

Mold Town Council

Biodiversity Action Plan

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – Section 6 The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty

Name of Town Council: Mold Town Council

Introduction and Context

Mold Town Council is the local authority serving the vibrant market town of Mold, located in Flintshire, North Wales. Nestled at the foot of the Clwydian Range – an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty – Mold is a historic town known for its rich cultural heritage, strong community spirit, and thriving local economy.

The town is conveniently situated approximately 10 miles west of the English border, and just 12 miles from the city of Chester, making it a key centre within North East Wales. It offers a mix of traditional charm and modern amenities, with attractions including the renowned Mold Market, Theatr Clwyd, and numerous independent shops and eateries.

Mold Town Council represents the interests of residents, supports local services and events, and works in partnership with other organisations to enhance the wellbeing and prosperity of the town. The Council plays an important role in promoting civic pride, sustainability, and community development throughout the area.

Mold Town Council – Key Services, Activities and Responsibilities Impacting Biodiversity

Mold Town Council, like other local councils in Wales, has a range of services, activities, and responsibilities that can significantly impact biodiversity. These are aligned with the Council's duties under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016. The following activities directly support or influence that duty:

- Cemetery & Burial Grounds Management – Managing burial spaces with sensitivity to wildlife and green habitat preservation. Enhancing biodiversity in cemeteries through wildflower planting and habitat care.
- Town Centre Hanging Baskets and Gateway Signage – Promoting pollinator-friendly planting throughout the town and on entry to the town.
- Grants for Community Groups – support with funding is available through the Town Council. Local groups and organisations are able to apply to support their activities.
- Mold Town Youth Council – The Youth Council has opportunities to influence and participate in environmental projects.
- Planning – Mold Town Council's Planning Committee is a consultee on Planning Applications and can advocate for biodiversity as a consultee.
- Events and Community Engagement – Mold Town Council supports local events and groups that promote biodiversity, such as Mold Spring Clean.

Objective	Biodiversity objectives	Action planned	Time scale	Monitored by:
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When discussing planning applications, effects on biodiversity is also considered when providing responses. - Embed biodiversity as a standard agenda item within one of Mold Town Council's Committees to ensure ongoing oversight, discussion, and integration of biodiversity considerations into decision-making processes. - Invite officers of Flintshire County Council, Climate Change Team to introduce Climate Change Toolkit for Town and Community Councils to Members. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>November 2025</p>	<p>Chair of Planning Committee</p> <p>Town Clerk</p> <p>Town Clerk</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Utilise the Town Council's communication channels, including social media, to regularly share information on biodiversity, its local relevance, and the Council's related initiatives to raise public awareness and encourage community involvement. - Develop a dedicated biodiversity page on the Town Council's website to provide accessible information, resources, and links to relevant organisations and initiatives, supporting transparency and public engagement with the Council's environmental responsibilities. - Include Climate Change as an agenda item for discussion at Mold Town Youth Council Meeting. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>November 2025</p> <p>June 2025</p>	<p>Town Clerk</p> <p>Town Clerk</p> <p>Town Clerk</p>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safeguard principle species and habitats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop and agree a Tree Policy for the trees in Mold Cemetery. - Promote species recording – Bird Watch – Bailey Hill Facebook. Fauna and Flora posts. 	<p>July 2024</p> <p>Annual</p>	<p>Town Clerk</p> <p>Town Clerk</p>

3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Council will choose pollinator plants and flowers for the summer hanging baskets and planters located on the Gateway signage. - Wildflower areas will be created in areas of Mold Cemetery that is not used for burials. Plants discarded by visitors at the cemetery will be recycled and planted in the Wildflower areas. - Trees felled or fallen in Mold Cemetery will remain on site to create natural habitats. - Annual maintenance of the Bailey Hill Centre 'living roof'. 	<p>Annual</p> <p>November 2025</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Annual</p>	<p>Community & Engagement Officer</p> <p>Cemetery Superintendent</p> <p>Cemetery Superintendent</p> <p>Admin Support Officer – Bailey Hill</p>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature-based solutions, address invasive species. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assess energy contracts for all Mold Town Council premises and at the point of renewal, seek to procure energy from suppliers with a demonstrably greener and more sustainable energy mix, prioritising 100% renewable sources where feasible. - Review one use plastic policy for community events and consideration made Review and strengthen the Town Council's single-use plastics policy for community events, ensuring that environmental criteria are considered when engaging external businesses and suppliers, with a preference for those demonstrating sustainable and low-waste practices. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Town Clerk</p> <p>Events and Community Engagement Officer</p>
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use, improve, and share experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to lead and support the Mold Cittaslow Working Group, ensuring that biodiversity and environmental sustainability remain integral to its projects and community initiatives. - Utilise the Council's social media platforms to disseminate information on Council services, community initiatives, and 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Town Clerk</p> <p>Events and Community Engagement Officer</p>

		environmental priorities, ensuring consistent and accessible communication with residents.		
6	- Support capacity and/or other organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Appoint a Mold Town Council representative to attend Mold Plastic Reduction Steering Group meetings and ensure regular reporting of key outcomes and recommendations to Full Council for consideration and action. - Promote and administer a Community Grants scheme to support local groups and organisations, including those delivering projects that enhance biodiversity, sustainability, and community wellbeing. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Quarterly</p>	<p>Town Clerk</p> <p>Town Clerk</p>