

Parish Biodiversity Action Plans & Ecological Assessments

I am pleased to say that in the preparation of the Drinkstone Neighbourhood Plan we did carry out an assessment of ecological resources in the Parish as part of the Natural Environment Report and Local Greenspace Assessment.

We identified and listed all the biodiversity priority habitats, protected and scarce species including 4 County Wildlife Sites, all hedgerows and veteran trees.

We incorporated the principle of Biodiversity Net Gain in the wording of Drinkstone Neighbourhood Policy DRN 9 covering Biodiversity and Planning ahead of it being incorporated in The Environment Act of Nov 2021. We also have a specific Community Action (CA3) in the NP which states "The Parish Council will work with local landowners to develop and encourage the take up of government environment schemes to protect and manage meadows, hedgerows, trees and woodland, ponds and watercourses for benefit of flora and fauna."

I am confident that we have met all the requirements of the NERC Act 2006 in the preparation of the Drinkstone Neighbourhood, and indeed all subsequent legislation, plus the Government's Revised National Planning Policy Framework Feb 2019.

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