



## Yscir Community Council S6 Biodiversity Report

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

### The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report 2025

**Name of Community or Town Council:** Yscir Community Council

**Group:** 1

#### Introduction and Context

Lying just to the north-west of Brecon, the community of Yscir comprises the hamlets of Aberyscir, Battle, Cradoc and Fennifach in their entirety. It also includes parts of Aberbran and Pontfaen. It is an attractive rural area, largely given over to sheep farming with a low population density. There are outstanding views of the Brecon Beacons from its hills, and it is popular with walkers and mountain bikers.

Yscir Community Council does not own any land, nor does it have any responsibilities for hedgerows etc.

#### Action Report 2023 - 2025

NRAP Objective	Action carried out to...		Monitored by:
1	-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	Taken into account biodiversity considerations when reviewing planning applications and other associated matters.	Clerk and councillors
	-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	Promoting local biodiversity initiatives on our social media, notice boards and website. Attending biodiversity courses offered by One Voice Wales and disseminate to fellow councillors.	Clerk and councillors
2	-safeguard principal species and habitats	N/A	
3	-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	N/A	
4	-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use	Consideration of carbon footprint when sourcing supplies. Organising community litter picking.	Clerk and councillors

	nature based solutions, address invasive species	Reducing our paper copies by electronic versions or double siding. Actively supporting our Speedwatch initiative.	
5	-use improve and share evidence	N/A	
6	-support capacity and/or other organisations	Offering assistance to the local community where county council resources are no longer available. Example maintaining our drovers green lane.	Councillors

### Review of S6 duty actions for 2023-2025

What has worked well?	Litter picking was carried out each spring with local volunteers.  With local volunteers we cleared our drovers green lane of overgrown branches and evasive plants. This has allowed our native plants to thrive and our less able walkers to use the lane.
What have the barriers been?	Engaging with our widely dispersed community to assist in our projects.
What will you change?	Try and increase our community awareness of our projects and their involvement.
How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?	Review our S6 plan annually at our January council meeting and discuss other matters as they arise.

## Drovers green lane clearance



## Litter Picking



Group	Description of organisation relative to biodiversity.	Minimum Actions	Examples	NRAP objectives for Action Reporting (see template Annex 1)
	<b>Organisations:</b>			
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>that own or occupy an office building only and</li> <li>whose functions are not directly connected to biodiversity and/or land management.</li> </ul>	Actions related to buildings management, procurement, sustainability, awareness raising, training, or in partnership with other organisations	Commissions, DVLA	NRAP objectives 1, 4, 6
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>that own, occupy or manage land their own buildings and grounds,</li> <li>whose functions are connected with biodiversity and/or land management, or</li> <li>that can influence those who own or manage land.</li> </ul>	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>that own or manage land beyond their own grounds, whether their functions are connected with biodiversity and/or land management or not.</li> </ul>	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