

Appendix 2 – Biodiversity Project Action Plan

This aspect of Parish to be led by Lizzie and Sally and also be incorporated into the HolmeDale Nature Project .

	Objective	How to make it happen	Who will do it	When by
1	<p>Creation of wildlife areas within Whashton Parish area;</p> <p>Entrance bank Bobby's Bank Nature Recovery Area(1)</p> <p>Back of village green (2)</p> <p>Sturdy House lane (3)</p>	<p>Committee members to start major work (covered by insurance) Tree removal planning obtained.</p> <p>Entrance bank , Bobby's Bank Nature Recovery Area(1)</p> <p>Back of village green , Quarry Bank Nature Recovery Area(2)</p> <p>Sturdy House lane (3) tbc</p> <p>Whashton Wildlife Group (WWG) to make nest boxes, bug hotels, plant bulbs, wildflower seeds to help develop areas once cleared. Roger Stott Grant applied for to assist with this – trees, shrubs, bulbs and nest boxes purchased</p> <p>Good verge Guide – Plantlife to inform cutting of green to encourage wildflowers for pollinators. Aerial photograph of trial shared in Newsletter April 2021. – designated areas of the Green to be left as 'meadow' to support this.</p>	<p>SZ, TZ, RO, JM, IM</p> <p>WWG</p>	<p>End of March 2021 (1), (2),</p> <p>Completed first phase – now ongoing annual maintenance</p> <p>July 2023 – additional Roger Stott Grant applied for , got and spent</p>
2	<p>Community orchard</p>	<p>Essentially this year needs to be spent deciding on the number and range of trees you can plant, the rootstock which is appropriate and preparation of the site.</p> <p>Hilary Dodson</p> <p>Chairman, Northern Fruit Group</p> <p>- Arrange meeting and research varieties</p>	<p>SZ</p> <p>WWG</p>	<p>Ongoing – start autumn 2021</p> <p>Revisit this is autumn after AGM</p>

		https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-england WWG to design orchard area design		NFA on this – revisit with WPM in 2023/24
3	Meadow areas on the green	SZ to attend Meadow workshop on 20 th May 2021 and feedback to WWG WWG to design meadow area – no ideas provide to date	SZ WWG SS	Completed and fed back to WWG on 31.5.21 – SZ available for meadow guidance Meadow seed to be planted autumn 2023 in designated areas as trial
4	Enhancing local hedgerows	Engagement with local landowners: Hartforth Estate, Zetland Estate, MOD (DIO forester responsible for North Region and her e-mail is Elisabeth.Airey100@mod.gov.uk . Karen Fisher Ecologist responsible for the Natural environment and contactable on Karen.Fisher105@mod.gov.uk , Local Farmers. Application for grants from Woodland Trust, https://www.ydmt.org/what-we-do/tree-planting/woodland-grants	SZ WWG	Autumn 2021 start date Sz to resend emails June. NFA on this – HolmeDale Nature Project now linked taking the lead on it.

5	Tree planting	<p>As above</p> <p>Biodiversity officer for NYCC has been contacted – no response to date</p> <p>The Northern Forest: Planting 50 Million Trees The Woodland Trust</p> <p>Community Woods - Woodland Trust</p> <p>https://www.cprenorthyorkshire.co.uk/news/free-trees-for-community-woodlands/</p> <p>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/woodland-creation-with-will-richardson-tickets-145669335905</p>	<p>SZ</p> <p>SS PB to attend webinar and feedback</p>	<p>Autumn 2021 start date</p> <p>PB attended and is available to help with tree guidance</p> <p>As above</p>
6	Seed and plant swop stop	<p>Social gathering, designated shelved cupboard by notice board? Newsletter</p>		<p>Defer to next year dependent upon interest</p> <p>To be revisited in 2023/4</p>
7	Insect friendly gardening	<p>By using newsletter to encourage this, Approach RHS for community gardening grant</p>	<p>SZ</p>	<p>SZ written to RHs June 21</p> <p>SZ to contact RHS for grant/awards etc – done 2.6.21</p> <p>RHS criteria not met</p>
8	Hedgehog project	<p>Approach Sunderland Hedgehog rescue to see if we can adopt more hedgehogs for the village.</p> <p>Newsletter</p>	<p>SZ</p>	<p>TBC</p> <p>NFA - but could be revisited if Community request it – lady in</p>

				Barningham also does Hedgehog rescue.
9	Litter picking	Keeping vigilant and conducting regular litter picking walks	JM WWG	Ongoing Thanks to JM for this