

Theme 1. Education & Awareness	
Action	Partners
Encourage participation in citizen science wildlife projects and engage the public in biodiversity recording and awareness.	ANDBC, CEDaR, Museums NI, DAERA, conservation and wildlife NGO's, Flora and Fauna groups
Encourage the public to get involved in practical activities and habitat restoration projects to increase the numbers of our priority species	ANDBC, conservation and wildlife NGO's, Flora and Fauna groups
Support participation in national and international biodiversity awareness campaigns	ANDBC, CEDaR, conservation and wildlife NGOs, Flora and Fauna groups
Raise the profile of bats by running a programme of related activities and developing an information page on the council website.	ANDBC, NI Bat Group, Bat Conservation Ireland
Encourage participation in SeaSearch via diving clubs https://www.seasearch.org.uk/	DAERA, Divers
Work in partnership to organise training in whale and dolphin identification and monitoring	ANDBC, Irish Whale and Dolphin Group
Carry out an audit and mapping exercise of coastal interpretative panels on council owned land. Identify panels in need replacing, opportunities to combine panel information and potential new panel locations to promote marine biodiversity.	DAERA, ANDBC, SLLP, Exploris
Inform the public where land is being managed for biodiversity.	ANDBC
Raise awareness on the biodiversity of our rivers and produce interpretation material on the biodiversity value of wetlands and associated species at key sites	ANDBC, SLLP, DAERA (WMU), Rivers Agency
Promote local biodiversity by creating new biodiversity trails (including interpretative signage) in selected woodland locations.	ANDBC
Promote 'Gardening for Wildlife'	ANDBC
Support the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan 2021-2025	ANDBC, DAERA, Ulster Wildlife, Buglife, Butterfly conservation, Bumblebee conservation society, conservation NGO's, local schools and businesses community groups
Raise awareness of red squirrel conservation and encourage local recording of the red squirrel and pine marten.	DAERA, ANDBC, North Down Red Squirrel and Pine Marten Group, Ulster Wildlife
Monitor the progress of this action plan through the setting up of a BAP implementation group made up partner organisations meeting on an Annual basis.	ANDBC
Publicize the BAP within the Council and beyond through existing information centres and museums (e.g. Bangor Library)	ANDBC
Ensure Council land managers are familiar with the latest biodiversity guidance, policy and legislation through appropriate training.	ANDBC

Provide invasive species identification, control and management training to Council staff and produce an Invasive Species Swatch to assist with identification in the field.	DAERA, ANDBC, conservation NGOs
Target and promote agri-environment scheme uptake around lanes, ponds and rivers - including buffer zones and ungrazed grass margins to reduce the impact of eutrophication and sedimentation. Highlight the importance of these features as wildlife corridors.	DAERA, ANDBC, Farming Community
Promote the importance of cereal field margins for biodiversity	DAERA, ANDBC, BTO, RSPB, Ulster Wildlife
Raise awareness of the importance of our hedgerows for local biodiversity and its role as a vital ecological network and promote best practice management.	DAERA, ANDBC, private landowners, community groups, Ulster Wildlife
Establish a 'Bird of the Borough' (e.g. swift, barn owl, kingfisher) project group, to develop project ideas to promote the understanding and conservation of the Borough's iconic bird through education and outreach.	ANDBC, BTO, RSPB
Raise awareness of Swift nesting habitat in our urban environment with the wider public and in all relevant sections of the Council. Provide training in Swift identification and adequate habitat requirements	ANDBC, BTO, RSPB, NI Swift Group
Distribute guidance on habitat management that will benefit each of our priority bird species	ANDBC, BTO, RSPB, Ulster Wildlife
Promote semi-natural grassland biodiversity through local events, and Council publicity, hold lowland meadow identification and management training courses.	DAERA, ANDBC, Ulster Wildlife
Implement the STAND4TREES initiative by engaging local groups and communities	ANDBC, Woodland Trust, Ulster Wildlife