



PEMBROKE DOCK TOWN COUNCIL BIODIVERSITY AND ENVIRONMENT DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN

Existing Infrastructure

- LED lights for the Christmas decorations
- Hanging Baskets and Floral Displays (Criterion Roundabout and Flower Towers)
- Worked with Pembrokeshire County Council to ensure that there are safe routes for families to walk to schools in the town as part of the “Safe Routes” scheme.
- Electric vehicle charging points have been installed into Gordon Street Car Park by Pembrokeshire County Council

Parks and other ‘green’ assets Under the Environment Act (Wales) 2016 all local authorities ‘must seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity in the proper exercise of their functions and in doing so promote the resilience of ecosystems’. This means that, when managing our parks for people to enjoy, town (and community) councils should also be seeking opportunities to maintain and enhance the wildlife that these areas support and manage the habitats (e.g. grassland, trees, wetlands) so that they are in as natural and resilient a state as possible.

The duty also supports our wider remit under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 so that Wales benefits from a prosperous economy, a healthy and resilient environment and vibrant, cohesive communities.

Pembroke Dock Town Council continue to contribute positively to the local environment and promoting sustainability.

Areas to be considered by Council for future action and inclusion

The Council does not own/manage a great amount of open space within the town but will continue to work collaboratively with Pembrokeshire County Council and be ready to take any potential opportunities that arise through the transfer of assets or tasks devolved from PCC in the future. It is also suggested that any additional acquisition of land (such as play areas or footpaths, for example) should include a specific action linked to this duty.

Further ideas to make a difference with biodiversity and our environment are outlined below and will be incorporated into the Town Council’s Action Plan as the development of that document progresses. It is possible that some of the initiatives below can be implemented now by working with PCC to gain their permission to start.

Memorial Park	Plant pollinator shrubs, use bank area to plant wild flowers. Leave part of the park as “wild” to encourage wildlife. Introduce bee/bug hotels in the “wild” areas. Creation of dog exercise zone.
Llanion Pill	Creation of play area and band stand. Creation of dog exercise zone

Pennar Village Green	Plant trees – offer grant to do this. Suggest leaving part of the green as “wild” to encourage wildlife. Introduce bee/bug hotels. Suggest planting some wildflowers on part of the green.
Pennar and Pembroke Dock Community Schools	Collaborative working to create wildflower areas to attract pollinators. Possibly by offering grants to get the scheme off the ground. Get schools involved in making bee/bug hotels to place in the green areas. Get schools to make “mini wildflower meadows” (see Wildlife Trust Info)
Charlton Place Play Area	Plant trees – offer grant to do this. Suggest leaving part of the area as “wild” to encourage wildlife. Introduce bee/bug hotels. Plant wildflowers on part of the area
Queen Street Green Area	Make into a wildflower meadow. Suggest leaving part of the area as “wild” to encourage wildlife. Introduce bee/bug hotels.
South Pembs Golf Club	Plant wildflowers near to the public right of way – offer grant to do this
Railway Station	Wildflowers and shrubs – need to seek permission from Network Rail for access.
Pater Hall	Solar panels to be installed on the building roof.
Hanging Baskets & Flower Towers	Request supplier to include a proportion of plants from pollinator-friendly species
Town Centre	Provide cycle parking to encourage residents to cycle into town rather than drive (see Public Health Wales info)
Become a “bee friendly” town	The “Bee Friendly” scheme is a Welsh Government initiative which is aimed at all pollinators, not just bees. There are four goals: Food (provide food sources), 5* accommodation (provide places for insect pollinators to live), Free from pesticides and herbicides (commit to avoid use of chemicals that can harm pollinators), Fun (involve all the community and letting people know that is what we are doing) (see Welsh Government Bee Friendly info)
Living Roof Scheme	Look at potential opportunities to include “living roofs” within the town as the installation of these helps to improve the thermal performance of the roof and also can help with a decrease in rainwater run-off by absorbing rainwater for it to be stored in the plants and the planting material and is then evaporated back into the atmosphere. (see Benefits of Green Roofs info).