

Fradley Parish Council Biodiversity Policy

Biodiversity is the variety of all life on earth. It includes all species of animals and plants, and the natural system that supports them. Biodiversity supports the natural environment and contributes to our health and wellbeing.

As a community, working together, we can make a real difference, not only protecting what we already have, but improving and enhancing the natural habitat around us for future generations.

Aim

To enhance, protect and raise awareness of biodiversity within the Parish. To give meaningful consideration to biodiversity as part of our decision making and to encourage community involvement across the whole of Fradley.

Objectives

- To raise **awareness** of biodiversity across the Parish through community engagement with local residents, businesses and organisations
- To support and encourage residents, businesses and other organisations **participation** in biodiversity projects and initiatives within the Parish
- To actively pursue and identify **opportunities** to improve biodiversity across the Parish, driven through a focused biodiversity **action plan**
- Consider the **conservation** and **development** of biodiversity as part of our management of our open spaces
- Consideration given to sourcing **sustainable** materials and equipment when procuring supplies for the Councils use and **reducing** energy and waste where possible
- To consider biodiversity **implications** when considering planning applications and seek to provide net gains in biodiversity and green infrastructure as part of any future developments in the parish of Fradley
- To ensure that this policy supports, and is integral to Fradley Parish Council **Environmental Policy**