



Cyngor Tref Aberteifi :: Cardigan Town Council

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 - Section 6

The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report 2025

Introduction and Context:

Cardigan Town Council are committed to enhance biodiversity so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of their functions and in so doing promote the resilience of ecosystems. The council will follow the Nature Recovery Action Plan for Wales by following the six main objectives.

- Embed the consideration of biodiversity and ecosystems into our business and action planning, including any policies, plans, programmes, and projects as well as our day-to-day activities.
- Safeguard species and habitats of principal importance and improve their management.
- Increase the resilience of our natural environment by restoring degraded habitats and habitat creation.
- Tackle key pressures on species and habitats.
- Improve our evidence, understanding and monitoring.
- Put in place a framework of governance and support for delivery.

Cardigan Town Council serves the area of Cardigan and its population of around 3,300 residents. It has 14 councillors, covering the Mwldan (6 councillors), Rhyd-y-Fuwch (4 councillors) and Teifi (4 councillors) wards of Cardigan. The precept received by the council for 2025-26 is £99,024.20.

Action Report

Action carried out to:		Monitored by:
-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	Established a Biodiversity Sub-Committee to increase responsibility and monitoring within the council. Review all activities, processes, and policies to ensure biodiversity is considered within all activities of the council.	Clerk and Biodiversity Sub-Committee.

	<p>A cut and collect mowing policy is now in place as best practice.</p> <p>Attend all webinars organised by Rachel Carter One Voice Wales Biodiversity Officer.</p>	
-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	<p>Verbally in all meetings keep highlighting the importance and value of biodiversity.</p> <p>Work closely with local ecologist working for West Wales Local Environmental Record Centre for advice.</p>	<p>Clerk Biodiversity Sub-Committee. Yusef Samari Residents Ysgol Uwchradd Aberteifi Ysgol Gynradd Aberteifi</p>
-safeguard principal species and habitats	<p>Teifi Mwldan Species Summary – update it where possible.</p>	<p>Clerk Biodiversity Sub-Committee. Yusef Samari Residents</p>
-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	<p>Further develop the Keep Wales Tidy places for nature package recently installed at Pentop play area. New mowing regime in place to encourage wilding. Fun days to be advertised on new Friends of Pentop Facebook page for residents to involve in planting and maintenance of the garden.</p> <p>Encourage native pollinator friendly planting.</p> <p>Feasibility study completed for the development of a wetland park on land adjacent to Rhodfa'r Felin but no work carried out to date.</p> <p>Create a new garden space on wasteland at Rhos y Dre, currently waiting on a decision on the future of the land from CCC.</p>	<p>Clerk Councillors Handyman Pentop Residents Cynnal y Cardi Keep Wales Tidy CCC</p> <p>Display area for wilding signs.</p>
-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	<p>Use peat free compost.</p> <p>Encourage use of dog poo bins on social media pages and verbally in the town.</p> <p>Weekly litter pick meetings (Sunday mornings).</p> <p>Use approved weed killer.</p> <p>Reduce the amount of printing done by the clerk, use electronic versions of paperwork where possible.</p>	<p>Clerk Councillors Handyman</p>

-use improve and share evidence	Social media platforms. Local press. Schools. Signage in wilding areas with new mowing regimes.	Clerk and Biodiversity Sub-Committee.
-support capacity and/or other organisations	Support and encourage the plans set out in the Strategy for Greening 6 towns in Ceredigion – Cardigan is one of the towns. The report looks at opportunities in Cardigan following a green infrastructure assessment commissioned by CCC (Mwldan wetland is one of these opportunities) Attend sessions and support: Nature Wise Forest Garden Bluegreen Cymru group	Clerk Councillors Residents

Review of s6 duty

Red print indicates works in progress.

- What has worked well? What have the barriers been? What will you change?

Biodiversity Committee mainly inactive, needs to be driven by an appointed Chairperson to the committee.

Forged strong links with local ecologist volunteering as an advisor. Yusef Sumari enthusiastic to work with the council, the biodiversity committee need to meet with Yusef on a biannual basis. Yusef and Jake Rayson, Biodiversity Officer from CCC have been working closely with Cardigan junior school organising field trips for the pupils.

Cardigan Town Council participated in a field survey (AGA Toolkit) organised by Rachel Carter, One Voice Wales Biodiversity Officer to survey the variety of plant life found in areas across Wales. Obtained and installed Keep Wales Tidy Food package.

The wilding areas keep getting mowed, the erected wilding signs disappear.

- How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?
Plan will be reviewed and updated in December 2026.

Cllr Olwen Davies (Mayor)

Date

Eleri Maskell (Clerk)

Date

