

BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN – All actions are ongoing, to be publicised as appropriate via the website, social media and parish newsletter.

Site/ Objective	Actions	Outcome	Progress/Notes
Whole council area	Raise local awareness of biodiversity	Gain local support for action	Information on https://eastfarndon.org/wildlife-biodiversity and associated web articles
	Actively engage with WNC on their Nature Recovery Strategy, e.g. record the wildlife, special plants, trees, other nature in our parish and advise WNC	Extending habitats	There are three beekeepers in the Parish; audit of wildlife in Churchyard/Burial Ground completed by Wildlife Trust in June 2024
	Appoint a Biodiversity Co-ordinator to promote and encourage biodiversity in the Parish and report progress to the Parish Council	Promote biodiversity	
Protect and support biodiversity	Encourage suitable planting to support biodiversity	Connect & diversify habitats to meet the needs of a variety of wildlife species	
Churchyard and Burial Ground	Create a wildflower area in the Burial Ground Extension	Increased diversity of habitats and food sources	Yellow rattle planted in Burial Ground Extension in May 2024
	Plant up kerbed graves (possible 'Adopt a Grave' scheme)	Increased diversity of habitats and food sources	
	Additional planting	Increased diversity of habitats and food sources	Daffodil bulbs planted in November 2024
	Introduce birdboxes	Increased diversity of habitats and food sources	
	Create logpiles	Increased diversity of habitats and food sources	
	Create a dead hedge	Increased diversity of habitats and food sources	

	Introduce a bug hotel	Increased diversity of habitats and food sources	Bug hotels already in Amenity Land and Vineyard
	Introduce a water feature	Increased diversity of habitats and food sources	
	Unmown edges	Increased diversity of habitats and food sources	
	Low mowing	Increased diversity of habitats and food sources	
Common / other open spaces	Encourage residents to remove litter and pick up after their dogs	Sustain and enhance natural habitats	Dog sign replaced in Burial Ground in November 2024
	Work with the county council on verge management, favouring biodiversity but noting which areas may need cutting for highway safety	Protecting habitats	Request that non-pavement verge on Harborough Road is not mown
The Built Landscape	Ensure that planning consultations are considered against the requirements of its Biodiversity duty	Protecting/enhancing habitats	
	Continue with a partial dark skies policy for Parish Council streetlighting	Protect nocturnal animals	Ongoing
Increase community awareness of biodiversity	Raise awareness of the importance of gardens as habitats for wildlife, with possible actions highlighted in the parish magazine.	Promote biodiversity	Information on https://eastfarndon.org/wildlife-biodiversity

	Create a page on the parish council website for photographs / information / links	Promote biodiversity	Done (https://eastfarndon.org/wildlife-biodiversity/)
	Provide seed bombs/bulbs/trees etc. for residents' use.	Promote biodiversity	Free trees provided to residents in February 2023
Support Community Projects	Support hedge/tree/plants/bulb planting in any appropriate areas.	Extending habitats	Planters maintained at Village Hall / 30mph signs / Bus Stop / War Memorial
	Consider events and offer volunteering opportunities to support biodiversity, working with local organisations.	Promote biodiversity	