

## **POLICY 4. TRANSFORMING GREEN SPACES**

**The Parish Council will work to conserve and enhance the natural environment, making space for nature and wildlife through the restoration of valued habitats, biodiversity and green spaces whilst protecting key landscape features.**

It will

- Consult with contractors and other stakeholders to formulate a plan to manage green spaces, verges and pathways to maximise carbon sequestration and promote biodiversity.
- Identify potential sites for tree planting, and bird and insect boxes.
- Stop using weed killers and pesticides on Council owned land and work with stakeholders such as the PIC and Cornwall Council to reduce mowing and encourage rewilding within the Parish. Where possible, making play areas more natural and providing more habitats for wildlife
- Monitor, preserve and protect existing natural wildlife habitats, including marine life
- Support the work of the Carbon Action Network in community led initiatives

For example:

- Community tree planting scheme in conjunction with Forest for Cornwall initiative.
- Encouraging households to eliminate the use of weed killers and pesticides
- Educational workshops to encourage rewilding of gardens, food growing and planting for biodiversity
- Community growing projects
- Keep streams and waterways free flowing and clear of rubbish
- Consider a scheme to deter hard landscaping and replace non-porous surfaces with porous materials
- Establish corridors for wildlife and space for nature for example pocket parks
- Engaging with businesses to encourage them to transform their outdoor spaces.