

Wivenhoe Wildlife Charter

Wivenhoe Town Council will work with local wildlife experts and volunteers to protect, enhance and promote wildlife and wild spaces in Wivenhoe.

We will:

1. Draw on the advice of local experts and volunteers on any Council activity that impacts on local wildlife.
2. Identify, agree and implement best practice for all wildlife sensitive areas, including the Wildlife Garden, Jubilee Garden and the Cemeteries.
3. Encourage wildlife, native species and natural spaces in Wivenhoe.
4. Encourage appropriate public access to wild spaces.
5. Avoid using pesticides, herbicides and artificial fertilisers wherever possible and where we think we may have to, treat this as the exception and seek expert advice first before acting.
6. Work with volunteers and the local community to sustain, manage and improve the local environment wherever an opportunity arises.
7. In accordance with being an open, transparent council, share and publish these principles and the names of local experts, volunteers and organisations we are working with.
8. Aim to be a green beacon for other local authorities, publishing an Annual Environmental Audit for the Wivenhoe Town Council AGM, including an independent expert view on progress made.
9. Draw on wider expert advice where needed.
10. Be mindful in the above of the impact on parish financial resources.

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