

# Horrabridge Parish Council Biodiversity Duty & Objectives

Environment Act 2021 means public authorities must

1. Consider what you can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity
2. Agree policies and specific objectives based on your consideration
3. Act to deliver your policies and achieve your objectives

Horrabridge Parish Council is committed to doing all it can to enhance and protect biodiversity in Horrabridge. The Council is responsible for Weir Park, Fillace Park, Allotments, Cemetery and the Old Memorial Ground. To achieve this, it closely monitors and reviews the work it carries out to ensure it meets its obligations, this includes:

- Ensuring the Parish Council considers biodiversity in exercising all its statutory regulator functions. Including:
  - When considering planning applications
  - When considering new projects and initiatives

## Objectives

- Improving the management for biodiversity including retaining mature trees and replacing any which have to be removed using species indigenous to the area.
- Increasing grass cutting heights to encourage insects and wildlife.
- Looking into ways to reduce the use of herbicides, pesticides, peat and water.
- Create wildlife and nature corridors.
- Consider locations for new trees to be planted.
- Leave areas not mowed.
- Consider taking part in 'no mow May'.
- Create a wildflower bank in the Cemetery.
- Consider installing bird and bat boxes.
- Create a log pile as a bug hotel.
- Encourage allotment holders to collect and store rainwater.
- Implement measures to prevent the spread of invasive species and plant disease.
- Creating a dedicated space for wildlife.

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