to maintain the spaces we have procured, promote the group whilst also educating our members and anyone who joins in.  The Scout Hut wicking boxes has various environmental education signs explaining the bug hotel and why we garden the way we do.  The car park garden is a very public place that we run ‘work days’ on every few months, which again sets an example on how to garden in a wildlife friendly way.  The bowling green mini plots are to encourage locals to grow their own organically.  Updates are submitted monthly to the Overton Oracle. | Overton Growers/Wildlife Group/OCC members involved in both groups. |
| 3 | -safeguard principal species and habitats | We have created new habitats in the wicking boxes; bowling green mini plots and car park | Overton Growers |
| 4 | -restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks | Three areas in the village are being managed as wildlife meadows by leaving the grass long during the summer, encouraging insects and birdlife.  Creation of bee and hoverfly wildflower areas and of winter hibernation habitat for bees and insects. | Overton Wildlife Group |
| 5 | -tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species | A crisp packet and tooth paste tube recycling scheme have been set up in the village to reduce waste.  Creation of bee and hoverfly wildflower areas and of winter hibernation habitat for bees and insects.  We garden organically everywhere; use cardboard and straw to tackle invasive weeds instead of herbicide; use local waste products (carpet from the local marquee business; woodchip from a local tree surgeon and cardboard from everyone).  Alter areas of grass to woodchip of wildflower areas to minimise the use of petrol mowers. | Overton Wildlife Group  Overton Growers |
| 6 | -use, improve and share evidence | Some work has been done to take part in citizen science surveys for Dragonfly Conservation, British Ornithological Trust and the Royal Society of Bird Protection, carrying out dragonfly and bird surveys and contributing to national datasets.  Biodiversity surveys done before and after work on the car park will be shared to illustrate improvement | Overton Wildlife Group  Overton Growers |
| 7 | -support capacity, and/or other organisations | Advice on wildlife friendly features has been given to the local nursery to increase the amount of wildlife on their grounds.  We work closely with other organisation in the village e.g.: twinning, church and Scouts etc to get them involved in certain work.  Britain in Bloom also involves working with other organisations e.g.: local primary school and Playcentre. | Overton Wildlife Group  Overton Growers |
| 8 | Key outcomes: use narrative and metrics where possible | The biodiversity of the car park has been improved by 100% | |
| 9 | Review points, for e.g. enablers and barriers to action, improvements to forward plan | WCBC and the Community Council have been very supportive in procuring management responsibility of the land acquired to date. | |
| 10 | How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed? | Overton Growers meet every month to organise and forward plan. | |