

Update on new Local Places for Nature funded Resources.

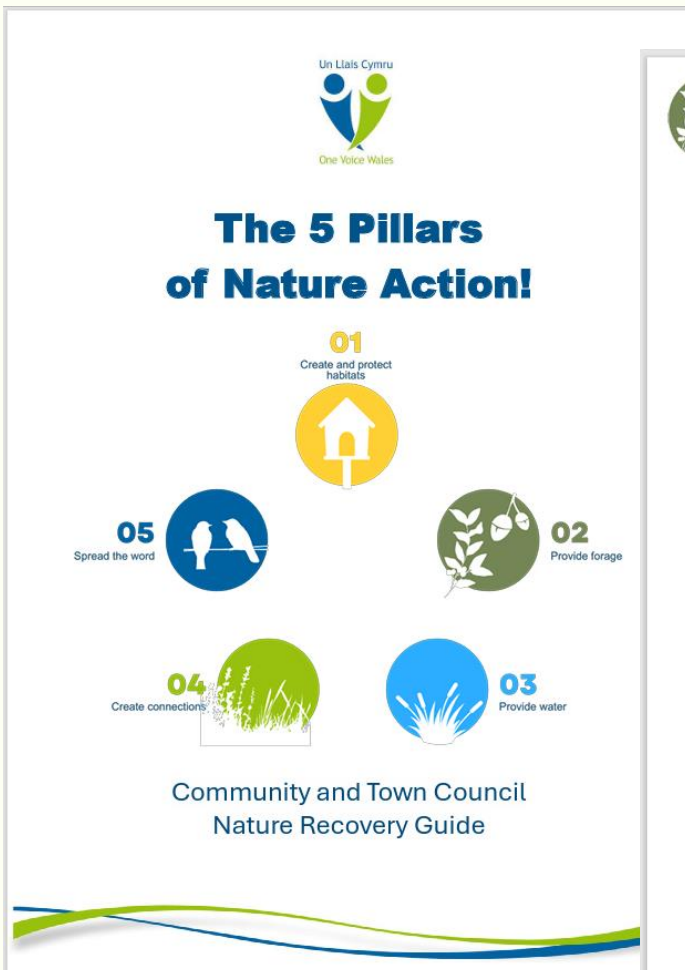
All of our three new Guidance documents and the two new training courses are now available following our official launch on 21st May 2024.

Here is a summary of what is now available to all Community & Town councils.

Guidance documents

Biodiversity basics – A document to help councils understand the basic principles of biodiversity with a simple structure based on **5 Pillars of Nature Action**, which can be applied in different settings to restore, create, and enhance biodiversity and meet their Section 6 duty. This document compliments the new training module.

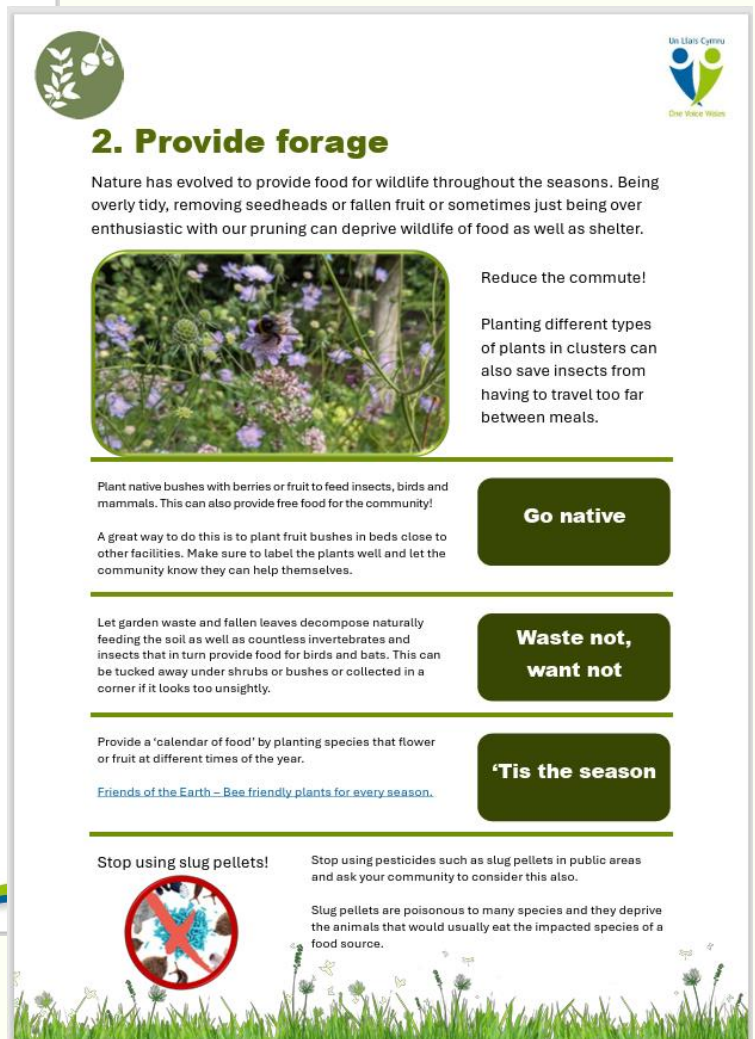
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The 5 Pillars of Nature Action!

- 01** Create and protect habitats
- 02** Provide forage
- 03** Provide water
- 04** Create connections
- 05** Spread the word

Community and Town Council
Nature Recovery Guide



2. Provide forage

Nature has evolved to provide food for wildlife throughout the seasons. Being overly tidy, removing seedheads or fallen fruit or sometimes just being over enthusiastic with our pruning can deprive wildlife of food as well as shelter.

Reduce the commute!

Planting different types of plants in clusters can also save insects from having to travel too far between meals.

Go native

Plant native bushes with berries or fruit to feed insects, birds and mammals. This can also provide free food for the community!

A great way to do this is to plant fruit bushes in beds close to other facilities. Make sure to label the plants well and let the community know they can help themselves.

Waste not, want not

Let garden waste and fallen leaves decompose naturally feeding the soil as well as countless invertebrates and insects that in turn provide food for birds and bats. This can be tucked away under shrubs or bushes or collected in a corner if it looks too unsightly.

'Tis the season

Provide a 'calendar of food' by planting species that flower or fruit at different times of the year.

[Friends of the Earth – Bee friendly plants for every season.](#)

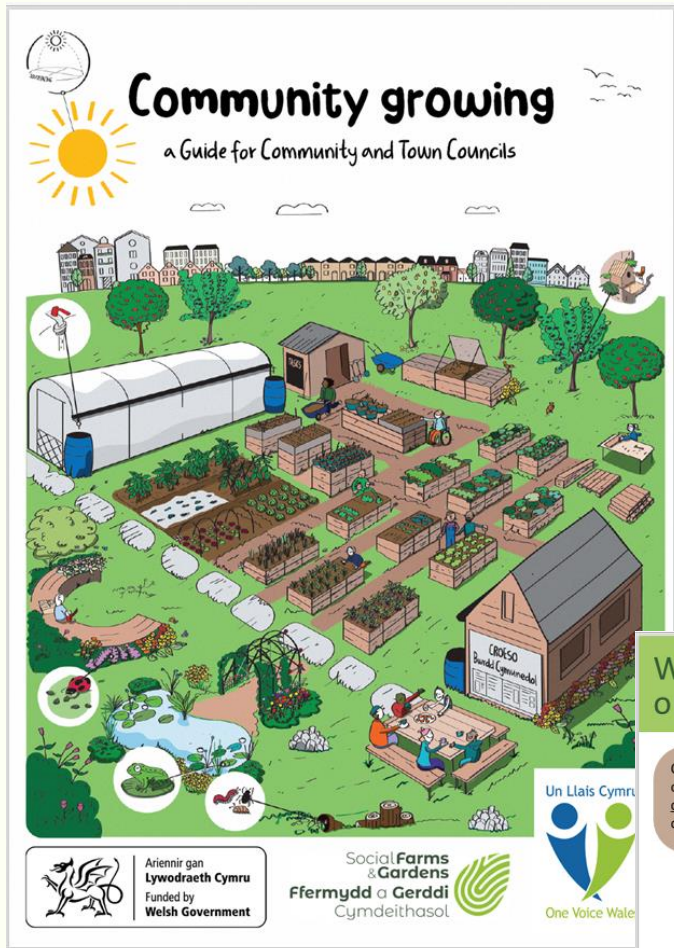
Stop using slug pellets!

Stop using pesticides such as slug pellets in public areas and ask your community to consider this also.

Slug pellets are poisonous to many species and they deprive the animals that would usually eat the impacted species of a food source.

Community Growing – A Bright and colourful guidance with lots of useful tips on setting up all sizes of community gardens initiative. The front page is a representation of all the elements that could be included to join up food growing and biodiversity together.

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What can community growing do for our community?

Community growing projects foster wellbeing through healthy eating, exercise and time spent with others in nature – they are also fantastic for biodiversity. They tie in brilliantly with other projects like [community fridges](#), pantries and foodbanks – sharing food that would otherwise go to waste and cooking and eating together. Food is a wonderful way to connect.



What kind of growing project will work for us?

Community and town councils are well placed to foster new growing projects. Often they manage or own land, they know their communities well and are well networked with other helpful organisations who can offer support.

Depending on how much land you have available and who wants to get involved, community growing projects can range from a couple of raised beds of herbs or fruit, to an allotment site! Setting up a new allotment site is beyond the scope of this guide but you can find in depth advice in this guide we produced for the [Welsh Government](#)



Colwyn Bay Town Centre

Sensory Gardens...

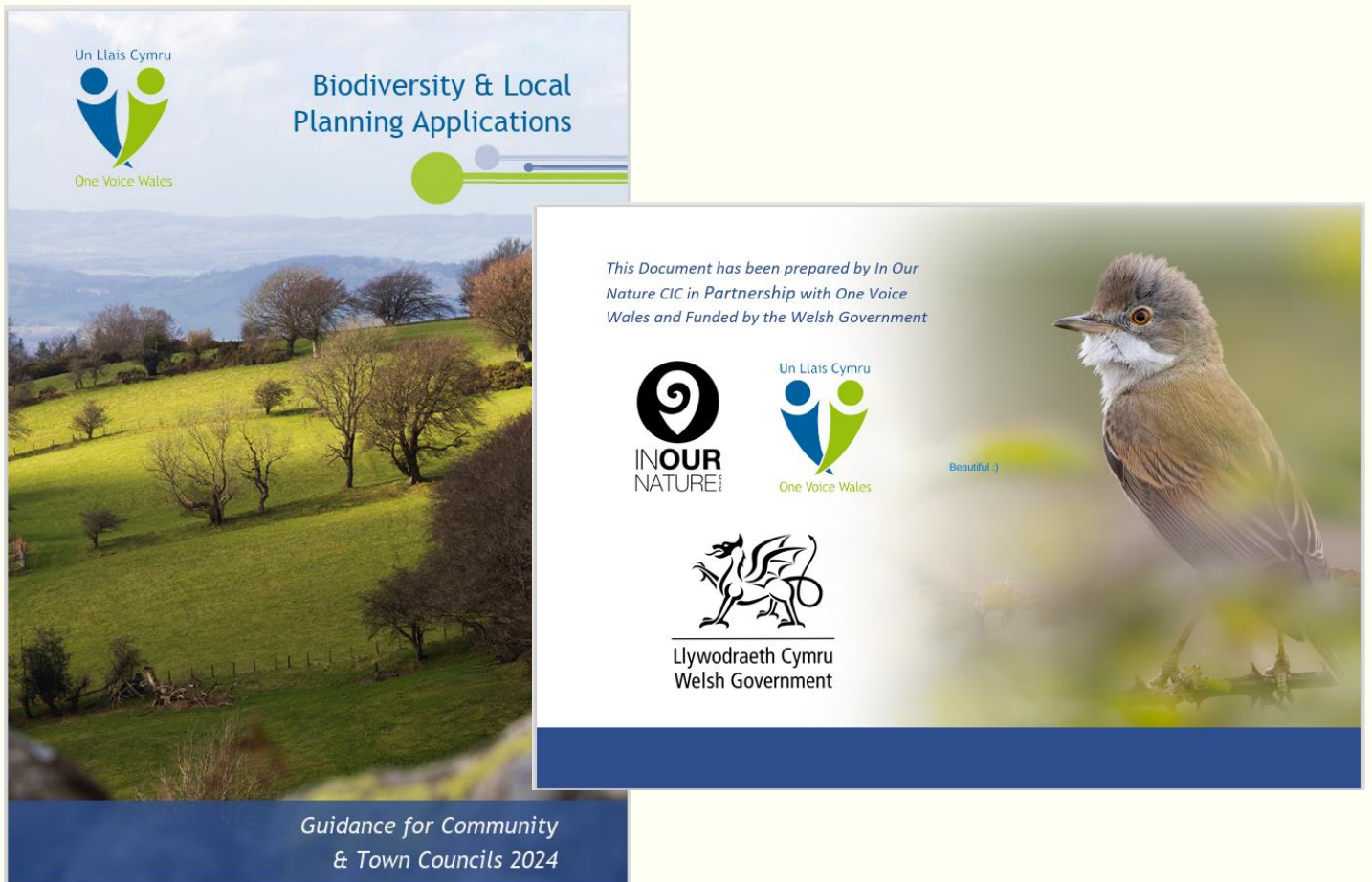
...are beautiful spaces that make use of our senses for wellbeing. Sometimes they are designed specifically for people with sensory disabilities such as partial sight or hearing. The sound of a breeze through silver birch leaves or running water, the scent of roses, jasmine and lavender. Running your hand through leaves and seeing the beauty all around can benefit everyone in your community.

Incredible Edible or Bwyd Bendigedig...

...is a very simple idea – you plant food that anyone can help themselves to! It can help to have signs for seasonal fruit and veg so people know when it's ready to pick. It's usually grown by a group of volunteers although residents and companies can adopt beds and commit to look after them. [Join the network](#) and find out more!

Biodiversity and planning – An engaging and practical guidance document to help Councils/Planning committees look at planning applications with biodiversity in mind. This will help councils understand the legislation in place and how C&TCs fit into the process.

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Biodiversity Resources

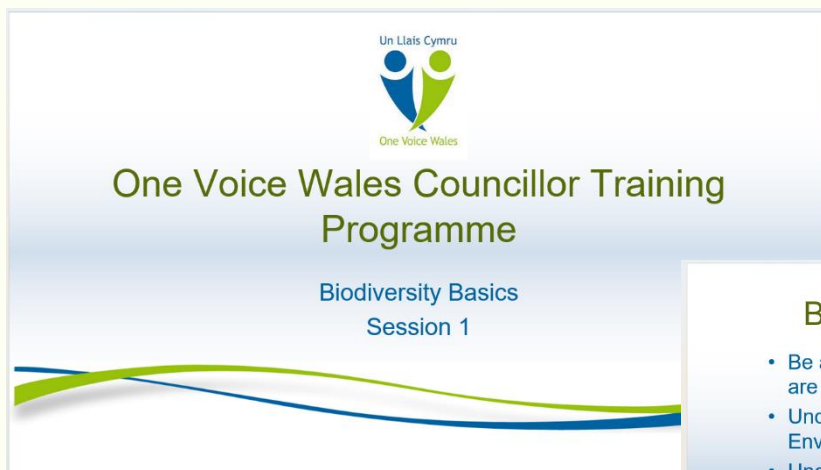


Training Modules

The 2 new modules will be delivered alongside the existing training menu at One Voice Wales by our team of excellent Trainers. Both courses will be introduced to the OVW Trainers at 'Train the Trainer' sessions, to ensure they are confident and knowledgeable to deliver. Hopefully the first courses will be delivered soon after the launch.

Biodiversity basics Part 1 and 2 - A 2-part course teaching Councils the basics of biodiversity, nature recovery and ecology need to make good decisions and effective Biodiversity Action plans. It follows the same '*5 pillars of biodiversity*' as introduced in the guidance document. After attending this course Councils will be better placed to write robust BAPs and Section 6 Reports and meet that Section 6 duty of biodiversity and ecosystem resilience.

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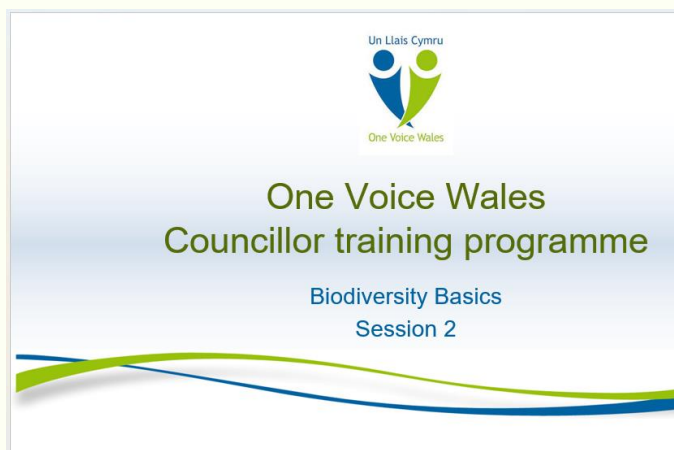
Biodiversity Basics
Session 1



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By the end of the course you will:

- Be able to talk about ecosystems and the pressures they are under
- Understand the duties and reporting requirements of the Environment Act
- Understand the role of Community and Town Councillors in nature recovery
- Have explored opportunities in your locality
- Be able to create better Biodiversity Plans



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Biodiversity Basics
Session 2



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Getting started

The 5 Pillars of Nature Recovery:

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- 5 Spread the word

Nature Project Management – A course delivered over 1 session that demonstrates the basics of project management in the context of nature and environmental projects. Handouts will include a project checklist for Councils to help them manage projects in line with Biodiversity principles, on time and in budget. It is hoped that all Councils that attend this course will have already attended the *Biodiversity Basics* Course first

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Nature Conservation Project Management

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By the end of the session you will:

Have an understanding of opportunities and different factors to consider in carrying out an environmental or nature conservation project, broken down into:

- Pre project planning
- Project Delivery
- Post Project Completion

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Clerks - Book your training here.