TOTTON AND ELING TOWN COUNCIL NATURE CHANGE ACTION PLAN 2nd October 2026

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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. Next meeting is scheduled for October 2026.
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 quarterly 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 have been addressed and replaced with Green Spire plants. 8275 plug plants, including wildflower and oxide daisy, together with 4,137 grammes of yellow rattle seed have been planted at Batley Park Meadows. Addtionally, 21 new trees have been planted at Cheam/Testwood Recreational area as part of the NFDC Mitigation programme. Daffodil bulbs have been planted around the pond area in the Town Park for bloom in spring 2026. Environmental mitigation funding has been sought for the Boardwalk at Eling to upgrade to long term sustainable materials for the continuation and enhancement of wildlife around this area. Addtionally, all free packets of seeds that have not been utilised by the public are to be used, prior to their 'end of shelf' life, for re-wilding in areas around the Town.
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

			NFDCand bird boxes, bat boxes and bug houses have been situated around Council facilities and additional bat boxes, and insect houses have been donated to schools for inclusion in curriculum, thus promoting nature education and awareness for young people. Proposals have gone to Council for increasing the planting budget, thus enhancing insect travel/recover. Installation of hedgehog houses at Council facilities, and via schools' competions in the next half term for residential garden positioning, has commenced and will enhance hedghog travel in the Town. Friends of Bartley Park have taken on the construction and placement of hedgehog boxes in the Park. Addtionally, Communications with ARK (Amphibian and Reptiles Conservation Trust) regarding 'refusers' (TINS) has commenced to assist the monitoring of reptiles. The Schoool's competition resulted in the winners being awarded hedgehog homes and bug houses for placement in their gardens to aid in wildlife travel around the Town. 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	Officers attending nature recovery workshops for training

		in the area.	and education. Bee squared scheme now approved, and will be coupled with the provision of free seeds for core rewilding species in residents' gardens to aid in nature recovery and sustainability. Response of the take up of free seeding is encouraging, and regular promotion of the scheme will continue to be implemented.

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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 now installed. Bird, Bat and Bug boxes have been attached to Council facilities as above and donated to schools for nature awareness and education. Other schemes are being investigated. The planting of numerous areas around Calmore Estate with species including understory bulbs, fruit, hawthorn and field maple trees, together with Oak trees, wild flowers and lilac shrubs is imminent. Awaiting decsion on

			funding application for this to commence.
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. On-going planning is in place to improve communication.
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.