



Biodiversity

Biodiversity in Rushmoor – “From Rio to Rushmoor”

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Biodiversity Action Plan - Summary

Introductory Section

- What is biodiversity?
- Why do we need a BAP?

BAP Context

- designated sites
- Biodiversity by habitat
- Series of specific aims

Action Plan

- cross cutting actions not already outlined
- 7 aims.....





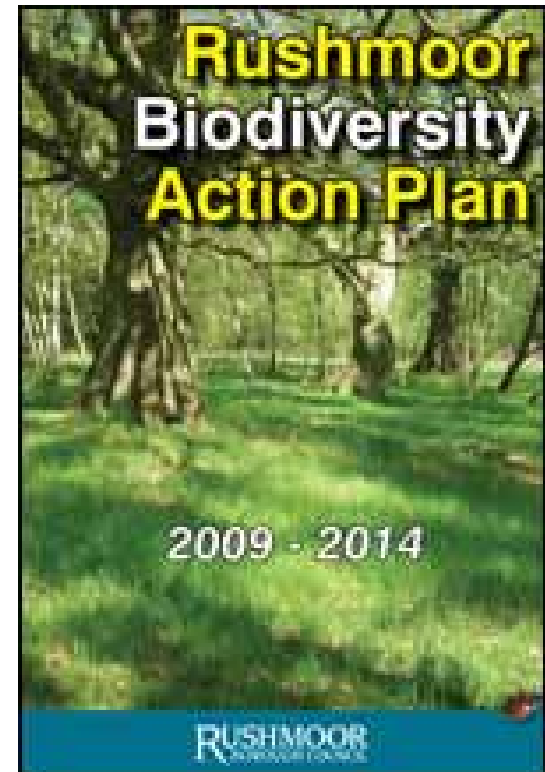
Biodiversity Action Plan

Aims

1. Protect and conserve habitats and species present within Rushmoor
2. Create new areas for wildlife
3. Raise awareness of biodiversity within community
4. Encourage all members of the community to take an active part in biodiversity projects
5. Raise awareness of biodiversity among council staff and members
6. Increase partnership working to improve local biodiversity
7. Monitor and review local biodiversity and the action plan

Adopting the Biodiversity Action Plan

- Council adopted plan in February 2009
- Agreed by environment panel and cabinet



What are the advantages of having the Biodiversity Action Plan?

- Practicalities – easy access to all relevant information
- Highlight's the relationships between species and habitats on a local scale
- Raising awareness within the community
- Raising awareness and increasing understanding within the council



How is the Biodiversity Action Plan related to the planning process?

.....“Development Control officers are now able to get more for biodiversity from schemes”

- Pre-application consultation with BAP
- Enhancements related to BAP targets
- Reference point for Biodiversity Officer when responding to planning applications!
- Specific actions related to planning:
 - ensure policies protect/enhance biodiversity
 - ensure designated sites appear in council plans





Monitoring

First stages of review process are getting under way... full Review due in 2014

- Set up Rushmoor Biodiversity Forum
- Produce annual BAP review update (2010)
 - Assessing what targets have been achieved in the first year of the BAP
- Continued funding for Survey programme

Potential to develop a monitoring mechanism to measure BAP targets achieved through planning....

What are the keys to achieving success?

Community Groups

- working in partnership with various groups including:
 - Rushmoor Urban Wildlife Group
 - Rowhill Nature Reserve Volunteers
 - Cove Brook Greenway Group
 - Friends of Brickfield Park

management/creation of various sites for the enhancement of biodiversity



What are the keys to achieving success?

The Residents

- Maintaining awareness and engaging with local residents
- creating green corridors using gardens
- encouraging changes in gardening attitude



What are the keys to achieving success?

And other organisations and key landowners...

- Farnborough Airport
- Plantlife
- HBIC (ongoing programme of survey work and monitoring)
- Blackwater Valley Countryside Partnership
- Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

