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COWBRIDGE (ANCIENT BOROUGH) with
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Bio-Diversity Report for Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council for the municipal year 2022/23

Under Section 6 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016, community & town councils as public authorities have a duty to set out how they are maintaining and enhancing biodiversity.

The following report will also be included as part of the council's annual report for 2022/23.

Summer Floral Displays



The Town Council is responsible for the provision of 74 hanging baskets and floral displays along the High Street, plus 6 hanging baskets on the front of the Town Hall.





A range of flower planters along the riverside and planters in the Limes, the Limes Cemetery, Southgate Park and Llanblethian Playing Fields are provided. From mid-May until mid-September, all floral displays are maintained and watered three times a week by Town Council staff, often with the support of volunteers from the local fire service and community groups.

The floral displays provide food for bees and other pollinators and attract many positive comments from local residents and visitors to the area.

Bulb Planting Scheme

The Town Council provides and plants daffodils, tulips and other seasonal bulbs in the local areas around Twt Park, Llanblethian Playing Fields and the Limes Cemetery.

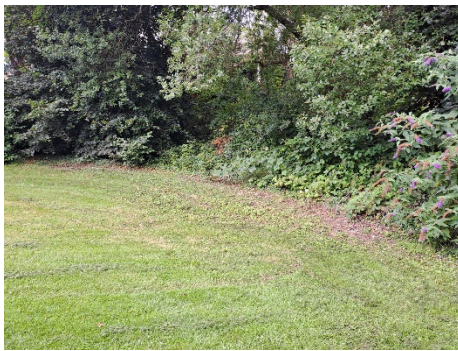


Wildflowers



With the support of a grant from Nature for Wales, wildflower planting will take place in September 2023 in Southgate Park, Llanblethian Playing Fields and the Limes Cemetery.

Wildlife Boxes



The Nature for Wales grant provided the Town Council with 6 of each of the following; hedgehog boxes, bug boxes and bird boxes. It is intended that these will be placed around the edges of Llanblethian playing fields, the Limes Cemetery, Twt and Southgate Parks. Advice on placement will be sought from the Wildlife Trust of South &

West Wales. Following placement of the boxes, local primary schools will be informed to encourage them to plan nature walks incorporating the boxes' locations.

Tree Planting



12 apple whips were also provided from the same grant, these were planted around the edges of Llanblethian Playing Fields.



The trees once established will add interest and environmental diversity surrounding a football field and Childrens' playground. The local community will be encouraged to participate in harvesting the apples.



During the spring of 2023, 4 ash die back trees in the Limes Cemetery and adjacent to a local primary school were removed for health and safety reasons. It is planned to involve the local primary school with the planting of 4 Maple trees to replace the ash die back. This activity will take place during the autumn of 2023.

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council would like to extend thanks to the Nature for Wales Project for the donation of the apple tree whips, wildflower seeds, hedgehog, bug and bird boxes.