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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:	**DYSERTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**
Council type (Group 1, 2 or 3 for NRAP Aims):	**3**

Introduction and Context

Dyserth sits on the boundary of the Clwydian Range and Dee valley National Landscape, encompassing two areas designated as SSSI: Maes Hiraddug, a neutral grassland and Moel Hiraddug designated for both its geology and limestone grassland. Dyserth is famous for its spectacular 70 foot Dyserth Waterfall and also renowned for it scenic beauty, which includes the nearby limestone ridge of Moel Hiraddug, historic lead mining and its proximity to the 13th century Dyserth Castle site.

The population of the Dyserth council area is 2,030 (January 2026 Register of Electors) The Dyserth Community Council precept for the financial year 2026/2027 is £70,000. This amount is precept on residential properties within the community and equates to a figure of £59.73p per household on a Band D property. There are eleven Community Councillors and employ a part time Clerk and Financial Officer who works from home. The Council hold monthly meetings (apart from August and December) to which the public can attend.

The council have a number of flower planters that are placed around the village, including an area of land which consists of a memorial garden, children's play and toddler sections, multi-use games together with and adjacent green area known as the King George Recreational Ground.

NRAP Aim	Actions planned	Time scale	Monitored by:
1. Protect, restore and effectively manage ecosystems to build their resilience.			
	Manage landholdings for the benefit of nature and biodiversity, namely in the Lime Kiln area and our field previously known as Burial field which we are creating a wild-flower meadow.	**On -going**	**Councillors & Clerk (All below sections)**
	Burial field… liaise with Sasha Taylor (Countryside ranger DCC) and Charlotte Wheeler (Limestone links project officer) regarding meadow management.	**On-going**	
	Maintenance of wildflower area in section of St. Bridget's churchyard.	**On-going**	
	Promote residential biodiversity enhancement. Encourage use of bird boxes, feeders.	**On -going**	
	Community garden, control invasive species, more pollinators planted. Look at installing water butt.	**On-going**	
2. Safeguard species and improve their management.	Create new nesting habitats, in public areas and on private land.	**2027-onwards**	
	Evaluate use of all pesticide in our planters and on certain residential roads.	**2027-onwards**	
	Evaluate mowing regimes of all grasslands	**2027-onwards**	

	New habitats created for invertebrates.	**2027- onwards**	
	Lime Kiln area , whilst creating a space to enjoy, informing not only of the history but of the nature in the area and importance of bio-diversity and preservation of natural habitat.	**On-going**	
3. Tackle key pressures on species, habitats and ecosystems.	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**	
	Support community climate action. Engage with the community, listen and assist in voluntary action.	**On -going**	
	Engage and assist with the Dyserth Flood action group.	**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**	
	Planters in village… plant with more drought friendly plants and shrubs, pollinators.		
4. Establish effective governance and	Councillors Anne Rogers, David Parry and Peter Robinson to investigate grants for biodiversity packages, schemes to assist with our action plan.	**On -going**	

capacity to deliver.	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 Dyserth times magazine and Facebook group 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 Hiraddug to visit the Burial field to learn about bio-diversity.	**2027-onwards**	
	Engage with local groups or businesses when volunteers are required.	**2027-onwards**	

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 with DCC, other local town/community councils and National Landscapes Wales (Clwydian Range and Dee Valley) and share information.	**On -going**	

Annual review of the Biodiversity Action Plan			
Date reviewed:	**12/10/2026**	**/2027**	**/2028**
What has worked well?	Creation of wildlife corridor at burial field having planted 300 metres of hedging with volunteers, also other planting and maintenance. Pollinating plants put in Community garden .Kilns project slowly but surely coming to fruition, installation of bird boxes. Paying attention to environment surveys in planning applications. A nature article in Dyserth times magazine.		
What have the barriers been?	Invasive plant in Community garden, and siting of old shed/garage (now removed) In Burial field, inability to have arisings taken away after mowing the grassland.		

What will you change?	We have liaised with DCC limestone corridor project which has resulted in plans to have assistance with cutting and to clear it so the meadow can move forward and we can plant yellow rattle and other wildflower seeds. We will keep liaising with DCC and other organisations. Keep referring back to the plan to regularly review and keep as a priority in our monthly meetings.		

Review approved:	**12/10/2026**	**/2027**	**/2028**
Next review:	**11/10/2027**	**/2028**	

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

Group	Description of organisation relative to biodiversity. Organisations:	Minimum Actions	Examples	NRAP aim for Planning
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
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 aims: 3, 4, 5 as above NRAP aims: 1, 2, 6 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 aims

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 a awareness raising to support effective decision making at every level.

NRAP Aim 1: Protect, restore and effectively manage ecosystems to build their resilience.

NRAP Aim 2: Safeguard species and improve their management.

NRAP Aim 6: Improve our evidence and monitoring.