



TOTTON AND ELING TOWN COUNCIL NATURE CHANGE ACTION PLAN

19.02.25

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.	Full Council approved the nature change action plan on 31.01.24. Meetings were held in January, April, June, August & October 2024. Next meeting is scheduled for February 2025.
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. Action plan updated on a Bi-monthly basis.
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 approved by Council in March 2024. Successful bid to expand the Community Orchard at Bartley Park funded through HCC scheme was confirmed, and planting has been completed. This will provide stabilisation for a bank area, and wildlife corridor. Planting of disease resistant Elm trees across the Town has also now taken place. In total 766 trees were introduced in the last planting season, via community planting supported by volunteer groups. Box tree moth issues are being

			addressed and replaced with Green Spire plants within the first quarter of 2025.
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. Funding obtained from NFDC for the introduction of bird boxes, bat boxes and bug houses attached to/situated around Council facilities are being formulated. Bat boxes have been installed in suitable places in the Town, and additional bat boxes, and insect houses are being donated to schools for inclusion in curriculum, thus promoting nature education and awareness for young people. 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 and pond is complete apart from rockery planting. Removal of weeds and overgrowth of pond, will enhance wildlife sustainability. Play on the way equipment along the green route scheduled for Spring 2025. Bird, Bat and Bug boxes have been attached to Council facilities as above and donated to schools for nature awareness and education.
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 now formulated. Last meeting held in May 2024, but unfortunately poorly attended.
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. Regular meetings support these objectives.

