

Biodiversity for All – 2024

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority awarded Huntingdonshire District Council a three-year £1.35 million bid to accelerate the delivery of measurable biodiversity net gain in Huntingdonshire. This will be delivered through five key themes – CPCA Overview, Jobs and Skills, Strategic Open Spaces, Community Driven Delivery and Mapping. Four of these themes have developed into their own work programmes - please see project updates below.

Project Updates: 26th July 2024



The Vision:

To increase local green skills to help tackle the biodiversity crisis and facilitate further green jobs, bringing local stakeholders and residents together to support nature, educate and contribute towards a Net Zero Huntingdonshire. Find out more [here](#).

What has been achieved this week?

- Work continues at the sixth Green Skills at Stukeley Meadows with 9 participants enjoying the course.
- This week, the Biodiversity and Open Spaces have been at [Berman Park in St.Ives](#). They held a community engagement session to talk to local people about what they think about the future of the park. You can find the consultation survey by scanning the QR code below. The Biodiversity team have also completed site checks at Berman Park to enable the 7th Green Skills project. Final checks will happen next week so that biodiversity levels are measured before the project begins.

BERMAN PARK
St Ives
 24/07/2024
 10:00AM - 14:00PM

HAVE YOUR SAY!
Join us at Berman Park to have a chat about any ideas you may have for the future of the park!

Can't make it?
Scan the QR code to complete the survey online



BERMAN PARK CONSULTATION SURVEY

This engagement is to connect and listen with local park users.

Feedback received from this engagement will be used to develop a Management Plan for the Park to encompass community views and aspirations.

Scan the QR below to fill out the survey





Berman Park, St. Ives

**Strategic
Open
Spaces**

The Vision:

To prioritise key HDC strategic sites across Huntingdonshire for biodiversity development. The aim is to gather evidence, engage with the community to co-design and deliver on projects to boost biodiversity on these sites.

What has been achieved this week?

- Having consulted with members of the public and Huntingdonshire District Council’s planning team, plans for the strategic sites, Priory Park and Hill Rise, have been discussed the past two weeks. The Biodiversity team are now in a position to go ahead and instruct the chosen supplier to go ahead. The team will keep residents and park users updated over the Summer about the timings of these works.

Community Driven Delivery

The Vision:

To encourage and enable others within Huntingdonshire to increase biodiversity through community engagement and delivery.

What has been achieved this week?

- This week, the Graduate Ecologists continue to write their reports and recommendations, which are typically over 10,000+ words each.
- Payments have been scheduled for applicants of the Pilot Round for the Community Biodiversity Grants. Applicants such as Huntingdon Town Council, Yaxley Parish Council, Stilton Parish Council, St. Neots Town Council, Sawtry Parish Council and Warboys Parish Council.
- The Biodiversity team joined Huntingdon Town Council during a visit from RHS (Royal Horticultural Society's) Anglia in Bloom judges to talk about the amazing work their Community Biodiversity Grant has enabled. We look forward to hearing what the judges thought when the results are announced! Read more about the community group, [Huntingdon in Bloom here](#) – a fantastic group of volunteers making a positive impact on the town!



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Huntingdon in Bloom

Huntingdon In Bloom is involved with a range of projects and is always on the look out to work on a number of activities:

- Community Litter Picks
- School planting projects
- Care Home gardening projects
- New planting in the town
- Youth group projects



Anglia in Bloom Winners





The Vision:

To collate data, collecting observations of species on sites. To inspire and educate future generations to raise awareness of biodiversity and the part they play in the ecosystem.

What has been achieved this week:

- iNaturalist statistics – In the past week, observations have increased by **231** to an overall total of **13,360** and identified species have increased by **14**, totalling **2,134**. There are currently **1,051** Huntingdonshire residents signed up to log observations through the iNaturalist app.
- We have held a staff Lunch 'n' Learn about the use of the iNaturalist App and challenged them to record as many species as they can during [Love Parks Week \(26th July – 4th August\)](#).

Why iNaturalist?

- The data goes to the Joint Nature Conservation Committee Database and others
- Helps determine where species are located and distribution within the UK (and globally)
- Helps track problematic non-native invasive species

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Alexander Bentley
Nick Massey
Julie Tinline

How To Use iNaturalist?

- Download **iNaturalist** and/or **SEEK**
- Snap your observation, type what you think it is or use the AI suggestion
- Earn badges and rewards
- Get your observation confirmed by professionals
- Use the public interactive map to view, filter, and download data to your discretion
- Each HDC park/open space has their own map

HOW IT WORKS

1. Snap your observations
2. Share with fellow park users
3. Receive your findings

Map of Observations

Recent Observations

Leaderboard

Huntingdonshire's Complete Biodiversity

1	100%	100%	100%
2	100%	100%	100%
3	100%	100%	100%
4	100%	100%	100%
5	100%	100%	100%
6	100%	100%	100%
7	100%	100%	100%
8	100%	100%	100%
9	100%	100%	100%
10	100%	100%	100%

- This week, observers found (amongst many!):

Purple Loosestrife



Roesel's Bush-Cricket



Read about what has been observed across the district and log your own findings this week by following 'Huntingdonshire's Complete Biodiversity' project on the iNaturalist app!

An advertisement for the iNaturalist app. The background is a vibrant green with a butterfly (Glaucopsyche lyceoides) perched on a leaf. The text "What is iNaturalist?" is prominently displayed. Below it, the words "Citizen Science" are written. A paragraph explains that every observation can contribute to biodiversity science. The iNaturalist logo is shown in the center. Three QR codes are provided: one for the "seek by iNaturalist" project, and two for downloading the app from the App Store and Google Play. The App Store and Google Play logos are at the bottom.

What is iNaturalist?

Citizen Science

Every observation can contribute to biodiversity science, from the rarest butterfly to the most common backyard weed.

iNaturalist



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