

## **Climate & Nature Champion**

The climate and nature champion acts as the Parish council's key point of contact and advocate for environmental, sustainability and biodiversity. The voluntary role supports the council in identifying, promoting and coordinating local action on nature and climate related issues.

### **Key responsibilities**

#### **Liaison & Communication**

- Serve as the council's link to environmental initiatives
- Share relevant updates, opportunities and best practices with the council and community.
- Represent the council at relevant events

#### **Community Engagement**

- Encourage local suggestions and participation in nature and climate related projects.
- Promote awareness of environmental issues and proposed actions by all means of communication.
- Act as a point of contact and 'listening post' for residents' ideas and concerns.

#### **Project Support**

- Help identify and support local projects and residents' ideas that might help and support nature recovery and climate change mitigation etc...
- Work with the local community to develop and deliver relevant initiatives.
- Monitor progress report on outcomes of such initiatives

#### **Desirable Qualities**

- A passion for the environment and nature.
- Good communication and organisational skills.
- An ability to work collaboratively with all those involved
- A willingness to learn and have an enquiring mind.

## **Initial projects to be developed**

- Working with a detailed map of the parish, highlight possible areas for new nature and environment projects.
- Communicate the appointment of a Climate and Nature Champion to all residents
- Seek ideas and suggestions from residents regarding possible projects and initiatives.
- Develop a list of all practical projects and initiatives arising from the suggestions received.
- Publish a list of all practical steps that residents might consider adopting in order to help improve biodiversity in the parish and help mitigate climate change related problems.

### **Examples might include**

- Urge all residents to create compost and fallen branch twig piles rather than resorting to burning. Bonfires should be considered an absolute last resort when all else has failed.
- Encourage and facilitate the planting of more trees in the village and surrounding area.
- Help establish wildflower meadows within the village possibly starting with The Green, after consulting residents. Liz Hart also mentioned the green further up the hill on Station road.. might be worth doing both since it is apparently best done with a machine that needs to be rented.
- Adding bird and bat boxes throughout the village.
- Involve the School and Acorns etc... in nature and environmental issues.
- Organise public talks /presentations on nature and biodiversity in the Parish.
- Promote actions to help encourage bees and other pollinating insects – including habitats.
- Highlight the existence of hedgehogs, amphibians and bird species etc...and the steps that might help and encourage a growth in populations.
- Highlight the importance of good recycling and encourage residents to become more interested in what happens to their recycle bins after they are collected – encourage school trips to local recycling processing centres.