

COLBURN TOWN COUNCIL BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN – Updated 4th August 2025

SITE/OBJECTIVE	ACTION	OUTCOME	TARGET	REPORTING /PUBLICITY
Whole Council Area	Raise local awareness of Biodiversity	Gain local support	Ongoing	Website, social media
Protect and Support Biodiversity	Fly Tipping	Removal	Ongoing	Report to NYC
	Litter	Organise regular litter picks	Ongoing	Website, social media
	Encourage suitable planting	Flower tubs, wild flowers, Bedding Plants/Shrubs.	Ongoing	Mapping
	Wild Flower Meadow	Establish meadows	Ongoing	
Play Parks	Maintain existing hedging	Food sources and cover for wildlife	Ongoing	
	Leave some areas unmown	Encourage insects		
	Use environmentally friendly pesticides where possible and only in ideal weather conditions	Sustained enhance natural habitats		
Common/Other Open Spaces	Encourage residents to remove litter and pick up after their dogs	Protect habitats		
	Work with NYC on verge management			
	Litter /Fly tipping	As detailed in Whole Council Area objective	On going	
	Maintain regular contact with Land Trust		On going	
	The extended Wild Flower area has been seeded on the A6136.			

Common/Other Open Spaces	Broadway raised beds have been weeded, shrubs cut back, soil will be enriched and new plants and bulbs planted to increase insect activity.			
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Colburn Sidings Woods	Maintain management of the Woodland The thinning of the trees in Sidings Woods with the wood left in piles to support insect habitat and birds.	Enhanced habitat spaces Promote natural habitat piles & rough areas Bird & Owl boxes Natural green pathways	More evergreen shrubbery to create a natural boundary.	
The Built Landscape	The Council will comment & consider biodiversity benefits on planning applications. Work with other organisations to enhance biodiversity within the Town.	Protecting habitats		

Increase Community Awareness & Engagement.	Liaise with residents for their views to conserve biodiversity with the Town	Engage Ownership		Website, social media
	Raise awareness of the importance of gardens as habitats for wildlife Create a tab on the council website for information/photographs/links etc Encourage local farmers to contribute. Annual Gardening Competition	Promote biodiversity Encourage wider participation	Community	Website, posters & social media.
Support Community Projects	Support hedge /tree planting in appropriate areas.	Extending habitats		
	Work with school to develop young people's awareness of the environment. Consider events and offer volunteering opportunities to support biodiversity Community Sports Centre	Promote biodiversity Ongoing	250 metres of hedgerow to be planted round the perimeter. Regeneration of the MUGA using existing area	
Colburn Hub Zero Waste	Donations from local retailers for distribution	Zero Waste	Any leftover food donated to animal sanctuaries/ recycled	
St Cuthbert's Church Colburn	Community Garden	Shrubs, flowers & Vegetables	Ongoing	

Colburn Village Common Land	Maintain the management of the woodland. Remove low and damaged branches, making natural pathway through the woodland. Build habitats for the wildlife with the removed branches. Clear grassed area near the Ford for public access	Promote natural habitat piles and rough areas. Promote area for families to be able to sit and have a picnic if they wish.		
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Adopted January 2024

To be reviewed annually or when actions take place.