

Nature Recovery Strategy 2023-2028

Briefing Document

Introduction

In 2019 Three Rivers District Council declared a Climate Emergency, recognising the detrimental impact increasing global temperatures are having on Biodiversity, in addition to the many other climate challenges the world faces. The term 'Biodiversity' considers all life on earth from fungi and bacteria to plants and animals. Biodiversity supports everything needed to survive including food, clean water and medicines.

Within Three Rivers District there is a wealth of Biodiversity that needs to be supported and protected. A few examples of the habitats within the district include; Ancient Woodland; Chalk Streams & Rivers; Farmland wildlife and locally rare Acid Grassland & Heath. Collectively, these habitats support thousands of species of wildlife.

As a landowner Three Rivers District Council recognises the value of its green spaces to residents and the local community, and is committed to enhancing and protecting them for future generations. The Council is also keen to support other organisations and private landowners in managing their green space for the benefit of nature, maintaining corridors for wildlife to move between and around safe havens where it can flourish.

What is a Nature Recovery Strategy and why does the council need one?









The Nature Recovery Strategy will set out the Council's approach to habitat management and protection of the natural world within the District. It will be accompanied by a 5-year Action Plan prioritising actions to be undertaken for the benefit of Biodiversity from 2023-2028.

Next steps

This initial briefing document sets out the broad process and timescale to producing a new Nature Recovery Strategy. It also highlights the points when stakeholders will be consulted, and invited to comment on the emerging strategy.

The publishing of this briefing document is an opportunity for stakeholders to make any initial comments. Below is a list of themes that the strategy will be seeking to address. If you would like to comment on this, or submit any other points you would like to see included in the strategy, please respond via our website at: www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/consultations.

Themes for inclusion in the strategy:

-  The state of Biodiversity in the Three Rivers District currently and its value
-  Rivers & Wetlands
-  The Urban Environment
-  Trees and Woodlands
-  The Countryside
-  Biodiversity Net Gain
-  Rewilding
-  Legislation protecting biodiversity

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