



Matlock
TOWN COUNCIL

BIO-DIVERSITY POLICY

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BACKGROUND

Under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 there is a duty on public authorities in England, including Town Councils to conserving biodiversity as part of their policy or decision making. This was further strengthened by the Environment Act 2021 so public authorities must now consider what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity in England. This means a public authority must;

- Consider what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity.
- Agree policies and specific objectives based on their consideration.
- Act to deliver policies and achieve objectives .

Biodiversity refers to the variety of life on earth. Biodiversity is everywhere: in gardens, fields, hedgerows, mountains, rivers and the sea.

LOCAL AREA

Matlock town has a considerable number of natural areas, including forests and woodlands.

What the Town Council will do

- Consider the impact on biodiversity in the decisions made through the Town Council, especially when commenting on planning applications.
- The Town Council will look to promote biodiversity via its website and social media.
- Support local businesses and council operations in the adoption of low impact and/or practices which have a positive benefit on nature.
- Encourage and support other organisations within the town to manage their areas of responsibility with biodiversity in mind.
- Support residents and local organisation activities to enhance and promote biodiversity.

Related policies

- Environmental Plan
- Tree Management Strategy
- Bee Keeping Policy
- Land Management Policy
- Allotment Structures Policy
- Fruit Tree Policy
- Vehicle Use Policy