

BARTON BENDISH PARISH COUNCIL

Biodiversity Duty Statement

Introduction: Barton Bendish Parish Council acknowledges its duty to fulfil its biodiversity duty as mandated by the Environment Act 2021. While we do not own land, we act as a Corporate Trustee of the Barton Bendish Poor's Charity, which includes the management of a County Wildlife Site. We recognise the importance of promoting biodiversity conservation within our community.

Our Commitment: Barton Bendish Parish Council is fully committed to taking actions that contribute to biodiversity conservation and raising awareness about its significance within our local community. Our approach includes, but is not limited to, the following actions:

Community Engagement and Education:

Information on biodiversity, from outside organisations, will be shared through Group 4 News and displayed on the Council website. We will support local organisations in their efforts to educate residents about biodiversity's significance through workshops and public events.

Policy Development and Budgeting:

When required, we will develop additional biodiversity conservation policies. When calculating our annual budget, we will carefully consider the financial implications of our biodiversity strategies.

Local Planning and Development:

We will participate in local planning and development proposals, ensuring that biodiversity conservation is a key consideration. Advocating for green infrastructure and nature-based solutions in development projects will be a priority.

Corporate Trustee of the Barton Bendish Poor's Charity Commitment:

In our capacity as the corporate Trustee of the Barton Bendish Poor's Charity, we will maintain a close partnership with Norfolk Wildlife Trust and proactively follow any recommendations provided by their surveyors.

Networking and Collaboration:

When appropriate, we will network with other councils and local environmental organisations to share best practices and collaborate on biodiversity conservation projects.

Barton Bendish Parish Council, despite limitations compared to councils with larger land management responsibilities, remains committed to playing a significant role in promoting biodiversity conservation, raising awareness, and advocating for policy changes within our local community and the broader region.

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