# DRAFT HULLAVINGTON BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

| SITE / OBJECTIVE | ACTION | OUTCOME | TARGET (Years) | REPORTING / PUBLICITY |
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| Whole council area | Raise local awareness of biodiversity. | Gain local support for action.  | Ongoing  | Newsletter, social media, website |
| Protect and support biodiversity | Encourage suitable planting to support biodiversity.  | Connect & diversify habitats to meet the needs of a variety of wildlife species | Ongoing | Mapping |
| Cemetery         | Consider inserting bird boxes, insect hotels, reptile shelters, bat boxes as required.  Adopt a plan to support wildlife and diversity whilst maintaining the site in a way which enables visitors to experience quiet and calm remembrance.Leave some areas unmown some 3 – 4m away from the graves and create mown pathways through unmown areas. Consider opening the cemetery extension area as wildlife area until needed. Leave leaf litter and dead vegetation wherever possible as a habitat for invertebrates, tucked away and at a distance from the graves.  | Increased diversity of habitats and food sources  Increased cover for invertebrates, reptiles, amphibians and small mammals.  Encouraging insects particularly butterflies and bees.  |   2026     |   |
| Churchyard  | Consult with the PCC on additional planting which is sympathetic to native species. Maintain and renew bird boxes, insect hotels, reptile shelters, bat boxes as required  Continue to liaise with the PCC plan on the mowing regime to support wildlife and diversity whilst maintaining the site in a way which enables visitors to experience quiet and calm remembrance.  Leave leaf litter and dead vegetation wherever possible as a habitat for invertebrates.  | Increased diversity of habitats and food sources  Increased cover for invertebrates, reptiles, amphibians and small mammals.  Encouraging insects particularly butterflies and bees.  | 2026 |  |
|  Village Green (The pond site) | Sympathetically maintain area.  Leave some areas unmown on the border of the green and around bulb planting until die back of leaf.   | Food sources and cover  Encourages insects.  Sustain and enhance natural habitats.  | Continue as ongoing |  |
| The bus stop garden area | Sympathetically plant and maintain with native plants and plants for pollinators | Food sources and cover  Encourages insects.  Sustain and enhance natural habitats.  | Continue as ongoing |  |
| Neighbourhood Development Plan | Identify those areas of the landscape which act as wildlife havens and corridors | Preserve biodiversity, sustain existing best sites as natural habitats | End of 2025 |  |
| Verges and grass islands | Adopt a management plan.  Encourage residents to remove litter and pick up after their dogs.  Work with the county council on verge management, favouring biodiversity but noting which areas may need cutting for highway safety.   | Sustain and enhance natural habitats.  Protecting habitats   Protecting/enhancing habitats  Regular attention. | Ongoing |  |
| Gauze Brook and catchment streams | Work with agencies, landowners and volunteers to increase biodiversity.Seek to work with Wessex Water to limit sewage pollution. Seek to influence Wessex Water to implement nature-based solutions to manage sewage treatmentSeek to influence landowners and agencies to implement flood management attenuation measures | Improved riverfly testing results in the stream. Improved chemical markers | OngoingBy end 2030Agree plan by end of 2025 |  |
| The Built Landscape  | Ensure that planning consultations are considered against the requirements of the Neighbourhood Plan  Encourage hedgehog/small animal highways with permeable boundaries. Consider signage  | Protecting/enhancing habitats    Extending habitats.  | Ongoing |  |
| Increase community awareness of biodiversity  | Ask residents for their views on what they would like to be done to conserve biodiversity within the parish.  Raise awareness of the importance of gardens as habitats for wildlife, with possible actions highlighted in the parish magazine.  Create a page on the website for photographs / information / links  Encourage local farmers to contribute and highlight examples of their good practice  Discourage floodlighting.  | Engagement/ownership of biodiversity    Promote biodiversity.      Promote biodiversity.   Promote biodiversity.   Extending habitats.  Protect nocturnal animals. | Ongoing | Neighbourhood plan consultation |
| Support Community Projects  | Support hedge/tree planting in any appropriate areas.  Work in partnership with the school to develop young people’s awareness of the environment around them.  Consider events and offer volunteering opportunities to support biodiversity, working with local organisations.  | Extending habitats.   Promote biodiversity.     Promote biodiversity. |  |  |