

Embedding the Biodiversity Duty across Local Authority Services

Hampshire County Council
Corporate Biodiversity Action Plan

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The presentation

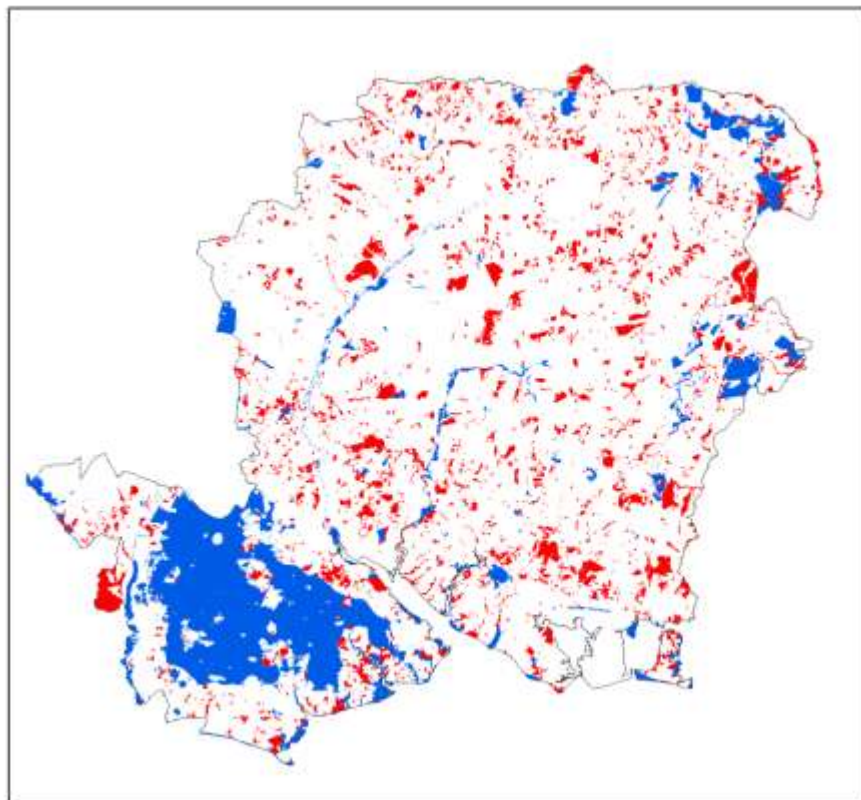
- Hampshire's biodiversity
- The Biodiversity Duty
- Hampshire County Council's Corporate Biodiversity Action Plan



Hampshire's Biodiversity



Designated sites



23% of Hampshire is designated for biodiversity

128 Sites of Special Scientific Interest

3,826 Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation



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Beyond designations

- Fabric of the countryside
- Urban areas
- Gardens

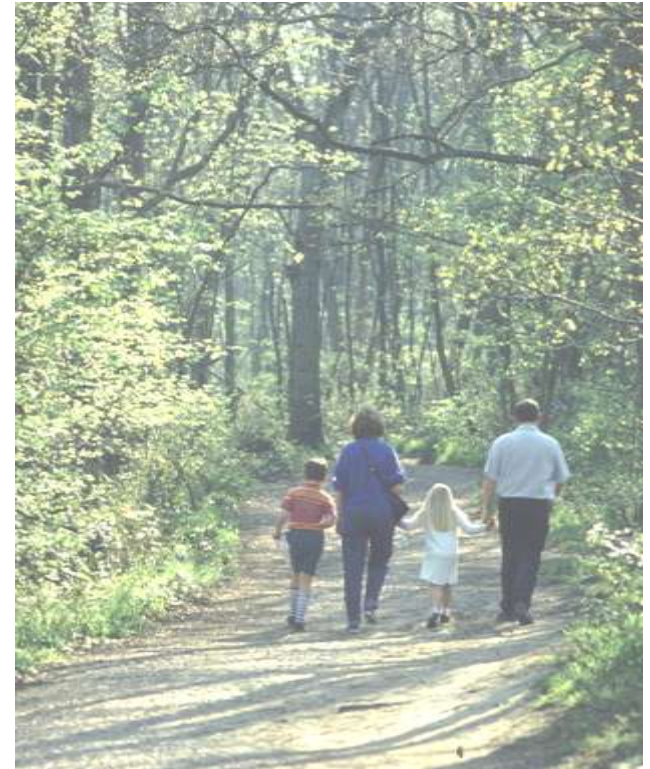


Importance of biodiversity

Quality of Life

- Health and wellbeing
- Education
- Tourism and the economy
- Maintenance of the environment

Government is promoting improvement of biodiversity as a cross cutting outcome linked to social, economic and environmental goals

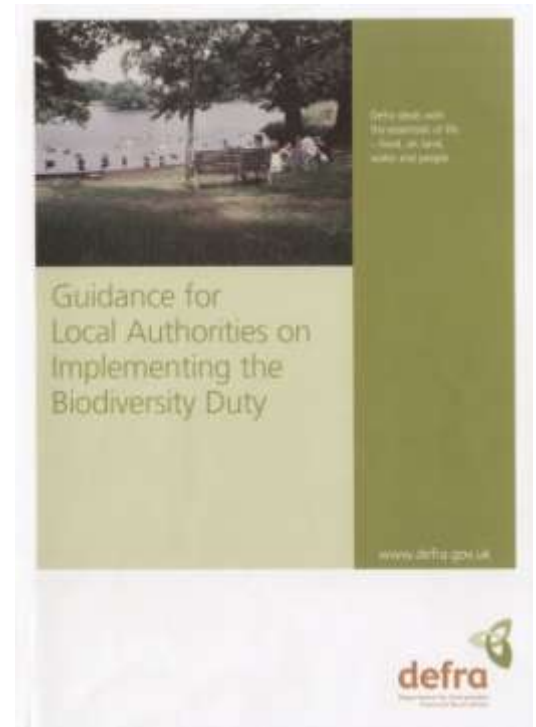


Biodiversity Duty

Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006

All public bodies must have regard to the conservation of biodiversity

‘The effective conservation of biodiversity requires its integration into a wide variety of local authority activities, functions and services’



Local Government Performance Framework

National Indicator 197 – Improved Local Biodiversity

Proportion of Local Sites where active conservation management is being achieved



Conserving Nature for the Community

Corporate Biodiversity Action Plan

Vision – A rich and diverse natural environment, where wildlife is conserved and the benefits of nature are available to everyone



Quality of place

Maximising wellbeing

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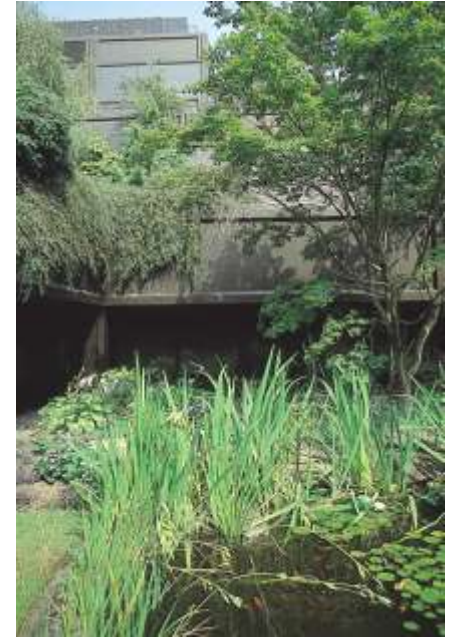
Actions, targets and performance indicators

- Partnerships and programmes
- Climate Change
- Planning and Development
- Transportation and Highways
- Land Management
- Council landholdings
- Data and Information
- Education
- Health and wellbeing



Achievements 2005 – 2008 (1)

- Biodiversity standards for LDFs
- No net loss of biodiversity – HCC development, highway improvements, minerals and waste
- 83% of SSSIs owned by HCC are in favourable condition
- Management of hundreds of hectares of UK priority habitat across Hampshire



Achievements 2005 – 2008 (2)

- Management of highways for biodiversity
- Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre
- Hampshire State of Biodiversity Report
- Evidence on biodiversity for the Climate Change Commission
- Access to nature – schools, care homes, Hillier Gardens



Hampshire School Nature Watch

In 2008 27,500 school children in Hampshire took part in a survey of wildlife in their school grounds



Hampshire School Nature Watch

Name... Rachel Skinner

School... Wicos Primary

Please tick the boxes to record what you have seen. Thank you!

What birds can you find?

Blackbird	Robin	Pied Wagtail	House Sparrow	Wood Pigeon	Magpie
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

What trees and leaves can you find ?

Sycamore	Oak	Holly	Ash	Willow	Hawthorn
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

What flowers can you find?

Dandelion	Clover	Herb Robert	Speedwell	Daisy	Buttercup
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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bird nest
Other birds Seagull female blackbird feather from magpie
Sound of a crow per tree

Other trees and leaves Silver birch

Other flowers toadstool/mushrooms

Corporate Biodiversity Action Plan 2008/11

Outcomes

Biodiversity maintained and enhanced within
development

Sustainable management of the natural environment

Biodiversity conserved under a changing climate

Nature contributing to health and wellbeing

Biodiversity and climate change

- Direct affects – loss of coastal habitat and pressure on wetlands
- Indirect affects – land use change
- Uncertainty
 - ensure resilience



Health and wellbeing



Contact with nature can:

- help recovery from illness
- alleviate stress and mental health problems
- improve quality of life for the elderly
- improve physical health
- improve children's concentration, self discipline and self confidence

Partnerships with the health sector and others to develop use of nature in services supporting health and wellbeing

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Valuing nature for a healthy future

