



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 <u>here</u>.

What has been achieved this week?

• This week the Green Skills project has finished at <u>Stukeley Meadows</u>. 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 <u>here.</u>

 The seventh Green Skills course has been confirmed for October 2024 at our newest park, <u>Berman Park</u>!



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The Vision:

Strategic Open Spaces

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?

• The Biodiversity for All team is developing a plan to support the Alternative Land Management approach. They will be surveying 58 sites across the district in September to assess the benefits of this approach. To achieve this, the team will be utilising the skills from across the Open Spaces and Countryside service and Operations Team. They will also be working with the Volunteer Coordinator to involve the community in the approach.

| | | St Ives Sites | | | | | | Earith Huntingdon Sites | | | | | | | | | | | Brampton | | |
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| | | Alwyn Close | | Wheatfields | | Sandwich | | Greenfields | | Hazelwood Walk | | Oaktree Centre | | Ring Road | | Stukeley Meadows Top | | Top end Pallet Fields | | Layton Crescent | |
| Species | Non | ALM | Non | ALM | Non | ALM | Non | ALM | Non | ALM | Non | ALM | Non | ALM | Non | ALM | Non | ALM | Non | ALM | |
| Common mallow | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Common mouse-ear | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Common nettle | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| Common ragwort | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | |
| Common sorrel | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Common spike-rush | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Common stork's-bill | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Common yarrow | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Corn Chamomile | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Corn marigold | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Corncockle | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cornflower | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cow parsley | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| Creeping bent | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | | | 1 | |
| Creeping buttercup | | 1 | | | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| Creeping cinquefoil | | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | |
| Creeping thistle | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Crested dogs'-tail | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | |
| Crown vetch | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Curled dock | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | |
| Cut-leaved crane's-bill | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Dandelion | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Deadnettle sp. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dock sp. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Doves-foot crane's-bill | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | | | |
| Dwarf mallow | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | |
| False fox-sedge | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | |
| False oat-grass | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | |
| Field bindweed | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| Field madder | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | |
| Field scabious | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fleabane sp. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Forget-me-not sp. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

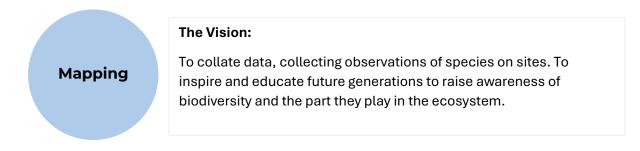
Community Driven Delivery

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 <u>here</u>.



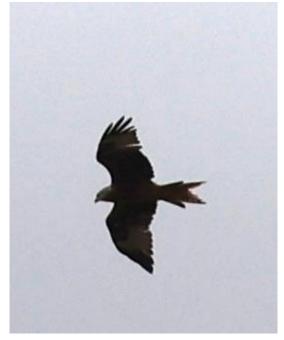
What has been achieved this week:

- 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!

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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