

## **BGSMP: Nature Recovery Projects**

Whilst the main focus of this plan is around maintaining and developing the greenspaces within the parish of Bleasby, there is considerable scope for projects that work specifically towards helping recover nature within our local environment.

Examples of this might be trying to attract swifts to the area by providing a network of nesting boxes or enhancing the wildlife supply chain by increasing the number of wildflower habitats to help attract more insects, bees and invertebrates.

Although these activities will directly relate to the areas being maintained by BPC, it will also require looking at greenspaces beyond the parish and engaging with other villages, landowners and farmers who may be pursuing similar objectives.

Nature Recovery Projects such as these fall outside of the scope of BPC and need to be managed by an independent group of volunteers.

As such, a new steering group will be established to develop a plan and work closely with BPC throughout the implementation. Although there may be requests to BPC for financial support on certain projects related to BPC owned land, the primary source of funding will be independent of the precept.

The focus of the plan will be to complete a number of projects that will, wherever possible, work in harmony to help enhance the overall wildlife supply chain and hence help accelerate the recovery of nature in the areas concerned.

Example of projects are:

- Introducing new wildflower environments in areas that have been properly assessed as being suitable to increase populations of wildlife. Such areas might include:
  - hedgerow edges
  - woodland flora
  - meadow areas
- Increasing dedicated habitats aimed at helping to increase (or stop the decrease) of specific species of wildlife. Examples:
  - adding bird boxes for swifts
  - building bug hotels
  - introducing bat boxes
  - encouraging grass snakes
  - adding flower and plant species to attract bees and butterflies
  - environments for small species of invertebrates and reptiles
- establish a centralised data base for recording wildlife sightings

- develop relationship with other local wildlife groups and organisations to explore opportunities for collaboration.
  - Notts Wildlife Trust
  - Thurgarton, Morton, Fiskerton, Hoveringham and Southwell
  - Local farmers and land owners
  
- evaluate the potential for introducing more trees and Hedgerows
  
- assess the development of the network of public footpaths, considering how to extend activities towards adjoining countryside areas