**Stoke Gifford Local Nature Action Plan**

**Background**

Stoke Gifford Parish Council in partnership with South Gloucestershire Council has recognised the importance of taking steps to address the ecological crisis our world is facing. Acting together we will:

1. Address the effects of climate change.
2. Enhance the ecological value of our parks and green spaces.
3. Develop local habitat so plants, ferns, lichen, trees, insects and birds thrive.
4. Create and connect wildlife corridors.
5. Make nature relevant to all local residents.

We need everyone to become involved:

* To improve how we manage and connect public opens spaces.
* To provide vital green space for nature to thrive in our communities.
* To create more attractive and healthier places for residents to live, now and in the future.

A Local Nature Action Plan has been drawn up in order for us to take the necessary steps to stop the decline of biodiversity. This is a five year plan.

**Partnership**

The action plan is led by Stoke Gifford Parish Council with support from:

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| **Organisation** | **Role** | **Contact** |
| Stoke Gifford Parish Council | Lead, funding, committee structure, decision makers. Site Management  Outdoor Staff | Parish Clerk – John Rendell  Phone – 01454 865202  john.rendell@stokegifford.org.uk |
| South Glos Council | Guidance | nature@southglos.gov.uk |

**Project Leads**

Cllr Sue Bandcroft

**Project Team**

Rachel Madden

**Stakeholders**

* Parish Clerk/ Parish Councillors
* Neighbouring Parish/ Town Councils
* Ward Councillors
* SGC Biodiversity Officer
* Environmental Agencies
* SGC Local Land Flood Authority
* Friends Groups for specific Areas (eg: Forty Acres & Meade Park)
* Future Business Sponsors
* Youth Groups (Scouts & Guides)
* Local Churches
* Local Schools
* Tim Hewer
* Site Users

Stakeholder interest grid

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| Power | High | Keep Satisfied   * Site Users * Residents – via social media and/or website | Manage Closely   * Parish Clerk * Parish Councillors |
| Low | Monitor   * Future Local Business Sponsor | Keep Informed   * Ward Councillors * SGC Biodiversity Officer |
|  | Low | High |
| Interest | | | |

**Communication Plan**

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| **Communication Plan** | | | | |
| **Stakeholder** | **Objectives (actions)** | **Message Content** | **Delivery Method** | **Timeline** |
| Parish Councillors/ Clerk | Support action for nature in Stoke Gifford and help us to engage with all residents and businesses | Sales pitch explanation of support needed, type of resource, type of actions proposed, importance of this work | Presentation at SGPC Rec & Leisure meeting  Information to go on Parish website.  Progress reports | Agreed at Rec & Leisure meeting 17/01/2023  Available on SGPC website  Monthly updates for PC meetings |
| Ward Councillors | General support for project.  Gain access to member awarded funding | Sales pitch explanation of support needed, type of resource, type of actions proposed, importance of this work | Presentation at SGPC Rec & Leisure meeting  Progress reports | Agreed at Rec & Leisure meeting 17/01/2023  Quarterly updates at Rec & Leisure meetings |
| SGC Biodiversity Officer | General support for project.  Access to SGC knowledge bank | Completed LNAP proposals | Draft LNAP  Signed off LNAP  Progress reports | Agreed at Rec & Leisure 17/01/2023  By end of February 2023  6 monthly (email to nature@southglos.gov.uk) |
| Local Community Groups and Volunteers | General support for project.  Gain access to volunteer labour | Sales pitch explanation of support needed, type of resource, type of actions proposed, importance of this work | Emails to be sent to groups | Ongoing |
| Residents | General support for project.  Gain access to volunteer labour | Sales pitch bring them on board, engage them with project, explain importance of this work | Presentation at SGPC Rec & Leisure meeting  Information to go on Parish website  Progress reports | Ongoing  Quarterly updates at Rec & Leisure meetings |

**Land Ownership**

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| **Site Name** | **Parish Council** | **Map of Site** |
| Little Stoke Park |  | [Little Stoke Park - Google Maps](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Little+Stoke+Park/@51.528344,-2.561048,16z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0xc1bc1d0366d24b42!8m2!3d51.5283437!4d-2.5610476?hl=en-GB) |
| Meade Park |  | [Playground - Google Maps](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Playground/@51.520298,-2.547507,16z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0x138b2313ec23d3d1!8m2!3d51.520298!4d-2.5475068?hl=en-GB) |
| Mike Gallivan Playing Fields |  | [Mike Gallivan playing fields - Google Maps](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Mike+Gallivan+playing+fields/@51.527413,-2.555047,16z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0x6e0769ad17f39ef8!8m2!3d51.5274126!4d-2.5550466?hl=en-GB) |
| Forty Acres |  | [Forty Acres Stoke Gifford - Google Maps](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Forty+Acres+Stoke+Gifford/@51.519418,-2.55457,16z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0xd0fa579e11d6651f!8m2!3d51.5194177!4d-2.5545697?hl=en-GB) |
| Royal Park |  | [Forty Acres Stoke Gifford - Google Maps](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Forty+Acres+Stoke+Gifford/@51.519418,-2.55457,16z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0xd0fa579e11d6651f!8m2!3d51.5194177!4d-2.5545697?hl=en-GB) |
| New Road Play Area |  | [Google Maps](https://www.google.com/maps/@51.514486,-2.549224,18z?hl=en-GB) |
| Bush Avenue Allotments |  | [Forty Acres Stoke Gifford - Google Maps](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Forty+Acres+Stoke+Gifford/@51.519418,-2.55457,16z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0xd0fa579e11d6651f!8m2!3d51.5194177!4d-2.5545697?hl=en-GB) |
| Stoke Gifford Trust Ground |  | [Trust Hall Playground - Google Maps](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Trust+Hall+Playground/@51.516667,-2.540331,16z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0xb71881e2047108c7!8m2!3d51.5166674!4d-2.5403309?hl=en-GB) |
| Stoke Gifford Village Green |  | [Stoke Gifford War Memorial - Google Maps](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Stoke+Gifford+War+Memorial/@51.515871,-2.545054,16z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0xc13cee2b15bd0627!8m2!3d51.5158713!4d-2.5450536?hl=en-GB) |
| The Scout Hut (Outdoor Area) |  | [Little Stoke Park - Google Maps](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Little+Stoke+Park/@51.526602,-2.561037,17z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0xc1bc1d0366d24b42!8m2!3d51.5283437!4d-2.5610476?hl=en-GB) |

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| **Site Name** | **South Glos Council** |
| Amenity Grass and Road Verges | SGC are in the process of investigating how they will better manage all their road verges for wildlife, this won’t be rolled out until year 2 or 3 of the programme timeline. We have decided not to concentrate our efforts here until it is clear what SGC are doing. If individual residents wish to progress this themselves, we are not obstructing but as a group we will wait and re-evaluate what we are going to do on road verges in year 5. |
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| **Site Name** | **Privately Owned** |
| Developers | Eg: Harry Stoke |
| Local Business | Eg:Rolls Royce redevelopment plan  Network Rail (Gypsy Patch) |
| Network Rail |  |
| Private Gardens |  |
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**Funding**

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| **Source** | **Amount** | **How Often** | **Specific Project or General** |
| SGPC Budget | TBC |  |  |
| Sponsorship - local business 1 |  |  |  |
| Sponsorship - Residents |  |  |  |

**Proposed 5 Year Programme**

*Project 1 – bat boxes, bird boxes and hedgehog houses*

* *Identify spaces*
* *Tim Hewer has already made a start making up the boxes*

*Project 2 – Volunteer tree planting*

* *Stoke Gifford Trust together with The Forest of Avon trust are Planting a new hedgerow and some large specimen trees at the Stoke Gifford Trust Ground*

*Project 3 - Identify neglected planters (Hatchet Road/ Tesco)*

*Project 4 – Litter Picking*

*Project 5 – Wildflower Area for planting*

*Project 6 – Water Features*

**2024 – Achieved**

Project 1 – Boxes built and distributed around the parish.

Project 2 – New trees planted at 40 Acres and the Trust Ground.

Project 3 – Hatchet Road planter has been replanted by 2 local residents.



Project 4 – We are grateful to the litter picking group that meet every 2 months.

Project 5 – The triangle at Royal Park has been planted with Wildflowers.

Project 6 – Awaiting review.

**Proposed Projects 2025**

Project 7 – Funding to supply wildflower seeds to residents.

Project 8 – Make and locate more hedgehog homes.

Project 9 – Explore links with our neighbouring parish/town councils.

Project 10 – Including Brooklands and Mulgrove Park in the LNAP.

Appendix 1 – Annual Maintenance Schedule (Grounds Team)



Appendix 2 – Hedgehog House Instructions



Appendix 3 – Nest Box Instructions



Appendix 4 – Tree FAQs

