

Community & Town Councils

Biodiversity Action Plan 2026-2028

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

Name of Community & Town Council:	HALKYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Council type (Group 1, 2 or 3 for NRAP Aims):	3
Introduction and Context	
The Community of Halkyn is in Flintshire, north-east Wales with the administrative area covering the villages of Halkyn, Moel Y Crio, Pentre Halkyn, Rhes Y Cae, Rhosesmor, The Nant, The Wern and The Windmill. The area known locally as a wild, open-access landscape features historic lime kilns, old mine shafts, and panoramic views across the Dee Estuary. The area is a Protected Wildlife & Common Land: Designated as the Halkyn Common and Holywell Grasslands Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), the open limestone plateau spans nearly 700 hectares. It supports rare wildflowers (such as spring sandwort and stemless thistle) and wildlife like great crested newts. There are thirteen Community Councillors and employ a part time Clerk and Financial Officer who works from home. The population of the area is 2,271 (January 2026 Register of Electors). The Community Council's precept for 2026 / 2027 was set at £63,000.00. This amount is precept on residential properties within the community, and equates to a figure of £45.82 per household on a Band D property.	

NRAP Aim	Actions planned	Time scale	Monitored by:
1. Protect, restore and effectively manage ecosystems to build their resilience.			Councillors & Clerk (All below sections)
	Whilst the Council do not own any land apart from an enclosed area surrounding the Halkyn Parish Hall (Community Centre), the Council do promote bio-diversity within the community.	On-going	
	Laise with Flintshire County Council Bio-Diversity Officers and colleagues to continue to seek advise and assistance.	On-going	
	Promote residential biodiversity enhancement. Encourage use of bird boxes, feeders.	On-going	
	Report invasive species and request more pollinators.	On-going	
2. Safeguard species and improve their management.	Promote new nesting habitats, in public areas and on private land, especially with the Flintshire County Biodiversity Officer and Natural Resources Wales	2027- onwards	
	Evaluate use of all pesticide with Flintshire County Council.	2027- onwards	

	Evaluate mowing regimes of all grasslands (Halkyn Community Council and Flintshire County Council).	2027- onwards	
	New habitats for invertebrates.	2027- onwards	
	Support action on biodiversity threats, include control of invasive non native species, prevention of habitat loss.	On-going	
	Engage residents / land-owners / farm owners to better manage their land for bio-diversity and play a part in the community.	On-going	
3. Tackle key pressures on species, habitats and ecosystems.	Support community climate action. Engage with the community, listen and assist in voluntary action.	On-going	
	Engage and assist the County Bio-Diversity Officers, including residents.	On-going	
	Save energy, be aware of light pollution and inform community how they can play a part in their own properties and how it affects nature and can also effect mental health.	On-going	
	Encourage residents to plant with more drought friendly plants and shrubs, pollinators.	On-going	
4. Establish effective governance and capacity to deliver.			
	To investigate grants for biodiversity packages, schemes to assist with our action plan.	On-going	
	Review every 3 months to ensure the plan is fresh and at the forefront of the Community Councils responsibilities.	On-going	

5. Embed biodiversity through engagement and awareness raising to support effective decision making at every level.			
	Consider biodiversity in processes considering planning applications and reports to Council.	On-going	
	Support wider community understanding... Use The Halkyn Mountain News and Facebook to share information and encourage involvement.	On-going	
	Engage residents / land-owners / farm owners to better manage their land for bio-diversity and play a part in the community.	On-going	
	Engage with Ysgol Rhos Helyg Primary School to learn about bio-diversity.	On-going	
	Engage with local groups or businesses when volunteers are required.	On-going	
6. Improve our evidence and monitoring.	Be involved with and promote national environmental recording scheme, like butterfly count, garden birdwatch.	On-going	
	Share information and evidence with local conservation groups and charities	On-going	

	Be involved with projects organized by Flintshire County Council and other Town & Community Councils in the County, including National Landscapes Wales (Clwydian Range and Dee Valley) and share information.	On-going	

Annual review of the Biodiversity Action Plan			
Date reviewed:	19/10/2026	/ 2027	/ 2028
What has worked well?	Removal of invasive plants and ferns by Flintshire County Council, including the control of persistent weeds. Annual 'Clean-up' by residents in the area of Pentre Halkyn. Continue to seek the advice and assistance of the Flintshire County Bio-Diversity Officers.		

What have the barriers been?	All areas of the Community (general walkers and dog walkers) not respecting the mountain and common areas. Invasive plants across the Community Council area. Difficult for the North Wales Police to trace off-road bikers due to the remoteness of the area. The use of synthetic sprays that harm helpful insects, bees, and birds along with pests.		
What will you change?	Request the Grosvenor Estate to consider erecting signage in areas of the Halkyn Mountain Common to politely increase awareness to visitors - to kindly not walk in the area of wildflowers – advising the damage to the roots and stops new flowers from growing next year. Continue to liaise with the North Wales Police Educate the younger generation as to the importance to Bio-Diversity both currently and for the future.		

	To continue to liaise with the Flintshire County Council Bio-Diversity Officers and other organisations, including residents in relation to the use of synthetic sprays. To both promote and by sharing practical garden tips, and educating neighbors on local wildlife. To make contact with a local gardening club for assistance. Keep referring back to the plan to regularly review and keep as a priority.		
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Review approved:	19/10/2026	/2027	/2028
Next review:	18/10/2027	/2028	

Table 1: Types of organisations and possible s6 actions relative to their functions

Group	Description of organisation relative to biodiversity.	Minimum Actions	Examples	NRAP aim for Planning
	Organisations:			
1	- that own or occupy an office building only and - whose functions are not directly connected to biodiversity and/or land management.	Actions related to buildings management, procurement, sustainability, awareness raising, training, or in partnership with other organisations	Commissions, DVLA, Health Boards	NRAP aims: 3, 4, 5

NRAP Aim 3: Protect, restore and effectively manage ecosystems to build their resilience.

NRAP Aim 4: Establish effective governance and capacity to deliver.

NRAP Aim 5: Embed biodiversity through engagement