

Batheaston Parish Council

Nature and Environment Working Group Terms of Reference



Objective

1. To oversee the management of the Parish Council's land and green spaces in a way that enhances the richness and diversity of the nature that it supports.
2. To increase residents' access to nature in the Parish.
3. To improve the access that residents have to nature in the Parish, and wider area, and seek to inform and engage as residents as widely as possible.
4. Work with key partners, including Bath and North East Somerset Council (B&NES), community groups, local companies and others to improve the natural environment in the Parish and for its residents.
5. Lead the Council's response to the Climate Emergency, by making its own operations more sustainable, and promoting actions in the community to reduce negative impacts on Climate.
6. Represent the Council in external communications regarding the natural environment.

Membership of the Working

1. The Working Group will be led by a Councillor, appointed at a Full Council meeting.
2. Membership of the Working Group will be open to Councillors and other residents of the Parish, and will be published on the Council's website and notified to Council.

Delegated Powers

1. Communication with residents, local businesses and other relevant parties on relevant matters, including formal communications such as responses to consultations.
2. To commit expenditure of up to £5,000 in any financial year in furtherance of the Group's objectives.

Timescales and Reporting

1. The Working Group lead will report progress at monthly Council meetings.
2. Regular reports will be publicised to the wider community, via the Council's website and other publications.
3. Prepare an annual report for the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to summarise the work undertaken by the Working Group.
4. Submit a report by 1st November every year, outlining budgetary requirements and options with justifications, for the forthcoming financial year and beyond.

Last reviewed and agreed by Council: 9th June 2026

Next scheduled review: May 2027