

Greetham Biodiversity Plan - Greetham Goes Wild

Introduction

The Greetham Biodiversity Group has been formed to provide an opportunity to manage and develop the biodiversity within the village and its surround with the objective of safeguarding the natural biodiversity of the area for future generations.

The GBG shall have no executive powers, but rather act as a forum to encourage local landowners to improve their understanding of, and implement measures enhance the benefits of biodiversity of the area.

The objectives above do not interfere with the accountability of relevant decision-making bodies on the sites or of statutory organisations such as the regulators, planning authorities and relevant governmental authorities.

Mission Statement

Greetham Biodiversity Group comprises representatives from Greetham Parish Council and Villagers who wish to manage and enhance the natural biodiversity of the area. We believe that we have expertise and knowledge which could be beneficial to improve the natural biodiversity for future generations.

Key Objectives:

6 key habitats which will be the focus of GBG:

- Hedgerows and verges
- Woodlands
- Individual trees
- Meadows and grasslands
- Ponds
- Watercourses.

GBG will update the records held by Leicestershire County Ecologist relating to the biodiversity of the area.

GBG will advise Greetham Parish Council on any Planning Applications which may impact local biodiversity.

Additionally, GBG will be involved with increasing the understanding of villagers and visitors to the area of the importance of the local biodiversity through:

- Information boards at key locations
- Regular newsletters
- Community Centre notices

10 Year Plan

Short Term (0 - 6 months)

- Introduction of the biodiversity plan and involvement of stakeholder:
Open Gardens
Church Fete
LRWT
CPRE
Anglian Water
- Handout of bird box, hedgehog Highway, bee house design and kits
- Interpretive signage at strategic locations
- Information dissemination - social media, flyers, village newsletter, information boards at CC
- National Grid Grant Application
- Education and training programme for different groups
- Preparation of planting needs for winter 2023/24 for hedgerows, trees and Merrys Meadow
- Meeting with Anglian Water to Plan Brook Improvements
- Preparations for Greetham in Bloom 2024
- Management of Greetham Quarry Wood
- Village Meeting

Medium Term (6 months - 2 years)

- Development of Management Plan for Footpath and Hedgerows
- Implementation of Footpath and Hedgerow Plan
- Promotion of Greetham in Bloom
- Greetham Quarry Wood and Wild Meadow Development
- Brook Improvements
- Water Management and Pond Plans
- Tree Survey
- Allotment Sourcing and Proposals
- Bird, bat and bee boxes, hedgehog homes and highways promotion
- Greetham Goes Wild Handbook - trees, ponds, bird and bat boxes, green roofs
- Survey report

Long Term (2 - 10 years)

- Completion of meadow, copse and hedgerow plans
- Community Orchards
- Completion of of Hedgerow, meadow and copse management and improvements
- Annual Surveys