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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:	BODFARI, DENBIGHSHIRE
Council type (Group 1, 2 or 3 for NRAP Objectives):	GROUP 3 (COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

Introduction and Context

Bodfari is a small rural community located in Denbighshire, North Wales. Situated approximately 4 miles north-east of the town of Denbigh, it falls within the Clwydian Range National Landscape/Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The village is in a rural setting, surrounded by rolling hills and farmland.

The community of Bodfari is home currently to a population of around 500 residents, and its precept for 2024/25 was c.£16k. This amount is based on residential properties within the community and equates to a figure of £76.22 per household on a Band D property.

BCC currently has 5 (of potential 7) Councillors and employs a part-time Clerk, and contracted Groundsman.

The village has a quaint charm, with traditional stone-built cottages and a historic church, St. Stephen's. The church dates to the 13th century and is a prominent landmark in the area. A bronze sculpture with granite plinth of a marching soldier serves as the village war memorial. There are also a couple of Grade 2 listed buildings within the envelope of the village conservation area.

Despite its small size, Bodfari boasts several amenities for its residents and visitors. There is a primary school, Ysgol Bodfari, which has strong ties to the Community Council and a community (owned and maintained) recreation area with integrated football area. The recreation area incorporates wild-flower areas and a variety of trees and shrubs, including protected Denbigh-plum fruit trees.

The surrounding countryside offers numerous opportunities for outdoor pursuits such as hiking, cycling, and horseback riding. The nearby Clwydian Range is renowned for its stunning landscapes and is a popular destination for nature lovers and walkers. The Offa's Dyke national footpath crosses the village and encompasses the nearby Moel-y-Gaer iron-age hill fort.

NRAP Objective	Biodiversity objectives	Action planned	Time scale	Monitored by:
1	*-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement*	*Develop and publish the plan* *Embedding biodiversity when considering planning applications / procurement / project reports – especially those where known or decreasing habitats for endangered species (bats, newts, toads etc)*	*End 12/2025* *Q1 2026*	*Inclusion in BCC minutes*
	-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	*For BCC members:* • *Provision of WG/OVW slide set of the Section 6 (Environment (Wales) Act 2016. Duties of councils.* • *Awareness of local (Denbighshire) Biodiversity Action Plan.* *For public:* • *Awareness of local (Denbighshire) Biodiversity Action Plans via articles in local publications, social media posts.*	*End Q1 2026* *End Q1 2026*	*End of FY report*
2	*-safeguard principal species and habitats*	*Manage landholdings (Hannah Jane Smith recreation area) for the benefit of nature.* *Promote species recording (esp annual toad migration across B5429 near A541 junction)* *Promote links with local conservation projects (Ysgol Bodfari)* *Review Roadside verges project (Denbighshire)*	*Q2 2026*	*Meeting with DCC Bio-diversity team to review SSIs etc in Bodfari environs*

3	*-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks*	*Promote links with local conservation projects* • *Apply for bee friendly status* • *Review Denbigh Plum Society conservation.* • *Review local archaeology projects in BCC boundaries* • *Re-wilding projects focussed on hedgerows, grass verges, river habitats*	*Q2 2026*	*Meeting with DCC Bio-diversity team to review SSIs etc in Bodfari environs*
4	*-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species*	*Promote 'clean' environment issues such as:* • *Save energy, reduce waste, sustainable procurement* • *Review and support community climate action plans* • *Control of invasive species (esp Himalayan balsam) alongside the river Wheeler/Chweiler)*	*Q2 2026*	*Annual report reviews*
5	*-use, improve, and share evidence*	*Link with DCC and other local Town/Community Councils* *Share information and evidence with local conservation groups and charities* *Promote national environmental recording schemes such as "big garden birdwatch", "big butterfly count"*	*Q2 2026*	*Evidenced by information sharing*
6	*-support capacity and/or other organisations*	*Publish a Section 6 Biodiversity Plan* • *Appoint a lead Officer or Champion* • *Create an Environment Committee to progress actions* • *Schedule progress updates* • *Schedule annual review of the plan*	*End 12/2025* *Q1 2026*	*Evidenced in BCC minutes* *Plan to be reviewed bi-annually (end June/ December); recorded in council minutes*

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Annual review of the Biodiversity Action Plan		Date reviewed:	FIRST DRAFT OF PLAN 12/2025
What has worked well?	n/a		
What have the barriers been?	n/a		
What will you change?	n/a		

Next review due:	June 2026
Approved by Council on:	

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Cynghorau Cymuned a Thref

Cynllun Gweithredu Bioamrywiaeth

Deddf yr Amgylchedd (Cymru) 2016 Rhan 1 – Adran 6 Y Ddyletswydd Bioamrywiaeth a Chydnerthedd Ecosystemau

Enw'r Cyngor Tref neu Gymuned:	
Math o gyngor (Grŵp 1,2, neu 3 ar gyfer amcan NRAP)	

Cyflwyniad a'r Cyd-destun

Disgrifiad byr o'r Cyngor, ei swyddogaethau a'r cyd-destun o ran:

- *sut y gallai helpu bioamrywiaeth (trwy ei swyddogaethau rheoli tir, cyllid grant, gweithgareddau addysgol e.e.).*
- *graddfa ofodol a lle (e.e. faint o dir mae'n ei gynnwys, poblogaeth, praesept?).*
- *cyflawni gwasanaethau i'r cyhoedd (e.e. a yw gofynion Deddf Llesiant Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol yn berthnasol iddo?).*

Amcan NRAP	Amcan Bioamrywiaeth	Camau arfaethedig	Graddfa amser	Wedi eu monitro gan:
1	-cynnwys bioamrywiaeth o fewn llunio penderfyniadau a chaffael			
	-codi ymwybyddiaeth o fioamrywiaeth a'i bwysigrwydd			
2	-diogelu prif rywogaethau a chynefinoedd			

3	**-adfer & chreu cynefinoedd a rhwydweithiau ecolegol cydnerth**			
4	**-mynd i'r afael ag elfennau negyddol: lleihau llygredd e.e. defnyddio atebion yn seiliedig ar natur, mynd i'r afael â rhywogaethau goresgynnol**			
5	**-defnyddio gwella a rhannu tystiolaeth**			
6	**-cefnogi capasiti a/neu sefydliadau eraill**			

Adolygiad blynyddol o'r Cynllun Gweithredu Bioamrywiaeth	**Dyddiad yr adolygiad:**	
Beth sydd wedi gweithio'n dda?		
Beth fu'r rhwystrau?		
Beth fyddwch yn ei newid?		

Dyddiad yr adolygiad nesaf:	
Cymeradwywyd gan y Cyngor ar:	

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Group	Description of organisation relative to biodiversity. Organisations:	Minimum Actions	Examples	NRAP objectives for Action Reporting (see template Annex 1)
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	NRAP objectives 1, 4, 6
2	• that own, occupy or manage land their own buildings and grounds, • whose functions are connected with biodiversity and/or land management, or • that can influence those who own or manage land.	As per Group 1 above PLUS grounds management, cascading funding criteria, providing education and training	Public Health Wales, Universities, Sport Wales	NRAP objectives 1,4,6 as above NRAP objectives 2, 3, 5 relating to own grounds
3	• that own or manage land beyond their own grounds, whether their functions are connected with biodiversity and/or land management or not.	As per Groups 1 and 2 above PLUS land management to maintain and enhance biodiversity, and promote the resilience of ecosystems.	Dŵr Cymru, Local Authorities, NRW, Welsh Government	All NRAP objectives

The **Nature Recovery Action Plan for Wales (NRAP)** sets out six objectives for reversing the decline of biodiversity which should be used to help develop and guide actions to comply with the section 6 duty:

The **6 objectives** to maintain and enhance biodiversity are:

Objective 1: Engage and support participation and understanding to embed biodiversity throughout decision making at all levels

Objective 2: Safeguard species and habitats of principal importance and improve their management

Objective 3: Increase the resilience of our natural environment by restoring degraded habitats and habitat creation

Objective 4: Tackle key pressures on species and habitats

Objective 5: Improve our evidence, understanding and monitoring

Objective 6: Put in place a framework of governance and support for delivery

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Grŵp	Disgrifiad o sefydliad mewn perthynas â bioamrywiaeth Sefydliadau:	Camau Gweithredu Sylfaenol	Enghreifftiau	Amcanion NRAP ar gyfer Adrodd ar gamau Gweithredu (Gweler Templedi)
1	• sy'n berchen neu'n meddiannu adeilad swyddfa yn unig • ac nad yw eu swyddogaethau'n gysylltiedig yn uniongyrchol â bioamrywiaeth a/neu reoli tir.	Camau sy'n gysylltiedig a rheoli adeiladau, caffael, cynaliadwyedd, codi ymwybyddiaeth, hyfforddiant, neu mewn partneriaeth â sefydliadau eraill.	Comisynau, DVLA	Amcanion NRAP: **1, 4, a 6**
2	• sy'n berchen yn meddiannu neu'n rheoli eu adeiladau a'u tir eu hunain, • y mae eu swyddogaethau'n gysylltiedig a bioamrywiaeth a/neu reoli tir, neu • sy'n gallu dylanwadu ar y rhai sy'n berchen ar dir neu'n rheoli tir.	Fel Grŵp 1 uchod A rheoli tir, rhaeadru meini prawf cyllido, darparu addysg a hyfforddiant	Iechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru, Prifysgolion, Chwaraeon Cymru	Amcanion NRAP: **1,4, a 6** *fel uchod* + Amcanion NRAP: **2, 3, a 5** *yn ymwneud â thir y sefydliad*
3	• sy'n berchen ar dir neu'n rheoli tir y tu hwnt I'w tir eu hunain, waeth a yw eu swyddogaethau'n gysylltiedig â bioamrywiaeth a/neu reoli tir ai peidio.	Fel Grwpiau 1 a 2 uchod A rheoli tir er mwyn cynnal a gwella bioamrywiaeth, a hyrwyddo cydnerthedd ecosystemau.	Dŵr Cymru, Awdurdodau Lleol, CNC, Llywodraeth Cymru	Holl amcanion NRAP: **1,2,3,4,5 a 6**

Mae **Cyllun Gweithredu Adfer Natur Cymru (NRAP)** yn gosod chwe amcan ar gyfer gwrthdroi dirywiad bioamrywiaeth a dylid eu defnyddio i helpu i ddatblygu ac arwain gweithredoedd i gydymffurfio â dyletswydd adran 6:

Y **6 amcan** i gynnal a gwella bioamrywiaeth yw:

Amcan 1: Ymgysylltu a chynorthwyo cyfranogi a dealltwriaeth er mwyn gwreiddio bioamrywiaeth ledled y penderfyniadau a wneir ar bob lefel

Amcan 2: Diogelu'r rhywogaethau a'r cynefinoedd pwysicaf, a gwella'r modd y'u rheolir

Amcan 3: Cynyddu cydnerthedd ein hamgylchedd naturiol trwy adfer cynefinoedd a ddiraddiwyd, a chreu cynefinoedd

Amcan 4: Mynd i'r afael â'r pwysau allweddol sydd ar rywogaethau a chynefinoedd

Amcan 5: Gwella ein tystiolaeth, ein dealltwriaeth a'n systemau monitro

Amcan 6: Sefydlu fframwaith llywodraethu a chymorth ar gyfer cyflenwi