

2 September 2025

To Councillors - Cllr Danny Bonnett (Chair), Cllr Kath Greenman, Cllr Maggie Tyrrell, Cllr Chris Bloor, Cllr Chris Rowe, Cllr Chris Woodhouse and all non-councillor Committee members

Please take notice that a meeting of the **Climate and Nature Committee** of Thornbury Town Council will be held in the **Council Chamber of the Town Hall** on **Tuesday 2 September** at **7.30 pm**.

All above named Councillors are hereby **summoned**, and non-councillors invited, to attend the above meeting for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the business to be transacted at the meeting as set out hereunder.

SJ Gardham

Sharon Gardham, Climate and Nature Officer

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability), Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety, Human Rights and the need to conserve biodiversity.

Public participation: Please note that this meeting is open to the public. Please take note of the guidance notes for public participation [provided](#).

If you would not be physically able to use the stairs in the event of a fire, please inform us of your intention to attend this meeting no later than 9.00am on the Monday before, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

AGENDA

1. To note any apologies for absence
2. To elect a Committee Vice Chair
3. To receive any members' declarations of interest
4. To receive any representations from the public relating to items on the agenda
5. To approve and sign the minutes of the Climate and Nature Committee meeting held on 15 April 2025 (paper attached)
6. To consider possible locations and funding options for a Tiny Forest in Thornbury (paper attached)
7. To consider options for signage for St Mary's Churchyard to inform the public about the work carried out to enhance biodiversity (paper attached)
8. To consider extensions to wildflower planting areas at Mundy Playing Fields (paper attached)
9. To consider the terms of reference for the working group (name TBC) (paper attached)
10. To consider ideas for further promoting the Community Nature Reserve
11. To note the climate and nature events and communication plan for the next 9-months (paper attached)
12. To note the local climate and nature action plan progress and impact report (paper attached)
13. To note that the deadline for submission of items for inclusion on the next agenda is Tuesday 7 October 2025
14. Date of next meeting - 7.30pm on Tuesday 21 October 2025

THORNBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Climate and Nature Committee Meeting

held on Tuesday 15 April 2025 at 7:30pm at Council Chamber, Town Hall

Members present:	Councillors	Danny Bonnett (Chair) Chris Bloor Chris Rowe Chris Woodhouse Kath Greenman
	Non-Councillors	Ella Wiggins (Sustainable Thornbury) Emma Young (Plastic Free Thornbury) Fran Sparrow (Thornbury in Bloom) Guy Rawlinson (Holy Mowers) Yan Cheung (Climate and Nature Officer)
In attendance:		Jayne Stansfield
Members absent:	Councillor	Jayne Stansfield
	Non-Councillor	Jean Owen (Thornbury in Bloom)

CN2425.44 To note any apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Jayne Stansfield (Cllr) and Jean Owen (Thornbury in Bloom).

CN2425.45 To receive any members' declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were made by members.

CN2425.46 To receive any representations from the public relating to items on the agenda

There were no representations from the public.

CN2425.47 To approve and sign the minutes of the Climate and Nature Committee meeting held on Tuesday 25th February 2025

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Climate and Nature Committee held on 25th February 2025 as an accurate record of the proceedings.

CN2425.48 To consider applying for National Lottery Awards for All England funding for the establishment of an empty medicine blister packs drop-off point at the Town Hall

It was **RESOLVED** to apply for National Lottery Awards for All England funding for the establishment of an empty medicine blister packs drop-off point at the Town Hall. Member suggested that the funding request be increased to £10,000 to accommodate potential high demand.

CN2425.49 To receive an update on the implementation of the Local Climate and Nature Action Plan

The Committee received an update on the implementation of the Local Climate and Nature Action Plan.

CN2425.50 To note the schedule of committee meetings for 2025/26

The Committee noted the schedule of committee meetings for 2025/26.

CN2425.51 To note that the deadline for submission of items for inclusion on the next agenda is Thursday 12 June 2025

The deadline for submission of items for inclusion on the next agenda was noted to be Thursday 12 June 2025.

CN2425.52 Date of next meeting - 7.30pm on Tuesday 24 June 2025

The date of the next meeting was noted to be Tuesday 24 June 2025 at 7:30pm.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm.

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Officer Report to Thornbury Town Council Climate and Nature Committee

Report Title: Tiny Forest Sites and Funding

Prepared By: Sharon Gardham

Meeting Date: 02/09/2025

Status: For Action



1. Detail

At the April 2025 meeting of the Climate and Nature Committee, attendees considered a request from Cllr Danny Bonnett regarding the establishment of a Tiny Forest in Thornbury. Members of the Committee were asked to consider possible locations for a Tiny Forest and potential funding sources.

A request was sent out to the Full Council and Climate and Nature Committee members on 29/07/2025 asking for location suggestions. The suggestions received are included on the appended map and are listed below.

Possible funding sources have also been investigated, and include the National Lottery Heritage Fund, schemes from the Woodland Trust (MOREWoods and subsidised trees), the Forest of Avon, and the International Tree Foundation. Possible sources of funding also include corporate sponsorship from local businesses and/or developers and landowners, either independently or via the Earthwatch organisation.

It is proposed that a shortlist of preferred sites is agreed so that initial feasibility studies can take place. This will include a land registry search (at a cost of £7 per site) to identify the landowner (where not known) and attempting initial contact with identified landowners to gauge their receptiveness to a Tiny Forest on their land. This information would be reported back at a future Committee meeting for further discussion.

Following completion of the initial feasibility study, the results will be shared with the Committee for further discussion. Following this, funding options will need to be examined in more detail and costings for shortlisted sites explored further.

2. Implications

The Committee is asked to:

- Consider and decide which sites should be shortlisted and subjected to a feasibility study.
- There are no cost implications at this stage beyond the price of carrying out land registry searches at £7 per site (where landowner is not known).

Exploring options for a Tiny Forest location is in the Local Climate and Nature Action Plan (LCNAP) for year 3 (2025). Its establishment would also support the resolutions in TTC's climate and nature emergency declaration to increase tree cover and biodiversity in Thornbury and would contribute towards achieving carbon neutrality. Additionally, the Tiny Forest model supports community engagement which further aligns with the LCNAP.

3. Recommendations

The Committee is asked to:

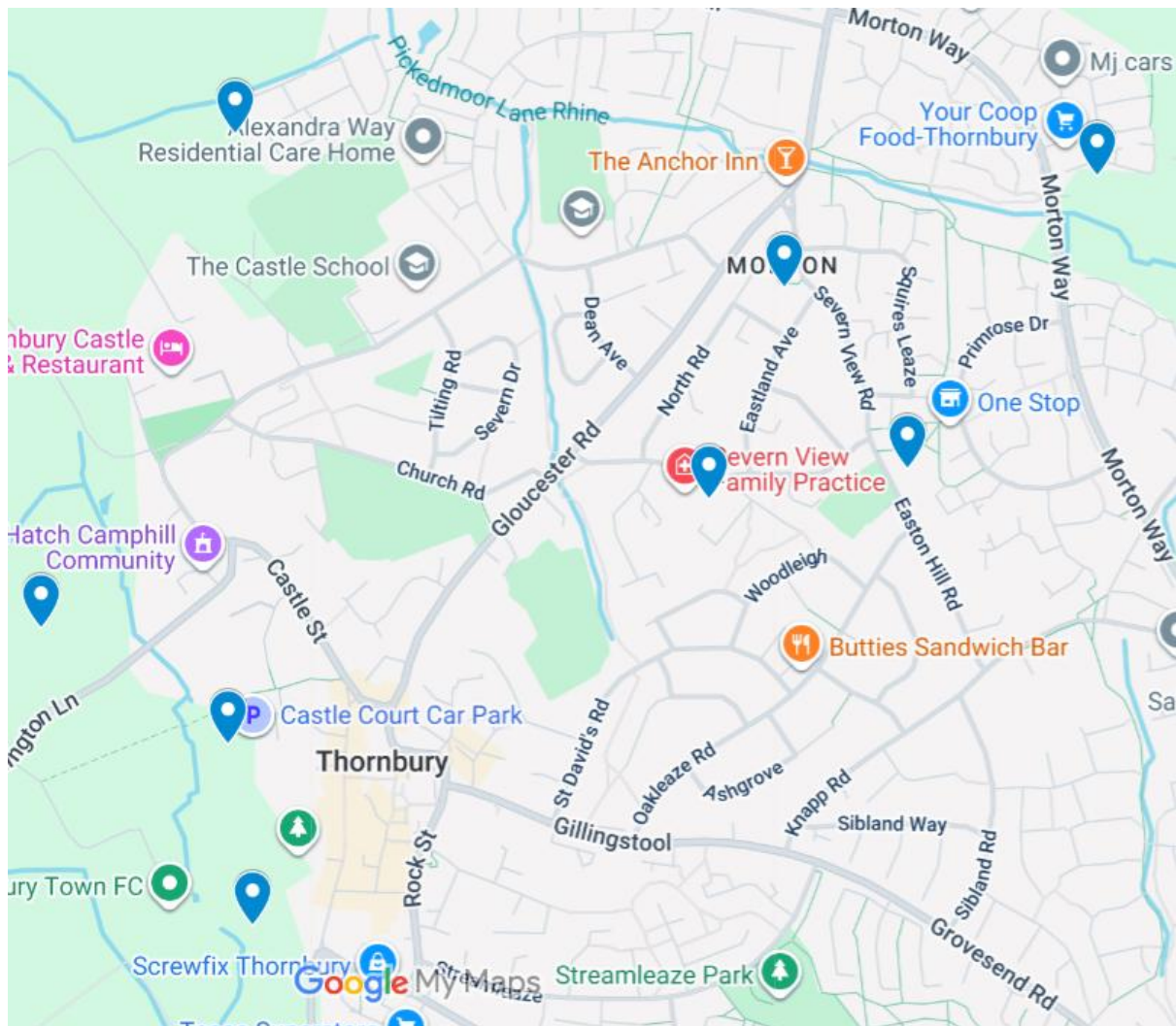
- Decide which sites should be shortlisted and subjected to an initial feasibility study. It is recommended that between 3 and 5 sites are shortlisted, with initial feasibility reducing this to 1 or 2 sites.

4. Appendix

Suggested Sites

Name of Site	Address	What3Words	Landowner	Suggested by	Comments/Preferences expressed
Wildflower Meadow	Cemetery, Kington Lane	///tadpole.debt.barmaid	TTC	Danny Bonnett	Helen Ball expressed preference for this site. Note: This site is also under consideration for a memorial woodland.
Field Adjacent to Castle Court Car Park	Castle Court	///dwelled.encloses.detonated	SGC	Danny Bonnett	
Tarmac off Easton Hill Road	Easton Hill Road	///inversion.cars.explores	Crest Nicholson	Danny Bonnett	Helen Ball expressed preference for this site
Land adjacent to Badger Road	Badger Road	///occur.shrimps.surprises	TBC	Informal Meeting	
Land behind Severn View Family Practice, Eastland Road	Eastland Road	///brands.replenish.gong	TBC	Ella Wiggins	
Land behind Paula's Salon, off Severn View Road	Severn View Road	///movements.best.crop	TBC	Ella Wiggins	
Barley Fields behind the Castle School	Barley Fields	///records.civic.ownership	TBC	Informal Meeting	

Land on Park Farm Estate	Harvest Way	///annotated.arriving.grocers	TBC	Informal Meeting	
Land on Mundy Playing Fields adjacent to Daggs Allotments	Mundy Playing Fields	///promising.suspect.carefully	TTC	Guy Rawlinson	



Officer Report to Thornbury Town Council Climate and Nature Committee

Report Title: St Marys Churchyard Signage

Prepared By: Sharon Gardham

Meeting Date: 02/09/2025

Status: For Action



1. Detail

In line with recommendations made in the 2022 Ecological Surveys, areas of St Marys Churchyard are managed to enhance biodiversity.

Visitors to the churchyard are not currently given any information about why the churchyard is managed in this way, or what seasonal variations they might expect to see.

St Marys Churchyard would benefit from having some portable, durable signage that could be used at appropriate times to give visitors information about how the churchyard habitat is managed and why. This could include information about seasonal work and what wildlife this work supports.

While a refresh of signage is being considered more widely for all TTC sites, delivery of this is likely to take a minimum of 6 to 12 months to achieve. While for many of the biodiversity managed spaces this is not an issue as some signage is in already place, there is currently no signage to support the biodiversity work at St Marys Churchyard.

It is proposed that the Climate and Nature Committee fund a portable A-frame style sign (see appendix) and changeable, seasonal content (paper or plasticised). This option allows the most flexibility in terms of placement and content, whilst still providing durability. It also allows the work at St Marys Churchyard to be supported by signage in the short term, and for content to be easily and cheaply replaced when the overall signage for all TTC sites has been reviewed, designed and installed.

This solution has been discussed and reviewed by the Holy Mowers, who have also consulted with the Church Warden of St Marys.

2. Implications

The cost of purchasing the recommended solution is as follows:

- Swing Sign with magnetically sealed A1 poster pockets and recyclable base = £202.80 (incl. VAT) (XL Displays) – See Appendix
- Option 1: Printed A1 Posters x 8 (2 per season) 180gsm matt coated paper = £97.68 (Horders) OR
- Option 2: Printed A1 PVC Coated, Waterproof Posters = £159.96 (Horders)
- Total Cost Option 1: **£300.48**
- Total Cost Option 2: **£362.76**

The Climate and Nature Committee budget for 2025-26 is £7500. The remaining budget if option 1 is chosen will be £7199.52. If option 2 is chosen, it will be £7137.24.

In terms of wider alignment with Climate and Nature principles, the swing sign has a recyclable base and its use should persist beyond the overall refresh of signage that is being considered. Option 1 posters should be recyclable, but they will not be as durable as the PVC ones detailed in option 2.

3. Recommendations

The Committee is asked to

- Decide whether option 1 or option 2 should be progressed. Given that the posters will likely need to be replaced once the full signage review and replacement has taken place, option 1 is recommended.
- Authorise expenditure from the Climate and Nature budget for the preferred option.

4. Appendix

Mobile A-frame board design



Officer Report to Thornbury Town Council Climate and Nature Committee

Report Title: Wildflower Planting – Mundy Playing Fields

Prepared By: Sharon Gardham

Meeting Date: 02/09/2025

Status: For Action



1. Detail

In 2022 TTC commissioned a series of ecological surveys of its sites, which included suggestions for improving the areas for biodiversity. A good number of these changes have been made, including in Mundy Playing Fields, where an area has been left to develop as a ‘hay meadow’ and annual wildflowers have been sown. Following on from these changes, a management regime has been discussed and established to ensure the continuation of wildflowers in the areas already planted.

As part of this review, officers discussed the possibility of extending wildflower planting in Mundy Playing Fields to include conversion of the ‘hay meadow’ area (which has relatively low biodiversity) to wildflowers and the planting of wildflowers on hard-to-maintain slopes adjacent to the playground (areas are marked in the appendix).

There are several options for maintaining and enhancing the wildflower planting at Mundy Playing Fields:

1. Maintain existing areas (see appendix) by mowing, scarifying in places where grasses remain, and reseeding with a perennial wildflower seed mix, complemented by yellow rattle. This is the least costly option (as we already have sufficient perennial wildflower seeds held in stock), but it also has the least impact on further improving the biodiversity and aesthetic appeal of the playing fields.
2. Maintain existing areas as in option 1 and extend wildflower areas to include the difficult to maintain slopes adjacent to the playground. This area already has a high proportion of bare soil so could be raked by hand where needed and planted with a perennial wildflower seed mix, complemented by yellow rattle and some annuals. This would enhance biodiversity and aesthetic appeal, whilst making future maintenance easier.
3. Maintain existing areas as in option 1 and extend wildflower areas to include the ‘hay meadow’. This area would be cut, scarified and seeded with a mixture of perennial wildflowers, complemented by yellow rattle and some annuals. This option would have a large impact in terms of biodiversity and aesthetic enhancements.
4. Maintain existing areas as in option 1 and extend wildflower areas to include the ‘hay meadow’ and slopes adjacent to the playground, as per option 2 and 3 above.
5. Maintain existing areas, alongside options 2, 3, or 4, but with a reduced yellow rattle proportion to reduce cost.

2. Implications

The following cost estimates are based on using 1.5g per m² of Emorsgate Seeds EM2F standard general-purpose wildflower mix (existing stock of approx. 2.5kg, plus new) and 1g or 0.5g per m² of Emorsgate Seeds Yellow Rattle seed (existing stock of approx. 200g, plus new), and existing stock (approx. 1kg) of Emorsgate Seeds EC2 Special Cornfield mix (no defined proportion per m²).

Options	Total Estimated Cost	Remaining C&N Budget	Cost as % of C&N Budget
1 - Reseed existing wildflower areas only	£295.61	£7,204.39	4%
2 - Reseed existing areas plus slopes	£623.71	£6,876.29	8%
3 - Reseed existing areas plus hay meadow	£1,874.08	£5,625.92	25%
4 -Reseed existing areas plus slopes and hay meadow	£2,445.22	£5,054.78	33%
5a - Reseed existing areas with 50% less yellow rattle	£121.53	£7,378.47	2%
5b - Reseed existing areas plus slope with 50% less yellow rattle	£327.87	£7,172.13	4%
5c - Reseed existing areas plus hay meadow with 50% less yellow rattle	£1,311.68	£6,188.32	17%
5d - Reseed existing areas plus slope plus hay meadow with 50% less yellow rattle	£1,761.06	£5,738.94	23%

The options outlined above use perennial wildflower seeds, which should self-seed if managed correctly. Therefore, in subsequent years, extensive resowing is not anticipated, although some patch filling may be needed. The maintenance of the existing areas outlined above is necessary to replace previously sown annuals with perennials. Remaining stocks of annuals would be included in a planting mix of the new areas to act as a nurse for the perennial mixture.

While the extension of wildflower planting at Mundy Playing Field is not explicitly mentioned in the Local Climate and Nature Action Plan (LCNAP), it is in line with the recommendation made in the ecological enhancement report of 2022 to maximise the biodiversity interest of the site whilst maintaining its role as an important resource for both formal and informal recreation.

The 'hay meadow' area and slopes are not primary sites for recreation; one being already left for longer grasses to develop and the other being relatively inaccessible. The hay meadow would continue to have paths cleared through it to enable access. Planting the 'hay meadow' and slopes in addition to the existing wildflower areas would provide another approximately 3200 m² of species-rich grassland habitat in addition to the approximately 1000 m² already planted.

3. Recommendations

The committee is asked to:

- Consider and decide which of the options presented should be recommended to the Open Spaces committee for the autumn 2025 planting season.
- Authorise expenditure from Climate and Nature budget for the agreed option.

4. Appendix

Map of Mundy Playing Fields showing existing and proposed wildflower extension areas



Officer Report to Thornbury Town Council Climate and Nature Committee

Report Title: Working Group Terms of Reference

Prepared By: Sharon Gardham

Meeting Date: 02/09/2025

Status: For Action



1. Detail

In the past, the Climate and Nature Committee has had an informal meeting in the month between its committee meetings to have general discussions and generate ideas relevant to the Local Climate and Nature Action Plan (LCNAP). Initial discussions of ideas and potential projects that take place in the informal meeting can be more detailed than might be appropriate for a full committee meeting.

To date, these discussions have not been recorded and there has been no formal mechanism for passing ideas from the informal meetings to the committee.

As the remit of the Climate and Nature committee has evolved, a defined remit for these informal meetings, as well as a mechanism for them to be recorded and their discussions shared more widely, has become desirable.

To this end, the informal meetings are being converted into a working group whose objectives are aligned with the LCNAP and the work of the Climate and Nature Committee. This requires a terms of reference document to be drafted, reviewed and agreed by the whole council.

A draft terms of reference document is attached. At present, the working group does not have an agreed name. The name 'Climate and Nature Working Group' is not considered suitable as it too closely resembles the name of the committee. The following are suggestions for the working group's name:

- Ecology and Environment Working Group
- Eco Thornbury Working Group
- Environment and Sustainability Working Group
- Thriving Thornbury Working Group

There may be more suitable names that councillors can suggest and consider.

2. Implications

With formalisation and an agreed terms of reference, the hitherto informal meetings of climate and nature committee members can be more clearly defined and reports made. It also introduces a defined mechanism for ideas and initial discussions to be recommended for inclusion in the full committee agenda.

Making and sharing reports of the meeting ensures that all members are kept informed of what initial ideas and potential projects are being discussed, even if they have not been able to attend the meeting.

3. Recommendations

The committee is asked to:

- Consider and decide on the name of the working group.
- Agree the terms of reference so they can be passed to the Full Council meeting in September.

4. Appendix

See attached draft Terms of Reference

TERMS OF REFERENCE – NAME TBC WORKING GROUP

These terms of reference should be read in conjunction with Thornbury Town Council Standing Orders.

1. NAME

1.1 This Working Group shall be called, “Name TBC Working Group” (The Group).

2. COMPOSITION

2.1 The Group shall be open to all members of the Climate and Nature Committee which includes affiliated non-council members. Other councillors may attend where they have climate and nature-related ideas or suggestions they wish to discuss.

3. CHAIR

3.1 The position of Group Lead will be held by the Chair of the Climate and Nature Committee.

3.2 The Lead shall be responsible for co-ordinating the Group and reporting to the Climate and Nature Committee, including submitting items for the agenda to the Climate and Nature Officer in line with Standing Orders.

4. QUORUM

4.1 There is no quorum for meetings as the Group is not a delegated (decision making) committee.

5. CONDUCT OF THE MEETING

5.1 As an undelegated Working Group, the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 section 1 (1)), The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 and Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12, para 41(1) shall not apply. Any meetings held shall not be open to members of the Public or Press.

5.2 In accordance with paragraph 5.1, no formal agenda, nor minutes, are required of the meeting.

5.3 In consideration of paragraph 5.1, the Group is free to operate as it feels appropriate, which may include meeting face-to-face, meeting virtually, collaboration on email etc.

5.4 Any information shared that is commercially sensitive should be kept within the membership of the Group.

5.5 Any communications to be shared by the Group must go through the usual Town Council channels, via the Climate and Nature Officer, and must comply with the Town Council communications and social media policies.

5.6 In carrying out the objectives above, the Group should give due regard to the Town Council’s areas of operation, Strategy, Aims & Objectives and Annual Plan.

6. AREA OF OPERATIONS

The Group is set up with the following objectives:

- 6.1 To provide a forum for initial discussions relating to ideas and potential projects connected to the Local Climate and Nature Action Plan and the wider activities of the Climate and Nature Committee.
- 6.2 To discuss and recommend items for inclusion in Climate and Nature Committee meeting agendas.
- 6.3 To identify and discuss Local Climate and Nature Action Plan items and make recommendations regarding prioritisation and funding of activities and projects to the Climate and Nature Committee.
- 6.4 To consult with other Working Groups or Committees where relevant.
- 6.5 To discuss requests from outside groups and organisations to partner in climate and nature-related events and activities and subsequently make recommendations to the Climate and Nature Committee.

7. POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 7.1 The Group does not possess delegated authority and therefore does not have the power to make decisions or representation on behalf of the Climate and Nature Committee.
- 7.2 The Group shall report its recommendations to the Climate and Nature Committee.
- 7.3 Reports will include details of recommendations, including rationale for their adoption, financial implications, congruence with the Local Climate and Nature Action Plan, and other relevant information necessary for informed decision making.

8. HEALTH AND SAFETY

- 8.1 To satisfy itself that Health and Safety and governance procedures are being followed in relation to the Working Group's remit.

9. ENVIRONMENT

- 9.1 To give due consideration to environmental, conservation and climate change matters in carrying out the functions of the Working Group.

10. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

- 10.1 To consider equality and diversity (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and disability), tackling disadvantage, reducing social exclusion, and supporting society's most vulnerable groups, in carrying out the functions of this Working Group.

11. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 11.1 The Working Group shall undertake reviews of Terms of Reference on an annual basis, before if required, and may make recommendations to Full Council regarding its own Terms of Reference.

11.2 The Climate and Nature Committee may not always be able to act on all advice offered and there is no formal obligation to do so.

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Date	Event/Communitcation Type	Communication or Event	Where?	Tie-In Links	Details/Notes
21/07/2025	Big Butterfly Count	Comm	FB	https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/	Share details on FB and take along spotting sheets to Love Parks event at Mundy Playing Fields
23/07/2025	Relaunch of bat detector hire scheme	Comm	FB Website/Poster		https://thornburytc.sharepoint.com/:f/s/Files/Em1IYKVi_4pBj-V6YZ8zOLMBaxwnPqvNgpWFpb4RVNcltg?e=ucxVQ5
29/07/2025	Love your Park @ Mundy Playing Fields	Event	Mundy Playing Fields	https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/love-parks	Stand in the park after school hours - 3.30 to 5.00 Activities to include (TBC): Self-guided Nature Trail Micro Litter Pick 'Picnic in the Park' Planting (Cress/Lettuce Seeds) Share bat detector scheme details Big Butterfly Count
04/08/2025	What to see and do in the Wildlife Garden this month	Comm	FB	https://www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/blog/mitch-perkins	Monthly feature close to the first day of the month - use details from Podcast As the Season Turns/the Seasonal Almanac Encouragement to sign up to the Community Nature Reserve
11/08/2025	National Allotments Week	Comm	FB	https://thenas.org.uk/national-allotments-week	Theme this year - allotments and wellbeing Possibly tie in with a push to get allotments registered as part of the CNR
45889	Bat Detector Loan Scheme Promotion	Comm	FB		Promotional post for bat detector loan scheme
25/08/2025	Zero Waste Week	Comm	FB	https://www.zerowasteweek.co.uk/	Promote zero waste week and suggest ways to get involved. Tie in with ways you can reduce waste and help your garden - for example by composting or getting tools and equipment repaired. Zero Waste week runs from 1 - 5 September https://thornburymensshed.com/
27/08/2025	Welcome to new CNR members and signpost to other Thornbury Groups	Comm	FB		This is a regular post at the end of each month that welcomes new members of the FB group, encourages them to register for the CNR and signposts them to affiliated organisations.
01/09/2025	What to see and do in the Wildlife Garden this month	Comm	FB		Monthly feature close to the first day of the month - use details from As the Season Turns/the Almanac
03/09/2025	Zero Waste Week	Comm	FB	https://www.zerowasteweek.co.uk/	Reminder and lead into Secondhand September
08/09/2025	Secondhand September	Comm	FB	https://www.oxfam.org.uk/get-involved/second-hand-september/	Publicise and suggest ways to join in, such as Upcycling containers for the wildlife garden Supporting reuse initiatives such as the men's shed when buying tools for the garden - https://thornburymensshed.com/community/
10/09/2025	Great UK Water Blitz	Comm	FB	https://earthwatch.org.uk/greatukwaterblitz/?utm_source=https%3a%2f%2fmail.earthwatch.org.uk%2fearthwatcheulz%2f&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=GUKWBA25+is+back&utm_term={EmailSubjectLine}&utm_content=74878&gator_td=DOL3wMByhICKfdfNwQJ6HA7UosEZu6dcQQ4huDXYr9A1QVI%2bXEH1hMDzsosN8dx2xQ2lnVTSY%2fghUrkrQwznutglZfNV7l0rXndibzC0rcdQh4UUcLsp6t1liNjcAyrQOh9thZzSx4ko9BHK6GRCQ6Rp78hIh%2be%2f2DnDEs%2bp6P6a%2fXdZZ7K6%2fs1GkU5IMXAT0lozpCDsPenWd4UKZsxxwFRbf0ES1KelvQQQViBg3xQ%3d	Citizen Science project to monitor river health.
22/09/2025	Recycle Week	Comm	FB	https://www.recyclenow.com/news-and-campaigns/recycle-week	Promote and suggest ways to reduce, reuse and recycle, particularly in the garden. Pallet gardens, upcycling containers, reusing household items in the garden Recycle week runs from 22-28 September
29/09/2025	Bug Hotel Day Publicity	Comm	FB/Poster		Run in to bug hotel day Public event to 'fill' bug hotels at different sites - ask people to gather and bring along suitable materials such as pine cones, dead wood, bamboo canes, sticks, stones, tiles, bricks, straw

30/09/2025	Welcome to new CNR members and signpost to other Thornbury Groups	Comm	FB		This is a regular post at the end of each month that welcomes new members of the FB group, encourages them to register for the CNR and signposts them to affiliated organisations.
01/10/2025	What to see and do in the Wildlife Garden this month	Comm	FB		Monthly feature close to the first day of the month - use details from Podcast As the Season Turns/the Seasonal Almanac
03/10/2025	Fun Palaces	Event	St Mary's Shopping Centre	Thonrbury-wide South Gloucestershire Council event	Activities as part of South Glos event - seed bombs, wildflower seed packet decorating, colouring and nature themed activity sheets
06/10/2025	Seed Gathering Season	Comm	FB	https://treecouncil.org.uk/seasonal-campaigns/seed-gathering-season/	Encourage people to collect tree seeds from TTC open spaces and plant them at home. Plus sowing and growing guide
13/10/2025	Bug Hotel Day Publicity	Comm	FB/Press Release		Run in to bug hotel day Public event to 'fill' bug hotels - ask people to gather and bring along suitable materials. Also offer them a chance to make a small bug hotel (from old mugs/plastic bottles) to take home.
20/10/2025	Bug Hotel Day Publicity	Comm	FB		Run in to bug hotel day Public event to 'fill' bug hotels - ask people to gather and bring along suitable materials. Also offer them a chance to make a small bug hotel (from old mugs/plastic bottles) to take home.
27/10/2025	Bug Hotel Day	Event	Chantry Playing Fields		Public event to 'fill' bug hotels - ask people to gather and bring along suitable materials. Also offer them a chance to make a small bug hotel (from old mugs/plastic bottles) to take home. AM - at Chantry Playing Fields
29/10/2025	Welcome to new CNR members and signpost to other Thornbury Groups	Comm	FB		This is a regular post at the end of each month that welcomes new members of the FB group, encourages them to register for the CNR and signposts them to affiliated organisations.
03/11/2025	What to see and do in the Wildlife Garden this month	Comm	FB/Website		Monthly feature close to the first day of the month - use details from Podcast As the Season Turns/the Seasonal Almanac
05/11/2025	Bonfire Night reminders	Comm	FB		Reminder to consider wildlife on bonfire night - particularly hedgehogs in bonfires, etc.
10/11/2025	National Tree Week	Comm	FB	https://treecouncil.org.uk/seasonal-campaigns/national-tree-week/	Takes place 22 - 30 November
15/11/2025	Christmas Lights Switch On	Event	Thornbury High Street	https://mythornbury.co.uk/thornbury/thornbury-christmas-lights	Activities including decorating eco-friendly gift bags
17/11/2025	Feed the Birds Christmas Tree	Event	Town Hall		Have a 'feed the birds' Christmas Tree in the reception area.
26/11/2025	Welcome to new CNR members and signpost to other Thornbury Groups	Comm	FB		This is a regular post at the end of each month that welcomes new members of the FB group, encourages them to register for the CNR and signposts them to affiliated organisations.
01/12/2025	What to see and do in the Wildlife Garden this month	Comm	FB/Website		Monthly feature close to the first day of the month - use details from Podcast As the Season Turns/the Seasonal Almanac
03/12/2025	World Soil Day	Comm	FB	https://www.fao.org/world-soil-day/en/	Promotional post, plus share tips on how to improve soil health/composting
08/12/2025	Plastic-free Christmas	Comm	FB	https://plasticfree.org.uk/2020/12/02/10-tips-for-the-ultimate-plastic-free-christmas/	Share tips on how to reduce plastic use at Christmas
22/12/2025	Welcome to new CNR members and signpost to other Thornbury Groups. Wish members of the CNR a happy festive season.	Comm	FB		This is a regular post at the end of each month that welcomes new members of the FB group, encourages them to register for the CNR and signposts them to affiliated organisations.
24/12/2025	Happy festive season post	Comm	FB		Update on how many/area of CNR. How many trees planted/bug hotels filled - whatever has taken place this year
05/01/2026	What to see and do in the Wildlife Garden this month	Comm	FB/Website		Monthly feature close to the first day of the month - use details from Podcast As the Season Turns/the Seasonal Almanac
12/01/2026	Bird Watching for Schools	Event	TBC - Primary Schools?		To support/prep schools for Big Schools Birdwatch In person support for teachers - run a bird spot in the grounds/share ways to support/attract birds to your school grounds

13/01/2026	Bird Watching for Schools	Event	TBC - Primary Schools?		To support/prep schools for Big Schools Birdwatch In person support for teachers - run a bird spot in the grounds/share ways to support/attract birds to your school grounds
24/01/2026	Big Garden Bird Watch	Comm	FB	https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch	Promote RSPB event and share ways to support and attract birds to your garden Encourage people to use our green spaces for their bird watch
26/01/2026	Nest Box Building Promotional Lead in	Comm	FB/Website		Promotion for event on 14 Feb and follow up on big garden bird watch
28/01/2026	Welcome to new CNR members and signpost to other Thornbury Groups	Comm	FB		This is a regular post at the end of each month that welcomes new members of the FB group, encourages them to register for the CNR and signposts them to affiliated organisations.
02/02/2026	What to see and do in the Wildlife Garden this month	Comm	FB/Website		Monthly feature close to the first day of the month - use details from Podcast As the Season Turns/the Seasonal Almanac
02/02/2026	World Wetlands Day	Comm	FB	https://www.worldwetlandsday.org/	Promotional post plus tips on getting water into your own garden - micro ponds, ponds, hoverfly lagoons
14/02/2026	National Nest Box Week	Event	TBC - need an indoor space	https://www.nestboxweek.com/	Nest box building and decorating to support National Nest Box week Week runs from 14/2 to 21/2 Limited places - free event - needs to be bookable - do we have a means of doing this? https://www.bakerross.co.uk/robin-nest-box-kits (suitable for children) - £32.95 for 10 https://www.nestbox.co.uk/products/bird-box-kit?variant=6000964229 (suitable for adults and children) - £126 for 10
25/02/2026	Welcome to new CNR members and signpost to other Thornbury Groups	Comm	FB		This is a regular post at the end of each month that welcomes new members of the FB group, encourages them to register for the CNR and signposts them to affiliated organisations.
02/03/2026	What to see and do in the Wildlife Garden this month	Comm	FB/Website		Monthly feature close to the first day of the month - use details from Podcast As the Season Turns/the Seasonal Almanac
16/03/2026	CNR Sign-Up encouragement	Comm	FB/Website/E-News		Tie in with the Spring Equinox which takes place on 20/3. Include information/links on wildlife friendly gardening.
18/03/2026	World Recycling Day	Comm	FB	https://www.globalrecyclingday.com/	Promtional tie in with information about how and where you can recycle. Particularly garden items (plant pots, compost bags)
25/03/2026	Welcome to new CNR members and signpost to other Thornbury Groups	Comm	FB		This is a regular post at the end of each month that welcomes new members of the FB group, encourages them to register for the CNR and signposts them to affiliated organisations.
End March (TBC)	Great British Spring Clean	Comm	FB		Tie in with Thornbury Litter Pickers? Activities in TTC areas. Promotion with schools. Perhaps set up and promote a litter picker loan scheme (https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cjd343r8xx4o)
25/03/2026	Earth Hour	Comm	FB	https://www.earthhour.org/	Promotional post
30/03/2026	Earth Day Event Promotion	Comm	FB/Website/E-News		Promotional post for Earth Day Event on 19/4. Theme (and subsequent activities TBC).
31/03/2026	Welcome to new CNR members and signpost to other Thornbury Groups	Comm	FB		This is a regular post at the end of each month that welcomes new members of the FB group, encourages them to register for the CNR and signposts them to affiliated organisations.
01/04/2026	What to see and do in the Wildlife Garden this month	Comm	FB/Website		Monthly feature close to the first day of the month - use details from Podcast As the Season Turns/the Seasonal Almanac
06/04/2026	Earth Day Event Promotion	Comm	FB		Promotional post for Earth Day Event on 19/4
13/04/2026	Earth Day Event Promotion	Comm	FB		Promotional post for Earth Day Event on 19/4

19/04/2026	Earth Day Event	Event	TBC	https://www.earthday.org/	In person event with planting activities - tie in with Earth Day theme for the year (TBC)
22/04/2026	City Nature Challenge	Event	Self-guided	https://www.citynaturechallenge.org/	Self-guided nature walk around TTC open spaces? City Nature challenge runs from 24 - 27 April
29/04/2026	Welcome to new CNR members and signpost to other Thornbury Groups	Comm	FB		This is a regular post at the end of each month that welcomes new members of the FB group, encourages them to register for the CNR and signposts them to affiliated organisations.
April	Town Meeting	Event	Town Hall		TBC
End of April	National Gardening Week	Comm	FB	https://www.rhs.org.uk/get-involved/national-gardening-week	Promotional post plus ideas for wildlife friendly gardening. Possible tie in with allotments/gardening clubs. Plus promote CNR.
05/05/2026	What to see and do in the Wildlife Garden this month	Comm	FB/Website		Monthly feature close to the first day of the month - use details from Podcast As the Season Turns/the Seasonal Almanac
05/05/2026	No Mow May	Comm	FB	https://www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay/	Promotional post. Ask people to share photos of their unmown lawns
06/05/2026	Hedgehog Awareness Week	Comm/Possible Event	FB/Possibly Schools	https://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk/give-hedgehogs-the-edge-this-hedgehog-awareness-week/	Promotional post including ways to support hedgehogs in your garden/green space. Possible work with schools to install hedgehog homes?
11/05/2026	Water Saving Week	Comm	FB	https://waterwise.org.uk/campaign/water-saving-week/	Promotional post with tips about how to save water and why it is important to do so. Include information about rainwater harvesting in the garden. Giveaway of water saving devices?
20/05/2026	World Bee Day	Comm	FB	https://www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay/	Promotional post with information about UK's bees and how you can support them in your garden
27/05/2026	Welcome to new CNR members and signpost to other Thornbury Groups	Comm	FB		This is a regular post at the end of each month that welcomes new members of the FB group, encourages them to register for the CNR and signposts them to affiliated organisations.
01/06/2026	What to see and do in the Wildlife Garden this month	Comm	FB/Website		Monthly feature close to the first day of the month - use details from Podcast As the Season Turns/the Seasonal Almanac
01/06/2026	Sharing results of No Mow May and introduce Let It Bloom June	Comm	FB	https://www.plantlife.org.uk/let-it-bloom-june-no-mow-may-is-over-whats-next/	Promotional post and invite results of No Mow May - plus invitation to take part in Let It Bloom June
06/06/2026	Great Big Green Week Event	Event	TBC		Tie in event with Great Big Green Week which takes place from 6-14 June. Activities to tie in with theme for the year (TBC)
29/06/2026	Welcome to new CNR members and signpost to other Thornbury Groups	Comm	FB		This is a regular post at the end of each month that welcomes new members of the FB group, encourages them to register for the CNR and signposts them to affiliated organisations.
Early June	World Environment Day	Comm	FB	https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/	Promotional post tying in with 2026 theme (TBC)
Mid-June	Clean Air Day	Comm	FB	https://www.actionforcleanair.org.uk/campaigns/clean-air-day	Promotional post tying in with 2026 theme (TBC)

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Progress Update and Impact Report



August 2025

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KEY PROGRESS POINTS



Good progress has been made in many areas of the plan and the changeover of staff in 2025 has caused minimal disruption, largely due to an efficient handover from the previous to the current Climate and Nature Officer.

Progress is particularly notable in the following areas:

Energy

- An energy efficiency audit has been carried out and some recommendations already implemented. Further recommendations are being taken into account with respect to building renewal and maintenance.

Greenhouse Gases

- A measurement and reporting structure has been established and is allowing year on year comparisons and identification of key areas of focus for carbon footprint reduction.
- There has been an overall reduction in Thornbury Town Council's (TTC) carbon footprint.

Waste

- TTC recycling rates have improved since measurements began and waste reduction routines are in place.

Nature

- Many of the recommendations made in the 2022 ecological surveys have been implemented. These solutions are now settling into their maintenance routine and further opportunities for biodiversity enhancement are being sought.

Comms and Engagement

- Climate and nature objectives have been supported and publicised via a programme of events and public communications.

FOCUS FOR YEAR 3 AND BEYOND

As we move into the second half of the plan, the following are areas of focus:

Energy

- Working with the facilities manager to plan for net zero, aligning with wider council objectives.
- Support energy saving initiatives across the town.

Greenhouse Gases

- Moving from measuring and reporting to planning and implementing a strategy to achieve net zero.
- Incorporate sustainable design and green purchasing guidelines into financial and operational procedures.

Waste

- Seek ways to reduce waste in all areas of the council's operations.
- Support initiatives to reduce waste across the town.

Water

- Compile a water management plan.
- Seek ways to reduce water consumption across TTC sites (e.g., rainwater harvesting, grey water reuse).
- Support water-saving initiatives across the town.

Nature

- Maintaining progress already made and building on it.
- Seeking and implementing new opportunities for biodiversity enhancement (e.g., Tiny Forest, Memorial Woodland).

Comms and Engagement

- Widening engagement to include schools, businesses, and landowners.
- Building on relationships with community groups for mutual benefit.



PLAN AMBITIONS

ENERGY



The Local Climate and Nature Action Plan had several energy-related ambitions for its first 3 years:

- Assess and monitor energy consumption.
- Identify and implement energy efficiency improvements.
- Compile a sustainable design checklist.
- Compile an equipment inventory list.
- Roll out town-wide energy saving initiatives.

DELIVERY

The following actions are completed or underway as of August 2025:

- An energy efficiency audit and report was completed in January 2024. Several of its recommendations have already been implemented, including installing radiator reflector panels, improving insulation, cleaning solar panels, considering secondary double glazing and investigating battery storage solutions.
- Raising awareness among council officers regarding consumption and energy saving measures.

RESULTS

The results of these actions are that:

- Between 2022 and 2024/5, the carbon footprint of heating reduced by 14%.
- Between 2022/3 and 2024/5 the carbon footprint of electricity increased by 23%. This was primarily due to an increase in consumption at Mundy Playing Fields.
- 'Green' energy suppliers are used for gas (Ecotricity) and electricity (Octopus).

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FOR 2025-6

The following plan items are overdue or are scheduled for action in 2025-6:

- Compile a sustainable design checklist.
- Compile an equipment inventory list.
- Roll out town-wide energy saving initiatives.

PLAN AMBITIONS

GREENHOUSE GASES

The Local Climate and Nature Action Plan had several greenhouse gas-related ambitions for its first 3 years:

- Establish baseline greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for 2022-3.
- Calculate annual greenhouse gas emissions.
- Set up a 5-year reduction target for GHG in Scope 1 & 2.
- Incorporate a green purchasing guide into the tendering document.



DELIVERY

The following actions have been completed or are underway as of August 2025:

- GHG baseline established.
- Annual comparative GHG reports produced for 2023-24.
- Annual comparative GHG report drafted for 2024-25.
- Data collection regime established.

RESULTS

The results of these actions are that:

- Between 2022-3 and 2023-4 emissions reduced by 14.32 tonnes CO₂e. Between 2023-24 and 2024-25 (draft) there was an increase of 4.67 tonnes of CO₂e. This increase was largely due to increased electricity consumption at Mundy Playing Fields. Overall, however, emissions reduced between 2022-3 and 2024-5 by 9.65 tonnes CO₂e.
- Reductions were largely due to a conversion to an electric vehicle, a modified mowing regime and a consistent reduction in Scope 3 emissions.

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FOR 2025-6

The following plan items are overdue or are scheduled for action in 2025-6:

- Set up a 5-year reduction target for GHG in Scope 1 & 2.
- Incorporate a green purchasing guide into the tendering document.

PLAN AMBITIONS

WASTE



The Local Climate and Nature Action Plan had several waste reduction-related ambitions for its first 3 years:

- Monitor monthly waste production.
- Introduce waste reduction practices.
- Roll out clean up days.
- Investigate installing more recycling bins.
- Roll out town wide waste reduction initiatives.

DELIVERY

The following actions have been completed or are underway as of August 2025:

- 2 x clean up days were run. Activities for Great British Spring Clean 2026 are being planned.
- Waste reduction guidelines compiled and shared with officers.
- Waste production and recycling rates are monitored.
- New recycling bins planned for Mundy Playing Fields along with recycling facilities for football spectators.
- Waste/recycling separation processes in place across sites.

RESULTS

The results of these actions are that:

- The proportion of landfill to recycling generated by TTC has gone from 10%/90% in 2022-23 to 3%/97% in 2024-25

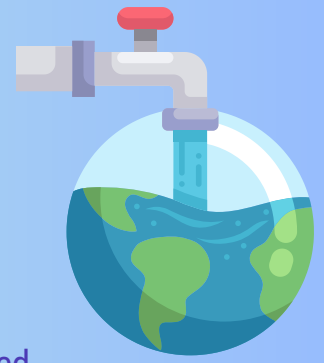
OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FOR 2025-6

The following plan items are overdue or are scheduled for action in 2025-6:

- Roll out/support town-wide waste reduction initiatives

PLAN AMBITIONS

WATER



The Local Climate and Nature Action Plan had several water consumption-related ambitions for its first 3 years:

- Assess and monitor water consumption.
- Introduce water efficiency measures.
- Compile and implement water management plan.

DELIVERY

The following actions have been completed or are underway as of August 2025:

- 2024 energy efficiency report included items regarding water consumption.
- Water consumption data is collated and included in GHG emissions calculation.
- Water saving devices have been retrofitted in some areas.

RESULTS

The results of these actions are that:

- Between 2022-23 and 2023-24 there was a reduction in water consumption of 87 cubic metres, or 10%.
- Between 2023-24 and 2024-25 there was a large increase in consumption of 810 cubic metres or 197%. This was due to a leak in the Away Team showers in the Pavilion and a general increase in consumption at Mundy Playing Fields. There is a temporary fix in place for the leak.

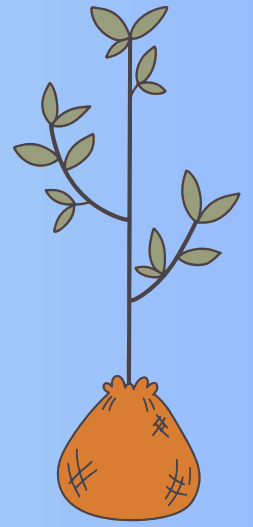
OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FOR 2025-6

The following plan items are overdue or are scheduled for action in 2025-6:

- Introduce (further) water efficiency measures.
- Compile a water management plan.

PLAN AMBITIONS

NATURE



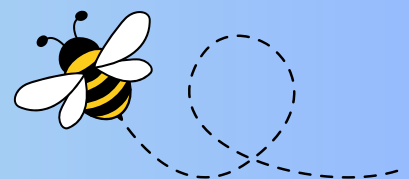
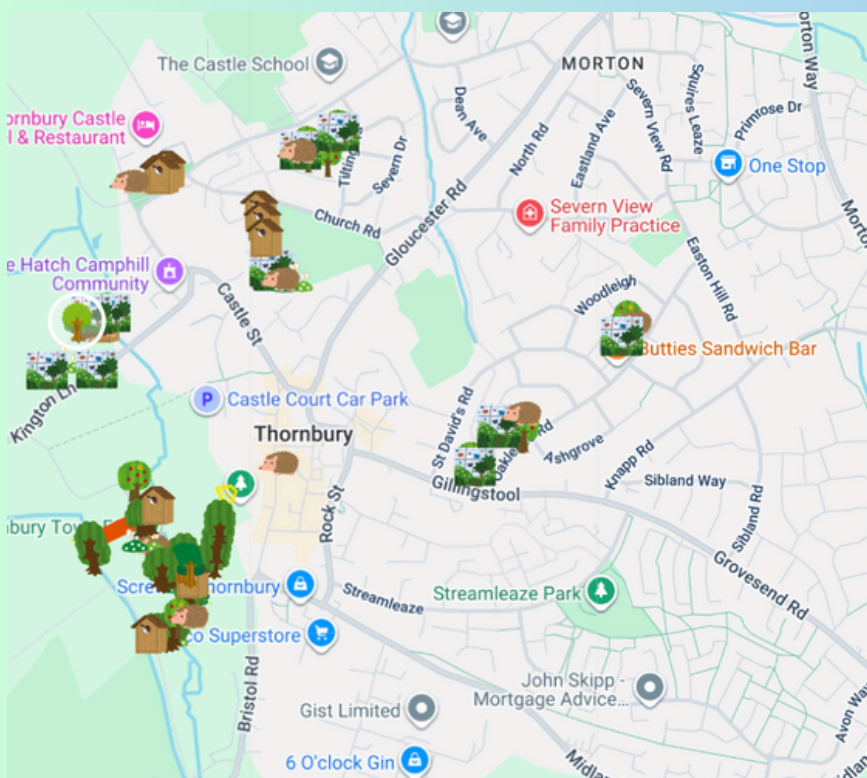
The Local Climate and Nature Action Plan had several nature-related ambitions for its first 3 years:

- Follow suggestions made in 2022 ecological surveys for TTC sites, including reduced mowing, tree and hedge planting, wildflower planting, and habitat creation.
- Investigate options for a Tiny Forest.

DELIVERY

The following actions have been completed or are underway as of August 2025:

- Areas of low nature-value grassland converted to species-rich wildflower areas.
- Mowing regimes relaxed across 6 sites with longer grasses covering c. 0.9 hectares.
- 79 trees planted across 5 sites.
- 2 native hedgerows planted (Mundy Playing Fields and Thicket Walk).
- 14 bug hotels across 5 sites.
- 10 bird/bat boxes installed across 6 sites.
- 9 Hedgehog houses in place.
- Dead wood piles at 2 sites.
- 2 swift boxes installed at 2 sites.
- Maintenance regime established for longer grasses and wildflower areas.
- Tiny Forest options/sites are being explored.



NATURE

RESULTS



The baseline ecological survey carried out has not been repeated. However, the following general benefits for nature can be extrapolated from the actions taken:

- Increased botanical biodiversity in unmown/wildflower planted areas. Estimated that up to 250,000 pollinators can be supported in just one hectare of botanically biodiverse grassland.
- Habitat creation across all sites for a range of birds, mammals, and invertebrates.
- When mature, trees and hedgerows planted will improve soil health and provide food and shelter for a range of wildlife.
- The trees and hedgerows planted should, when mature, sequester up to 2.5 tonnes of carbon per year.

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FOR 2025-6

The following plan items are overdue or are scheduled for action in 2025-6:

- Seek new opportunities for further biodiversity enhancements (e.g., a memorial woodland).
- Instigate Tiny Forest project.



COMMS AND ENGAGEMENT



PLAN AMBITIONS

The Local Climate and Nature Action Plan had several communication and engagement-related ambitions for its first 3 years:

- Engage with residents, community groups, schools, neighbouring authorities, local businesses, site users, landowners, developers, regulators, press and South Glos Council.
- Tie in communications to monthly topics, for example, Love Parks Week.

DELIVERY

The following actions have been completed or are underway as of August 2025:

- 13 in-person events for residents run by TTC, with 213 attendees.
- 4 virtual events run by TTC with 295 engagements.
- Community Nature Reserve launched with 30 spaces already registered.
- Community Nature Reserve Facebook page established. Currently has 76 members.
- Comms and events plan drafted for next 9 months.
- Bat Detector Hire scheme up and running.
- Climate and Nature represented at Thornbury-wide events (for example Christmas Lights Switch on).

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FOR 2025-6

The following plan items are overdue or are scheduled for action in 2025-6:

- Further engagement with residents and community groups.
- Engagement with schools, businesses, developers and landowners.
- Engagement with residents regarding energy and water saving measures