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Reporting on Section 6

Community and Town Councils

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

The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report December 2025	
Name of Community or Town Council:	BODFARI COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Group:	GROUP 3 (COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

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.

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Action Report 2023 - 2025			
NRAP Objective	**Action carried out to…**		**Monitored by:**
1	-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	*Due to the limited number of councillors and lack of Clerk for the first part of the recorded time period, only minimal actions were undertaken. However these actions were generally, in-line with the previously published (2022) report:* 1. *Grass cutting across council land* 2. *Regular cutting of grass as well as pruning of trees and shrubs within the Hannah Jane Smith Playing Areas.* 3. *Placing bird boxes in trees of the recreation area.* 4. *Shared information within the local community (via BCC annual report, social media and call for park-tidying projects)*	*Members of the Council*
	-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance		
2	-safeguard principal species and habitats		
3	-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks		
4	-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species		
5	-use improve and share evidence		
6	-support capacity and/or other organisations		

Review of S6 duty actions for 2023-2025	
What has worked well?	Continued regular inspection and maintenance of the recreation area and road-side verges. Addition of new ‘planters’ within the village.
What have the barriers been?	Lack of a permanent clerk for the early part of the reporting period (now rectified), leading to missed opportunities.
What will you change?	Provision of the Biodiversity action plan to the wider audience of residents in the village. Ensure members of the Community Council are made familiar with the Action Plan, its contents and this report.
How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?	A new Biodiversity Action Plan for the 2026-28 period has been completed. This will be reviewed on a 6-monthly basis.

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