



THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

BIODIVERSITY IN THE COMMUNITY

It has been agreed to merge our pond and biodiversity work under the heading Ecological Biodiversity which basically means **enhancing wildlife habitats in the Parish to increase the number and range of flora and fauna**. This brings together the work on the village pond and all other involvement with enhancing habitats in the Parish.

We already have many excellent habitats that are encouraging wildlife in the Parish:

- Pilch Lane Nature Reserve
- Thornborough and Coombs Woodlands
- Village Pond
- Thornborough Allotments
- Thornborough Churchyard
- Local Gardens
- The Village Greens and roadside verges.

The point was made at the Annual Parish Assembly that we need to share ideas and expertise in improving habitats. We continue to monitor and implement recommendations from 'Future Nature' (the consultancy arm of Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust) in our work with the Village Pond. The survey funded by Buckingham and Villages Community Board was identifying key points to further improve the Village Pond as an excellent habitat, which was identified as already diverse in the number of plant and animal species present. Leaving key areas of reeds uncut has been the main change to the Pond perimeter thus encouraging more insect and bird life.

Our focus this year is planting for wildlife:

- Creating wildflower areas
- Planting to encourage pollinators
- Using gardens as a patchwork for wildlife that links habitats together.

We have been very lucky to receive further funding from Thornborough and Thornton Fundraisers to allow us to purchase a Community Information Board with the dual purpose of providing general Community information as well as dedicating half of the board to our work in enhancing habitats across the Parish.

We are involving volunteers in a range of work groups to assist in improving habitats in the Parish. These work groups usually are usually on a Sunday morning for a couple of hours. A work group to improve the hedge line by the Sports Field was held-2 March. This was a great success in tidying up the hedge while creating a 'dead hedge' to encourage wildlife with the hedge trimmings. Our second work group of 2025 held on 27 April focused on clearing an area behind the bench by the pond and seeding wildflower seed to produce a wildflower area to further enhance the habitat of that area.

A replacement bench will be added by the Pond in the next few weeks to upgrade the area for the community to enjoy.

Cllrs Richard Dove and Lynn Morgan
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