Proposal from "Friends of Castle Meadows" to the Abergavenny Town Council for multi year funding.

The funding will be used to enhance biodiversity in the Copse. We are seeking £1,800 to be divided proportionally at £600 per year.

Annual strimming of the vegetation below tree level is key to the effective flora in and around the Copse. It helps helps to prevent the encroachment of scrub, which reduces biodiversity in the area. Periodic strimming of the vegetation in a 1m wide strip on either side of the hard path ensures that there is good accessibility for all, including those who are less mobile, to the site.

Another of our management objectives is to increase the biodiversity of the copse. We have made a significant improvement through planting and seeding native woodland plants. Visitors comment on the pleasure they get from seeing the spring flowering bulbs we have planted. We intend to continue this planting by increasing the number and range to include native Daffodils, Tenby Daffodils, Snowdrops, Bluebells, Fritillaries and Wild Garlic, together with autumn flowering bulbs.

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