

Michaelston y Fedw Community Council

Biodiversity Plan 2025-2026

Vision: Myf Community Council continues to amend its biodiversity plan in response to the Environment (Wales) Act 2016, Part 1: the diversity and resilience of ecosystems. In doing so, it shares the vision of Newport City Council in committing to the slowing and stopping of the decline of biodiversity and encouraging attitude and behaviour change to ensure a sustainable future for our village community.

Summary of achievements of 2024-25 plan

- Planting of wild flowers and edging plants
- Regular clearing of churchyard and adjacent borders
- Review of planning applications in light of biodiversity needs
- Campaign to reduce speed limit to 30mph successful. Awaiting implementation
- Litter picks undertaken (though fewer this year) despite lack of support from NCC
- Liaison with other CCs regarding fly-tipping and litter picking
- Successful monitoring of fly-tipping in the village

Actions uncompleted at April 2025

- Use of newsletter/website to inform villagers of biodiversity activities
- Litter picks are hindered by unhelpful guidance from NCC which dissuades action on 60mph roads
- We have yet to invite a presentation on biodiversity to MyF councillors
- Installation of bird boxes

Action plan 2025-2026

Action	Description	Monitored by/ date
<p>To continue to embed diversity activities in the village by means of the following:</p> <p><i>1 Raise awareness of diversity</i></p>	<p>Continue to inform village members of the need for biodiversity actions by means of newsletter/ Myf CC minutes</p>	<p>Myf CC</p>
<p><i>2 Safeguard, restore and create habitats and create a more resilient ecological network</i></p>	<p>Continue planting of wild flowers on verges and green spaces in the village. install bird boxes on the village green and churchyard vicinity. Allow the growth of long grass areas around mown grass areas. Keep churchyard area clear of undergrowth. Review all planning applications which come to MCC in light of biodiversity extension. Continue tree-planting and encourage local landowners to do so.</p>	<p>Myf CC together with local residents</p> <p>Myf CC</p>
<p><i>3 Tackle negative factors such as pollution</i></p>	<p>Avoid use of pesticides to clear</p>	<p>Myf CC</p>

<p><i>4 Share good practice with other organisations</i></p>	<p>weeds and overgrown areas. Confirm with NCC that it has agreed to reduce speed limit through the village to 30mph and confirm implementation date. Continue to undertake regular litter picks in the village.</p> <p>Liaise through the Chairs' group with NCC and the local litter pick action group. Work with Community Constables to monitor this. Closely monitor, via village security systems, fly-tipping and liaise closely with NCC fly-tipping team to pursue legal action against miscreants. Invite a representative of NCC /CPRW to discuss biodiversity tactics at a future Myf CC meeting</p>		<p>Myf CC together with NCC by September 2025</p> <p>My CC</p> <p>Chair of Myf CC</p> <p>Myf CC</p> <p>By December 2025</p>
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Monitoring and review

This plan will be monitored and reviewed in October 2025 and April 2026