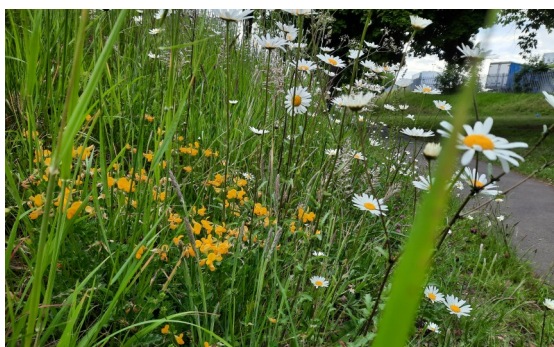


Stevenage Biodiversity Action Plan 2024—2028

Summary



Grasslands

Overall objective: To conserve, link and diversify the composition and structure of Stevenage's grasslands to optimise their value to wildlife and people.

Summary of actions:

- Update cutting and scrub management regimes



Woodlands

Overall objective: To conserve and enhance Stevenage's woodlands. To develop and maintain an appropriate structure within the woodlands to optimise their value for wildlife and people.

Summary of actions:

- Introduce structural diversity through thinning, ride and glade creation.
- Control of invasive non-native species



Ancient Hedgerows

Overall objective: To manage Stevenage's ancient hedgerows to produce a diverse structure and to ensure their survival for the benefit of wildlife and local residents.

Summary of actions

- Review management & designation.
- Implement Hedgerow Conservation & Management Plans.



Wetlands

Overall objective: To conserve and restore Stevenage's wetlands through appropriate and sensitive management to optimise their value to wildlife and people.

Summary of actions:

- Vegetation and scrub management in and around ponds/lakes
- Raise awareness of chalk rivers
- Continue rotational management



Neighbourhood Nature

Overall objective: To maximise biodiversity in the urban environment by encouraging the design and use of our buildings, gardens and allotments to be sympathetic to the requirements of our wildlife.

Summary of actions:

- Introduce policy to require Swift bricks on all new buildings.
- Raise public awareness through articles in Chronicle