

Management:

Leave area to naturalise with the adjacent grassed area mown on the GA frequency.

Biodiversity Maintenance Plan 2022 Onwards

Area	Description	Proposed Maintenance	Frequency/Timescale	Responsibility/Resources	Costs
1	Existing border next to Burlington Road entrance (now disturbed).	A suitable wildflower mix to be sown in the now disturbed area in the first year (spring) to provide immediate colour and impact. This will be monitored for success throughout year1.	2022	Council/BFC/BCA/Friends/AES	£200
		Allow full consideration of the area and an informed plan from year 2 onwards to be developed, which could be planting with ferns and grasses.	2023 Onwards	Council/AES/Friends/BFC/BCA	£500 for plants (2023)
2 (A&B)	Wildflower zone, north of the river.	To manage and maintain as wildflower area within current mapped extent – to ensure that the height of plants in this area do not exceed 1m. Year 1 the area will be left and monitored with a limited mowing regime and regular monitoring of the species present (especially western end). Some limited planting in year 1 of yellow iris and other wet-loving plants e.g. mimulus, to add colour.	2022 One cut of the whole of Area 2 in Year 1 at the end of the summer (late Aug/early Sept) before it gets too wet. Thatch to be removed in early Autumn by either the cut and collect machine or by raking off and disposal to compost area. 2023 onwards – one cut per year during the autumn time.	AES/BFC/BCA/Friends/Volunteers	None

			Thatch to be removed in Autumn by either the cut and collect machine or by raking off and disposal to compost area.		
		<p>Informal paths to be cut alongside and through the wildflower area–</p> <p>There will be 3 access paths of 1m from the tarmac path to the river’s edge at the following points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) From the bench in memory of a member of the Forsyth family 2) From the bench nearest to the remains of the felled beech tree 3) by the large notice board. <p>Investigate replacing and updating panel on existing interpretation board.</p>	<p>2022 onwards.</p> <p>Cutting regime as above.</p>	<p>AES</p> <p>Council/ BFC/BCA/Volunteers</p>	<p>£1000</p>
		<p>Retain 1m wide uncut strip adjacent to river edge.</p> <p>South side of river edge to be left open to preserve more open landscape as the original feature of the historic parkland.</p>	<p>2022 Onwards</p> <p>To be left uncut.</p>	<p>AES</p>	<p>None</p>

		Regularly survey wildflowers, butterflies and bees.	2022 Onwards	BFC/BCA/Volunteers	None
		Year 2 onwards - maximise the desirable species in this area through selective removal of undesirable species, dividing and planting, reseeding or introduction of plug plants.	2023 Onwards	BFC/BCA/Friends/Volunteers	
		Encourage the spread of species from Area 2A into 2B with additional planting through the division of existing plants, to create a continuous swathe of wildflowers and visually improve the area. Reduced mowing with one cut in the autumn as with the rest of Area 2.	2022 - limited mowing in year 1 to allow for assessment of naturally occurring flora – only one cut in late summer. Enhance this area with additional planting in year 2.	AES/BFC/BCA/Friends/Volunteers	
3 (A&B)	Main western section, adjacent to path (around beech stump)	To remain on GA mowing frequency for informal recreation or same approach as 2021 with reduced overall mowing but with mown pathways throughout.	2022 onwards GA mowing frequency or reduced mowing with informal paths cut through and one cut in autumn. Thatch to be removed by cut and collect machine.	AES/BFC/BCA/Friends/Volunteers	
	Eastern section 3A (mainly wet ground)	Reduced mowing with informal paths cut through.	2022 2022	AES BFC/BCA/Friends/Volunteers	 £500

		Planting of suitable species such as fritillary, lady's smock and cowslip in the Autumn.			
	Section 3B (boundary with properties)	Area to be monitored in year 1 Native hedging/shrubs and seeding/plug planting including species such as foxglove and red campion to be introduced in Year 2	2022 2023	BFC/BCA/Friends/Volunteers	£500
4	Waterlogged area with semi natural woodland and bog/damp meadow.	Allow current flora to spread and stabilise wet soils.	2022 Onwards	BFC/BCA/Friends/ Volunteers	None
		Retain dead wood where appropriate and woodpiles	2022 Onwards	BFC/BCA/ Friends/Volunteers	None
		Install bird and bat boxes	Winter 2022	BFC/BCA/ Friends/Volunteers	£200 for materials for boxes
		Creation of a compost area to be trialled, to the right of the diagonal path cutting up the bank to the houses behind. This will utilize the raised bank as a backing and existing logs to create a contained area.	Spring 2022	BFC/BCA/Friends/Volunteers/AES	Existing on site log piles
		Introduce areas of willow	2022 Onwards	BFC/BCA/ Friends/Volunteers	None

		Consider options to create fernery in deadwood areas.	2023	BFC/BCA/ Friends/Volunteers	Unknown
5	Naturalised area bordering north of the river and leading to St Johns Road.	Area to be left to naturalise. Grassed area adjacent to be cut on GA mowing frequency.	2022 onwards	BFC/BCA/ Friends/Volunteers	None

Other future considerations for further biodiversity enhancements:-

- Protection of the River Wye
- Tree and shrub Planting
- Installation of bird and bat boxes
- Ongoing survey work
- Wider community involvement