

Biodiversity Policy for Nordelph Parish Council

First consideration / what actions to take

The following will be considered by Nordelph Parish Council and form part of their decision making process in order to encourage *biodiversity* to the land / areas that they manage throughout the Parish of Nordelph:

Playing Field:

- to consider each year the amount of grass cuts that are required and reduce the amount of cuts where possible (weather dependent)
- leave certain areas uncut to encourage wildflowers, wildlife etc.
- to have a conversation with all contractors to minimize the use of appropriate pesticides
- to consider testing for soil health

Cemetery:

- be mindful of how waste floral tributes are disposed of
- be mindful of when tree works and hedge cutting are carried out to avoid nesting birds
- have a conversation with residents regarding 'green' burials using biodegradable caskets¹/ eco-friendly, biodegradable memorials
- to reduce grass cutting in certain areas to encourage wildflowers to grow etc.
- when trees are felled, leave the skeleton of the trunk for use as a habitat stack for wildlife and attach nesting boxes for birds and bats
- when possible, plant native shrubs, trees and wildflowers for pollinators

Planning applications

- Consider biodiversity when considering planning applications

¹ caskets made from sustainably produced materials from renewable sources, are easily biodegradable, and don't add toxins to the earth as they decompose