

Warham Parish Council – Biodiversity Statement

Under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act Parish Councils have a duty to show regard for conserving biodiversity in all their actions.

Warham Parish Council will take the following action in this regard:

General Management of the village green, the children's playground, and any other (future) Council maintained open spaces will include:

- a) The careful use of water
- b) Ensuring hedge cutting is only undertaken outside bird nesting season
- c) Planting only native species, obtained from sustainable sources
- d) Planting new trees to replace trees that have been removed and planting additional trees where possible.

The Council will consider sustainability and biodiversity when engaging with the planning system.

The Council will support local markets and businesses providing locally produced goods and services using sustainable materials and methods.

The Council will support the promotion of local energy saving projects .

From time to time the Council will update this statement in accordance with experience and best practice.

Recent Work aiding Biodiversity

- 1) The streetlights have been fitted with timers so that they are switched off between midnight and 5.30am. This should be welcome to some wildlife and also assist with the "dark skies initiative". It will also save energy and the Council's carbon footprint.
- 2) On a planning matter last year, the Council supported an application to put the meanders back in the River Stiffkey between Wighton and Warham. This involves putting back the bends in the river which in the past had been removed, and the river straightened.

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