

Community & Town Councils

Biodiversity Action Plan

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – Section 6 The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty

Name of Community & Town Council:	LLANSANTFFRAID & DEYTHEUR
Council type - GROUP 2	
<p>The Llansantffraid and Deytheur Community Council is made up of two wards and there are approximately 1434 residents. The settlement of Llansantffraid covers 33.18 hectares and lies on the confluence of the River Cain and River Vyrnwy.</p> <p>The Llansantffraid & Deytheur CC is made up of 11 councillors – 3 from the Deytheur Ward and 8 from the Llansantffraid Poole. It has a part-time clerk and the precept for 2025-2026 was £19,500.00.</p> <p>The Llansantffraid & Deytheur CC own the allotments in the village and a piece of land to develop into recreational facilities – 2.5 acres, two bus shelters, 5 benches, 3 planters, 2 old telephone boxes and 3 defibrillators and a war memorial.</p> <p>The CC manage the public cemetery and its lychgate.</p> <p>The largest employer in the village is the Wynnstay Group. There is a petrol station, 2 convenience stores, Church, Primary School, café, fish & chip shop, dentist, Indian restaurant and 1 hotel. There is a public cemetery and churchyard.</p> <p>Part of the village is in a Conservation area and there are listed buildings. There is an Iron Age Hill fort – Soldier’s Mount.</p> <p>Around the festive period there is a Santa parade which is popular with the young children of the area.</p> <p>The River Cain and Vyrnwy run through this area.</p>	



NRAP Objective	Biodiversity objectives	Action planned	Time scale	Monitored by:
1	-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	<p>Two councillors take the lead in Biodiversity and any matters brought up are discussed at a council meeting.</p> <p>Potential impacts on biodiversity and ecosystems are considered when submitting observations on a planning application.</p>		Full council
	-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	<p>The Community Council has worked with the primary school's Eco Council in planting spring bulbs and fruit trees on the new recreation field. They have also engaged in litter picking around the village on several occasions.</p> <p>Bulb planting with the Eco Council of the school has taken place annually with representatives of the council and Sam Langdon from OVW.</p> <p>"It's for Them" sign displayed in the Set Aside area in Cemetery.</p>		
2	-safeguard principal species and habitats	This to be incorporated in the next plan. The biodiversity officers from OVW are in discussion as to how it can be incorporated in the new recreation field.		
3	-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	<p>A further 8 nesting boxes have been installed along with the original 15 nest boxes for specific bird species.</p> <p>15 fruit trees were planted 12 March 2025, and 320 bulbs were planted in the Recreation field in December 2024. A further 100 native daffodil bulbs were planted at the entrance</p>		Annual inspection



		<p>of the Recreation field 2 December 2025. In addition, 200 bulbs have been planted each year in other green spaces around Llansantffraid village.</p> <p>A hedgehog nest box and a bug mansion have been installed on the new recreation field.</p> <p>Shrubs have been planted on the exit/entrance to the allotments and allotment tenants are encouraged to use peat free compost.</p> <p>Shrubs have been planted in the planters.</p> <p>Part of the grass in the cemetery is unmown during the months of May until September “No mow May”.</p>		
4	<p>-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature-based solutions, address invasive species</p>	<p>Regular litter picks are arranged with the Eco council of the school and the CC each year. Dog fouling signs have been placed around the village.</p> <p>As the recreation field is developed, Biodiversity will be considered at all stages of the development</p>		
5	<p>-use, improve, and share evidence</p>	<p>The CC to see advice from OVW about any changes that may occur in the area.</p> <p>The Chair attended a Green Space Biodiversity webinar 4th November 2025, a Nature Recovery workshop 3rd October 2025 and a Local Environment Quality seminar on 5th November.</p> <p>The clerk and Chair attended the S6 training.</p>		



6	-support capacity and/or other organisations	<p>Maintain good relationships with OVW officers.</p> <p>The CC have followed BNP, undertaken as many of the targets as possible and are reporting on them here. This report will be published on our website and on the Wales Biodiversity Partnership website.</p>		

Annual review of the Biodiversity Action Plan		Date reviewed:
What has worked well?	<p>Increased nesting for a variety of birds in the village.</p> <p>Working with the Eco Team from the school where the pupils can experience Biodiversity and what it means.</p> <p>Increase in wildflowers in the cemetery set aside area.</p> <p>Increase in community engagement in relation to biodiversity.</p> <p>15 native trees planted were successful.</p> <p>The community council have been successful in securing repairs to a bridge over the rivers to retain public countryside access.</p>	
What have the barriers been?	<p>Some of the 320 native bulbs planted in the recreation field were not valid.</p> <p>Determination of plans for the Recreation field have not progressed as quickly as we had hoped.</p>	
What will you change?	<p>Articles relating to biodiversity to be published on the community council website and Facebook page.</p> <p>Organise additional biodiversity events that encourage community participation.</p>	

	Apply for a grant to plant a hedge at two ends of the Recreation field.
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Next review due:	31 December 2028
Approved by Council on:	25 th November 2025



Bird boxes that have been mounted on trees.



The sign that has been erected in the cemetery explaining why there has been a change in grass cutting.





Plants that are populating the area put aside in the cemetery.



Community Council Chair, volunteers and members of the School Eco Council on the new recreation field
Bulb planting, tree planting and putting the bug hotel in a suitable spot.



Daffodils planted in prior years.



Planters that will be planted with shrubs



Land that is owned by Powys County Council. Montgomeryshire Wildlife trust
Stated that this area already has a rich and varied habitat for wildlife.