

Westfield Parish Council

Bio Diversity Policy

As a Parish Council we will:

- a. Consider the impact on biodiversity in the decisions we make through our committees and working groups, by seeking to minimise adverse impacts on biodiversity and identifying opportunities to increase biodiversity when practicable.
- b. Highlight the importance of protecting and enhancing biodiversity as part of our Green Spaces section in the Westfield Neighbourhood Plan Review. The Neighbourhood Plan Review will actively seek the views of local people on how to conserve and increase biodiversity in the parish.
- c. Encourage practices and projects beneficial to biodiversity through grants we make and the consents we give for the use of our land.
- d. As a landowner we will: (1) Proactively remove invasive species as required under government guidelines in order to prevent harm to native species
(2) Consider practices which are beneficial to biodiversity when contracts are placed.
- e. Encourage people to learn about bio diversity through our available means such as the Westfield Warbler and the Neighbourhood Plan.

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