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Community & Town Councils

Biodiversity Action Plan 2026-2028

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

Name of Community & Town Council:	**CAERWYS TOWN COUNCIL**
Council type (Group 1, 2 or 3 for NRAP Aims):	**3**

Introduction and Context

Caerwys is located in the County of Flintshire, north-east Wales, and is steeped in history.

The administrative area of Caerwys Town Council reaches the village of Afonwen, part of Babell, Pen Y Cefn and Caerwys Town itself.

The population of the area is 1,008 (January 2026 Register of Electors). There are 11 Town Councillors (with one vacant Councillor position) and employ a part time Clerk and Financial Officer who works from home.

The Town Council's precept for 2026 / 2027 was set at £49,500.00. This amount is precept on residential properties within the community, and equates to a figure of £77.15 per household on a Band D property.

More information on the work of Caerwys Town Council is available on the following website:
https://www.caerwys-town.wales/

NRAP Aim	Actions planned	Time scale	Monitored by:
1. Protect, restore and effectively manage ecosystems to build their resilience.	Whilst the Town Council do not own any land of significance apart from a Grade II Listed Building known as The Pinfold in Drovers Lane, the Council do promote bio-diversity within the community. The Memorial Institute Committee together with the Town Council have engaged with the Flintshire Biodiversity officer, whereafter, a small wild flower garden was seeded.	**On-going**	**Councillors & Clerk (All below sections)**
	The Town Council employs a local resident as an Environmental Gardener who assists with weeding the streets and maintaining the seasonal flower planters.	**On-going**	
	Laise with Flintshire County Council Bio-Diversity Officers and colleagues to continue to seek advise and assistance.	**On-going**	
	Promote residential biodiversity enhancement. Encourage use of bird boxes, feeders.	**On-going**	
	Report invasive species and request more pollinators.	**On-going**	
	To encourage residents to join the Town's 'Annual Clean-up / Litter pick'	**On-going**	
2. Safeguard species and improve their management.	Promote new nesting habitats, in public areas and on private land, especially with the Flintshire County Biodiversity Officer and Natural Resources Wales	**2027- onwards**	
	Evaluate use of all pesticide with Flintshire County Council.	**2027- onwards**	

	Evaluate mowing regimes of all grasslands with Flintshire County Council.	**2027- onwards**	
	New habitats for invertebrates.	**2027- onwards**	
	Support action on biodiversity threats, include control of invasive non native species, prevention of habitat loss.	**On-going**	
	Engage residents / land-owners / farm owners to better manage their land for bio-diversity and play a part in the community.	**On-going**	
3. Tackle key pressures on species, habitats and ecosystems.	Support community climate action. Engage with the community, listen and assist in voluntary action.	**On-going**	
	Engage and assist the County Bio-Diversity Officers, including residents.	**On-going**	
	Save energy, be aware of light pollution and inform community how they can play a part in their own properties and how it affects nature and can also effect mental health.	**On-going**	
	Encourage residents to plant with more drought friendly plants and shrubs, pollinators.	**On-going**	
4. Establish effective governance and capacity to deliver.			
	To investigate grants for community biodiversity packages, schemes to assist with our action plan.	**On-going**	
	Review every 3 months to ensure the plan is fresh and at the forefront of the Town Councils responsibilities.	**On-going**	

5. Embed biodiversity through engagement and awareness raising to support effective decision making at every level.			
	Consider biodiversity in processes considering planning applications and reports to Council.	**On-going**	
	Support wider community understanding… Use the Caerwys Chronicle and Facebook to share information and encourage involvement.	**On-going**	
	Engage residents / land-owners / farm owners to better manage their land for bio-diversity and play a part in the community.	**On-going**	
	Engage with Ysgol Yr Esgob Primary School to learn about bio-diversity.	**On-going**	
	Engage with local groups or businesses when volunteers are required.	**On-going**	
6. Improve our evidence and monitoring.	Be involved with and promote national environmental recording scheme, like butterfly count, garden birdwatch.	**On-going**	
	Share information and evidence with local conservation groups and charities	**On-going**	

	Be involved with projects organized by Flintshire County Council and other Town & Community Councils in the County, including National Landscapes Wales (Clwydian Range and Dee Valley) and share information.	**On-going**	

Annual review of the Biodiversity Action Plan			
Date reviewed:	**20/10/2026**	**/ 2027**	**/ 2028**
What has worked well?	The Environmental Gardener continues to keep the Town Square and surrounding streets looking clean, tidy, and welcoming for residents and visitors alike. The wildflower garden reached bloom in the Memorial Garden area. Removal of invasive plants by Flintshire County Council, including the control of persistent weeds.		

	Annual ‘Clean-up / Litter pick’ by residents. Continue to seek the advice and assistance of the Flintshire County Bio-Diversity Officers.		
What have the barriers been?	All areas of the Community (general walkers and dog walkers) to respect the streets and The Marian Common area of the Town. Invasive plants across the Town Council area. The use of synthetic sprays that harm helpful insects, bees, and birds along with pests.		
What will you change?	Request Flintshire County Council to consider erecting signage in areas of concern - and to raise awareness to both residents and visitors. Request the Flintshire County Biodiversity Officer to issue QR Codes to provide details of flora, botanical varieties, or native species, together with other information for the Memorial Institute Wildflower area.		

	Educate the younger generation as to the importance to Bio-Diversity both currently and for the future. To continue to liaise with the Flintshire County Council Biodiversity Officers and other organisations, including residents in relation to the use of synthetic sprays. To both promote and by sharing practical garden tips, and educating neighbors on local wildlife. Keep referring back to the plan to regularly review and keep as a priority.		

Review approved:	**20/10/2026**	**/2027**	**/2028**
Next review:	**19/10/2027**	**/2028**	

Table 1: Types of organisations and possible s6 actions relative to their functions

Group	Description of organisation relative to biodiversity. Organisations:	Minimum Actions	Examples	NRAP aim for Planning
1	• that own or occupy an office building only and • whose functions are not directly connected to biodiversity and/or land management.	Actions related to buildings management, procurement, sustainability, awareness raising, training, or in partnership with other organisations	Commissions, DVLA, Health Boards	NRAP aims: 3, 4, 5
2	• that own, occupy or	As per Group 1 above PLUS	Public Health	NRAP aims:

NRAP Aim 3: Protect, restore and effectively manage ecosystems to build their resilience.

NRAP Aim 4: Establish effective governance and capaci to deliver.

NRAP Aim 5: Embed biodiversity through engagemen awareness raising to support effective decision making every level.