

## **Westfield Nature Action Plan**

### **Background and introduction**

March 2021 saw Westfield Parish Council declare a Climate Emergency, along with a list of objectives which are embodied within the work of its Environment and Development Committee, which meets monthly. Enhancement of our green spaces is a key element of the work of this Committee.

### **Strategic Context**

The key green spaces in Westfield are outlined in detail in our Neighbourhood Plan which was adopted in 2018. Five years later we are conducting a review of the Neighbourhood Plan.

<https://www.westfieldparishcouncil.co.uk/council/neighbourhood-plan/>

Following the purchase of Waterside Valley in 2021, the Parish Council researched, created and consulted on the Waterside Valley Master Plan and Management Plan, which was published in October 2022.

<https://www.westfieldparishcouncil.co.uk/community/waterside-valley/>

Our plans for preserving and enhancing the watercourse, trees, grassland, hedges, flora and fauna are all addressed in this document.

Alongside this, we are working with Somer Valley Rediscovered on delivering the action points in the Waterside Valley Management Plan. <https://somervalleyrediscovered.co.uk/>

The Parish Council's annual front garden competition encourages biodiversity.

### **Aims and objectives**

Our aim is to create a thriving natural environment in our parish.

To do this we will

- continue to implement the actions in the Waterside Valley Management Plan
- increase community engagement and involvement in nature

### **Partnership**

Somer Valley Rediscovered	Guidance, funding, working together	Miriam_woolnought@bathnes.gov.uk
B&NES Council	Guidance	Nature_recovery@bathnes.gov.uk
Waterside Valley Focus Group	Consultation, volunteering	Contacted via Westfield Parish Council <a href="mailto:council@westfieldparishcouncil.co.uk">council@westfieldparishcouncil.co.uk</a>

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Love Parks Week	The Parish Council actively participates annually.	<a href="https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/love-parks-week">https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/love-parks-week</a>
30 Days Wild	The Wildlife Trusts' annual challenge event, where everyone involved does one wild thing a day throughout the month of June. The Parish Council promotes and takes part in the challenge.	<a href="https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/30dayswild">https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/30dayswild</a>

<b>Review History</b>	
Agreed by E&D	8 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
<b>Next Review Due</b>	<b>May 2025</b>