

# Breaston Parish Council

## Biodiversity Action Plan

February 2026

	Target	How	Who	Actions	Budget	Status
<b>1</b>	<b>Comply with the 2021 Environment Act</b>					
1.1	Review actions already completed or in progress	Create a report on biodiversity duty and identify BPC's current actions and those which we must and can take in the future.	BPC Environment Committee	Creation of report 'Breaston Parish Council's Biodiversity Duty under Environment Act 2021' (11/9/23)		<b>Complete February 2026</b>
1.2	Record actions already completed, in progress or planned	Create a working document to record and track BPC's actions	Cllr Salt BPC Environment Committee	Creation of 'Breaston Parish Council Biodiversity Action Plan'. To be reviewed twice yearly.		<b>Updated February 2026</b>
1.3	Agree policies and specific objectives	Identify objectives and policies required	BPC Environment Committee	Model Policy adopted and on website.		<b>Complete December 2023</b>
1.4	Act to deliver the policies and objectives	Agreed that Biodiversity Conservation and Enhancement will be a standing item on the environment committee's agenda at least twice yearly.	BPC Environment Committee	Review BPC decisions and ensure they comply with the agreed policies and objectives. (Twice yearly).		<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Manage our green spaces to improve biodiversity</b>					
2.1	Ensure our mowing schedules support and enhance biodiversity	Review mowing schedules at next grounds maintenance contract renewal	BPC Parks and Cemeteries Committee	Schedules reviewed and no changes made		<b>Reviewed February 2026</b>
2.2	Install bird and bat boxes	Identify suitable locations for bird and bat boxes and consider a 'sponsorship' scheme	BPC Environment Committee	Clerk confirmed supply from EMH (14.3.25). Continue to investigate the care and maintenance requirements (RSPB, DWT). Breaston in Bloom have confirmed the number and locations of their bird and bat boxes.		<b>To revisit when Perks Parks work completed.</b>
2.3	Plant native trees and shrubs	Target funding and work with Breaston in Bloom to encourage the planting of native trees and shrubs	BPC Parks and Cemeteries Committee	Meetings held with Breaston in Bloom and Julie Rowlinson. Both are keen to work with the Parish Council and share our aims and objectives. See meeting notes. An annual meeting will be arranged. BiB consulted re replacement trees purchased by the Parish Council.		<b>Ongoing</b>
2.4	Plant wildflowers for pollinators	Target funding and work with Breaston in Bloom to encourage the planting of wildflowers for pollinators	BPC Parks and Cemeteries Committee	Creation of wildflower meadow on Longmoor Cemetery. Sawley Railway Crossing Bulb planting. Meetings held with Breaston in Bloom and Julie Rowlinson. Both are keen to work with the Parish Council and share our aims and objectives. See meeting notes. An annual meeting will be arranged.		<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Reduce the use of herbicides, pesticides, peat and water</b>					

3.1	Review the use of herbicides and pesticides used by grounds maintenance contractors	Confirm the current use of pesticides and herbicides by our grounds maintenance contractors	Parish Clerk	Contractors confirmed that herbicides are used sparingly to keep paths and edges clear. No pesticides are used.		<b>Complete Review Feb 2026 Feb 2027</b>
3.2	Review the use of herbicides and pesticides used on all Breaston Parish Council land by BiB and our Maintenance Officer.	Confirm the current use of pesticides and herbicides by our Maintenance Officer and Breaston in Bloom	Parish Clerk and Maintenance Officer	No herbicides or pesticides used by Parish Maintenance Officer, BiB or Julie Rowlinson. Meetings held with Breaston in Bloom and Julie Rowlinson. Both are keen to work with the Parish Council and share our aims and objectives. See meeting notes.		<b>Reviewed Feb 2026</b>
3.3	Ensure all compost used is peat free	Communicate the requirement to only use peat free compost on Parish Council land to Breaston in Bloom and the Maintenance Officer.	Parish Clerk and Maintenance Officer	Breaston in Bloom run a village composting scheme which supplies their requirements. Julie Rowlinson uses peat free compost. Additional compost bin created by BiB August 24.		<b>Complete February 2024 and continuous</b>
3.4	Install a water butt on the Parish Rooms	Purchase water butt and contract the installation	Parish Clerk	Water butt purchased and installed. Water used by both Parish Council and Breaston in Bloom throughout the year.	£100	<b>Complete July 2023</b>
3.5	Install a second water butt on the Parish Rooms	Purchase water butt and contract the installation	Parish Clerk	Second water butt purchased and installed. Water used by both the Parish Council and Breaston in Bloom throughout the year.	£100.00	<b>Completed June 2024</b>
3.6	Install water butt at the chapel	Included in the schedule of works for the chapel refurbishment	BPC Parks and Cemeteries Committee	Water butt to be purchased and installed.		<b>To revisit when Chapel works completed</b>
3.7	Encourage perennial and drought resistant planting on Parish Council land	Target funding and work with Breaston in Bloom to encourage perennial and sustainable planting	BPC Parks and Cemeteries Committee	Meetings held with Breaston in Bloom and Julie Rowlinson. Both are keen to work with the Parish Council and share our aims and objectives. See meeting notes. An annual meeting will be arranged. BiB installed new Water Butt on Centenary Garden August 24. Perennial and drought resistant planting scheme applied by BiB on all Parish Council land.		<b>Complete 2025 BiB planting plan and the Green planters (J.Rowlinson) Ongoing</b>
4	<b>Improve how we manage buildings</b>					
4.1	Review the chemicals used on all Parish Council premises	Confirm the current use of chemicals on all Parish Council premises.	Parish Clerk and Maintenance Officer.	Parish Clerk and Maintenance Officer to collate a list of currently used products and frequency of use for PCMR; chapel and pavillion. EBC to be asked to supply list and COSHH sheets for products used in Perks and Blind Lane toilets. List of products and frequency of use completed by Parish Clerk and CS 3.7.24 (including ingredients, packaging and packaging recyclability). List of products used and frequency provided by other contractors employed by the Parish Council.		<b>Unchanged Reviewed February 2026</b>
4.2	Minimise the effect on wildlife when carrying out maintenance	Ensure due consideration is given to wildlife and biodiversity when planning maintenance tasks	Maintenance Officer and contractors via Parish Clerk	All maintenance jobs assessed for impact before starting		<b>Ongoing</b>

4.3	Ensure that the design of artificial light minimises the effect on nature	Ensure due consideration is given to wildlife and biodiversity when planning lighting schemes	Maintenance Officer and contractors via Parish Clerk	Quotes for lighting schemes checked for compliance with relevant standards.		Ongoing
5	<b>Educate, advise and raise awareness</b>					
5.1	Include residents in projects to improve biodiversity	Publicise the Parish Council's activities and provide contact details for volunteers	Parish Clerk	Volunteers recruited to help with the wildflower meadow		Ongoing
5.2	Feature biodiversity in communications	Include information in newsletters, on the noticeboards and on Parish FaceBook page	Parish Clerk	The wildflower meadow and the hedgehog highways have been featured on noticeboards and village newsletters. Hedgehog Highway/warning signs installed Summer 2025. Presentation relating to Re-wilding from EBC at Ordinary meeting 16.9.24.		Ongoing
5.3	Put information boards in green spaces	Design and install information boards where appropriate	BPC Environment and Parks and Cemeteries Committees	Cemetery information board currently in progress to include information about biodiversity.		Ongoing
5.4	Raise public awareness of how their gardens can help biodiversity	Publicise campaigns run by local and national organisations. Subscribe to DWLT emails and newsletters. Put links on website.	Parish Clerk, Maintenance Officer and councillors	Hedgehog Highways/warning scheme publicised.		Ongoing
5.5	Ensure building development proposals and applications address issues of biodiversity, sustainable building, energy efficiency and permeable surfaces.	Engage in consultation with developers on behalf of residents views and needs. Respond to individual planning applications.	BPC Environment Committee	Respond/feedback to consultants with BPC views and expectations. Review planning applications for evidence of consideration of the aforementioned issues.		Ongoing
6	<b>Review and amend internal policies and procedures</b>					
6.1	Support sustainable travel	Publicise and encourage active and sustainable travel	BPC Environment Committee	Parish Council to further investigate the installation of an EV charging point for the village, possibly using Parish Land and DCC lobbied. Footpath and 'jitty' map commissioned and is displayed in the village. Cycle racks at the Co-op.	£250	Ongoing
6.2	Review waste management and recycling processes	Investigate alternatives to current practice and implement appropriate changes.	Cllr Salt	Breaston litter pickers collect and recycle litter from around the village. A page with Recycling Guide and information is on the Parish Council website. BiB identify monthly recycling project. Parish Council purchased recycling boxes to support the Repair Cafe (Feb 2025) BiB monthly recycling/collections minuted and publicised on Parish Council Environment minutes.		<b>Reviewed February 2026 Recycling guide completed June 2024 and February 2025 Repair Cafe boxes Community Litter pick took place 14.6.25</b>
6.3	Buy sustainable materials and supplies	Investigate alternatives to current practice and implement appropriate changes.	Cllr Salt	Solar PV panels on the PCMR roof supply sustainable energy. Use sustainable knitted poppies instead of plastic ones. Knitted poppies made (Cresswell ladies) and used for Remembrance Day 2024 and 2025. Washed, dried and stored for further use. Reusable cable ties used to affix poppies. Redundant cable ties taken to recycling centre. Local shops and businesses used where possible.	£750	Continuous

Policies to be reviewed every three years. Action Plan document to be reviewed in Environment Committee Meeting every six months.