

STIBBARD BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

The Council will manage its land and buildings to enhance and improve biodiversity through best practices engaging with grounds maintenance contractors and volunteers to:

Desired Outcome	Actions	Target Date	How to publicise
plant indigenous trees and wildflowers;	Church filed – indigenous /local wild only Hedgerow corridor – cut and maintain Develop a map of the village to show: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geography, flora & fauna • Land ownership / responsibility • Project outline • Special interest areas 	Ongoing 2025	Neighbourhood plan Website Facebook
reduce mowing to create a mosaic of new habitats that benefit wildlife;	Renew contract – discuss borders of the playing fields, roadside cutting, highways Guist Bottom Road orchids – map and are there any others? Start a photo reference book for the village	By 2025	As above
enhance water bodies including village ponds/streams with marginal planting;	Playground stream – check habitats Cut or wild? (part of photo reference book) Methodist church stream Who will maintain	Tony	As above
install bird/bat boxes and creating hedgehog friendly gardens;	Sponsorship of bat, bird and hedgehog boxes Locally made and profit to the council to apply to the project and invest Include the school Note hedgehog highway on Parish Online	Steve	As above
reduce reliance on pesticides and herbicides.	Stibbard PC do not use any pesticides with the maintenance of the communal areas.	Ben doing so since 2023	