

## COLBURN TOWN COUNCIL BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN – Updated 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026

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

<p>Common/Other Open Spaces</p>	<p>Broadway raised beds have been weeded, shrubs cut back, soil will be enriched and new plants and bulbs planted to increase insect activity.</p> <p>Colburn Village common land. Area has been thinned out, and natural pathways have been left.</p>	<p>The area is now safe to walk through and will encourage more plants to grow with additional light.</p>		
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<p>Colburn Sidings Woods</p>	<p>Maintain management of the Woodland</p> <p>The thinning of the trees in Sidings Woods with the wood left in piles to support insect habitat and birds.</p> <p>Thinning of woods and path clearing has been ongoing winter 2025/26. Pathways left natural and safe for walking through. More work will be continued in the winter months 2026/27.</p>	<p>Enhanced habitat spaces Promote natural habitat piles &amp; rough areas Bird &amp; Owl boxes Natural green pathways</p>	<p>More evergreen shrubbery to create a natural boundary.</p>	

<p>The Built Landscape</p>	<p>The Council will comment &amp; consider biodiversity benefits on planning applications.</p> <p>Work with other organisations to enhance biodiversity within the Town.</p>	<p>Protecting habitats</p>		
<p>Increase Community Awareness &amp; Engagement.</p>	<p>Liaise with residents for their views to conserve biodiversity with the Town</p> <p>Raise awareness of the importance of gardens as habitats for wildlife</p> <p>Create a tab on the council website for information/photographs/links etc</p> <p>Encourage local farmers to contribute.</p> <p>Annual Gardening Competition</p>	<p>Engage Ownership</p> <p>Promote biodiversity</p> <p>Encourage wider participation</p>	<p>Community</p>	<p>Website, social media</p> <p>Website, posters &amp; social media.</p>

Support Community Projects	<p>Support hedge /tree planting in appropriate areas.</p> <p>Work with school to develop young people's awareness of the environment.</p> <p>Consider events and offer volunteering opportunities to support biodiversity</p> <p>Community Sports Centre</p>	<p>Extending habitats</p> <p>Promote biodiversity</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>250 metres of hedgerow to be planted round the perimeter. Regeneration of the MUGA using existing area</p>	
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	<p>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.</p> <p>Clear grassed area near the Ford for public access</p>	<p>Promote natural habitat piles and rough areas.</p> <p>Promote area for families to be able to sit and have a picnic if they wish.</p>		

Adopted January 2024

To be reviewed annually or when actions take place.