

FINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL - BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN - March 2025

| AREA | RESPONSIBILITY | ACTION | OUTCOME | PUBLICITY |
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| The whole village & surrounds | Parish Council | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Raise local awareness of biodiversity - Ask residents their views about conserving biodiversity - Raise awareness of the importance of gardens as habitats for wildlife - Encourage local farmers & businesses to contribute - Discourage floodlighting - Encourage residents to remove litter & clear up after their dogs | Gain local support for action Engagement & ownership Promote biodiversity Promote biodiversity Protect nocturnal animals Protecting habitats | Newsletter Website Social Media Parish Magazine Example Word of mouth |
| Protect & support Biodiversity | Whole community | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encourage suitable planting to support biodiversity - Support tree/ hedge planting | To meet the needs of a variety of wildlife species Extend habitats | Newsletter Website |

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| Nature Reserve | Parish Council | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure maintenance contract does not harm the environment - Increase number & type of bird boxes | <p>Sustain & enhance natural habitats Encourage different birds to the site</p> | <p>Newsletter Website</p> |
| Chalk Pit | Parish Council | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduce wildflower meadow - Encourage leaf litter / dead vegetation - plant trees / hedges - introduce owl/ bird boxes | <p>Increased diversity of habitats Cover for a variety of small mammals Extend habitats Encourage birds to site</p> | <p>Newsletter Website</p> |
| Allotments | Parish Council | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encourage tenants to support wildlife & diversity - plant hedges | <p>Promote biodiversity Increased habitats</p> | <p>Email to tenants</p> |
| Playing Fields | Memorial Hall | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sympathetically maintain hedging - Encourage suitable planting to support biodiversity - consider using a variety of bird boxes - Consider council's biodiversity policy during redevelopment | <p>Food sources & cover Provide diverse habitats</p> <p>Encourage birds to area</p> | |

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| Cemetery/ Churchyard | Diocese of Ely | - Continue to support wildlife & diversity | Maintain & increase a variety of wildlife | Parish magazine |
| Other open spaces within the parish | Parish Council | - Adopt a management plan - Work with the county council on verge management to favour biodiversity whilst maintaining highway safety - work with villagers to look after other open spaces using only peat free compost & environmentally friendly pesticides if necessary | Sustain & enhance natural habitats Protect & enhance habitats Protect & enhance habitats | Newsletter Website |