

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: 30th August 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?

- This week the Green Skills project has finished at [Stukeley Meadows](#). The pond is complete and a celebration ceremony was held on Thursday 29th to recognise all of the participant's hard work and award 4 participants with their Level 1 City & Guilds qualification in Practical Horticulture. You can read more about the Green Skills project [here](#).
- The seventh Green Skills course has been confirmed for October 2024 at our newest park, [Berman Park](#)!



Want to help improve your local green space, work on your mental health, and achieve a **City & Guilds Level 1 Award in Practical Horticulture?**

- > Start date: 2nd October 2024
- > Gain careers advice and support
- > 10am-3pm Wed - Fri, for 8 weeks, Age 19+
- > Engage with nature and increase your conservation knowledge
- > £50 voucher upon course completion and PPE provided!
- > Improve your confidence, motivation, and well-being

If you are interested in finding out more: drop by Huntingdon Jobcentre on the 2nd, 17th, 19th, 23rd of September!

Or call, text, email Eve:
T: 07736132497
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Or apply here!



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, our Graduate Ecologist, Lola, continues to write the Community Biodiversity Grant Scheme reports and recommendations, which are typically over 10,000+ words each. In the meantime, check out Lola's video about completing the biodiversity site audits across Huntingdonshire [here](#).

Mapping

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 two weeks, observations have increased by **45** to an overall total of **14,061** and identified species have increased by **9**, totalling **2,189**. There are currently **1,078** Huntingdonshire residents signed up to log observations through the iNaturalist app.
- This week, observers found (amongst many!):

Marsh Woundwort



Red Kite



Chicken of the Woods



Dryad's Saddle



- Don't forget to download the iNaturalist app to log your species findings across the district!

A promotional graphic for iNaturalist. The background is a soft-focus green with a butterfly in the center. The text 'What is iNaturalist?' is in a large, bold font. Below it, 'Citizen Science' is written in a smaller font. A paragraph of text explains that every observation can contribute to biodiversity science. There are three QR codes: one for 'seek by iNaturalist' and two for downloading the app from the App Store and Google Play. The iNaturalist logo is prominently displayed in the bottom right.

What is iNaturalist?

Citizen Science

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

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