



**TOTTON AND ELING TOWN COUNCIL NATURE CHANGE ACTION PLAN**

01.02.24

Proposal	Action	Planned Programme	Latest Updates
Create a Task & Finish group to commit to tackling the climate and nature emergencies together and investing in nature-based solutions to climate change.	Climate and Nature emergency motion approved September 2022. Bi-monthly meetings to be held.	Continue with bi-monthly meetings.	Last meeting held on 12th January 2024. Full Council approved the nature change action plan on 31.01.24.
Develop and agree on an evidence based strategy and action plan for natures recovery and report progress made.	Action plan being formulated.	Regular meetings to ensure actions are created/implemented.	Nature recovery survey submitted to HCC. Nature change objectives are incorporated into the Town Council's 5 year strategy plan.
Commit to protect land for nature in line with national and international commitments to biodiversity.	Wilding programme approved.	Implement wilding areas by way of site identified through survey/study.	Wilding programme be reviewed for implementation. Biodiversity statement bring formulated for presentation to Policy & Resources meeting in March 2024.
Increase space for wildlife and long-term maintenance and expansion of nature recovery.	Educate and assist with garden planting and access for wildlife travel.	Hedgehog garden access gates ordered for distribution to residents. Further actions to be identified.	Hedgehog gateways now available free of charge for residents at the Reception. Promotion on our website. Liaising with other stakeholders in regard to funding available for nature recovery schemes. On-going.
Reduce pressure on wildlife in the area.	Work with nature recovery associations in the area.	To assist, promote and implement measures to reduce pressure on wildlife in the area.	Officers attending nature recovery workshops for training and education.

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Improve doorstep access to nature, particularly for those from disadvantaged backgrounds.	Regeneration of Town Centre park to enhance use and access to nature.	Refurbishment of rockery, waterfall and pond area in the Town Park. Wilding areas as above.	Refurbishment of rockery in the Town Park scheduled for Summer 2024. Play on the way equipment along the green route scheduled for Summer 2024.
Support communities and businesses to make better decisions and take action to support nature's recovery.	Business Forum being formulated.	Assist businesses in wildlife and nature recovery actions.	Business Forum meeting held in January 2024, next meeting is scheduled for March 2024.
Ensure all strategic approaches and decisions are in line with the Council's above objectives.	Mission Statement and Core Values are inclusive of environment/climate and nature commitments.	Continue, via regular meetings, to ensure our 5 year strategic plan incorporates nature preservation and development.	5 year strategy plan approved 31.01.24. Nature recovery objectives have been incorporated.