

Working together for a greener, wilder, healthier community

 **Our Vision**

A community where nature thrives, green spaces are cared for, and everyone plays a part in protecting local wildlife.

 **Why It Matters**

Supports our duty under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016

Helps create a Resilient, Healthier, Cohesive Wales

Protects local habitats for future generations

 **Our Priorities (2026–2029)**

1. Protect & Enhance Local Nature

Create wildlife-friendly spaces on council land

Improve verges and green corridors with reduced mowing

Support woodland and riverside habitat projects

2. Support Local Wildlife

Pollinator-friendly planting across the community

Bird, bat and hedgehog boxes on suitable buildings

Citizen-science surveys and wildlife-spotting events

3. Empower the Community

Small biodiversity grants for schools and groups

Volunteer projects with PALS and local partners

Nature-themed competitions, trails and events

4. Greener Council Practices

Biodiversity considered in all council decisions

Peat-free, pollinator-friendly procurement

Annual progress reporting under Section 6

 **Key Local Projects**

17 De Winton Terrace: pocket wildlife garden

Riverside Walk: habitat improvements & litter-free access

Allotments: wildlife corners, reduced pesticides, seed sharing

Library Grounds: pollinator beds, sensory planting, green screens

 **Working Together**

Partners:

Caerphilly CBC • NRW • Local schools • PALS • Allotment associations • Community halls & churches • Residents & volunteers

 **How We'll Track Progress**

- Annual review to Council

- Public updates via website & newsletters

- Full Section 6 report every three years

 **Get Involved**

Plant for pollinators • Join a litter pick • Create a hedgehog highway • Record wildlife sightings

• Volunteer for local projects