

Table 1 - Horsley Nature Action Plan (HNAP) Projects (proposed priorities – very high = must do; high = do if capacity; medium = if possible; low = nice to do)

No.	Project Aim	Supports Objective	Action	Outcome	Lead	Stakeholders	Other Resource Required	Priority	Reporting Publicity
A	Habitat Inventory & Mapping								
1	Record Parish HNAP projects / actions/ status and impacts by mapping	5	Produce (a) map showing location of projects/actions, and (b) map of completed projects		HPC	SDC, Gloucs. Wildlife Trust (GWT), GCC etc.	Funding and further advice may be required	Very high	Reporting SDC
2	Improve ecological connectivity south east of Horsley (Ledgemoor Bottom)	2, 4 and included in HNAP	Update/extend HNAP Habitat Map. Habitats in the western half of the Parish were mapped for the HNAP, although these excluded features such as hedgerows and small ponds. Furthermore, the eastern half, the farmed Cotswolds plateau was not mapped. Satellite imagery should be ground-truthed and areas mapped in order to complete the habitat inventory for the Parish.	Completion of mapping will help to identify further wildlife corridors, stepping stones and buffers, connecting up core areas in the wider landscape and improving ecological connectivity	HPC	GWT, SDC, Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group South West (FWAG SW)	Funding may be required for work by professional ecologists	High	Reporting SDC

3	Identification and registration of further Key Wildlife Sites and/or priority habitats	2, 4	Survey and mapping as in (2) above may reveal important habitats that are potential Key Wildlife Sites KWS (also known as Sites of Nature Conservation Importance SNCIs) , or some sites may be Priority Habitat e.g. lowland meadows	High nature value habitats in the Parish are registered in the biodiversity database at Gloucestershire Centre for Environmental Records (GCER), and offered some formal protection. Landowners are eligible for higher level payments if Priority Habitats or those that are restorable to Priority Habitat are present	HPC	GWT, FWAG SW, Magnificent Meadows	Funding may be required for work by professional ecologists	Medium	
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B	Amenity and School Playground								
4	Increase tree cover for biodiversity and carbon lock-up, ensuring 'right tree, right place'	3 and included in HNBP	Tree planting (e.g. around the village playing field, and Sealey Wood Nut Grove), and after-care Care plan for surviving saplings planted some years ago. Plan to replace dead or dying saplings.	Target to plant X no. trees, ensuring survival of 80% over first five years, and their replacement where needed	Horsley Parish Council (HPC)	SDC, Villagers, Sealey Wood community	Volunteer planters and ongoing carers	Very high	The Horse Mouth, P Website
C	Church & Church Grounds								
5	Record the biodiversity of the church grounds and the stonework	4	Bioblitz (or survey) of church-grounds to supplement existing records (e.g. nearly 100 lichen species on gravestones) including grassland, trees, hedgerows, birds, reptiles, mosses etc.	Understanding of ecology of the church grounds, this inventory will provide baseline for management plan	'Nature in Horsley' group?	HPC, Church of England, Gods Acres, Villagers		Very high	The Horse Mouth, Parish Website
6	Maintain and enhance the biodiversity of the church grounds	4	Agree and write simple Management Plan assisted by information from Bioblitz. Implement plan	The plan will introduce management regimes to enhance natural habitats to benefit locally important species, e.g. hedgehogs & swifts. Regimes to include mowing, hedgerow/tree/wall maintenance, promote use wildlife friendly chemicals), signage	HPC	Church of England, including the Vicar, Church Warden & church-goers. HOP for care of apple and other fruit trees	Funding for ecological contractors. Resources e.g. Caring for God's Acre https://www.caringfor godsacre.org.uk/	Very high	The Horse Mouth, Parish Website

D	Orchards								
7	Manage the HOP Orchard as an amenity for local people, for produce and for pollinators.	3 and included in HNBP	Continue to implement HOP Management Plan which is already geared towards biodiversity including English apple varieties. Review the plan in 2026	A peaceful community space for all to use. Healthy apple trees and produce; biodiverse grounds supporting – pollinators, birds, reptiles, hedgehogs etc.	Horsley Orchard Project (HOP)	PC Villagers Nupend residents	Ongoing - needs a surge in volunteer involvement	High	The Horse Mouth, Parish Website
8	Ensure the Washpool Orchard continues to be managed for produce and wildlife	3	Develop management plan for Washpool Orchard	Better ongoing maintenance, protection of rare apple varieties	Ruskin Mill	Washpool community, HOP, PC	Villagers	Low	
E	Road verges								
9	Ensure that flower-rich verges within Horsley Parish are properly managed and protected	4	There are no verges for Horsley parish listed in Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust's (GWT) Conservation Verge Register (2022). Although the criteria are strict, this is surprising. Therefore. use local knowledge and conduct botanical surveys where appropriate	Current status of highway verges documented and some verges earmarked as locally important, and to be protected and managed to benefit wildflower diversity	HPC	GWT, Highways GCC	Needs funding / local volunteers	High	The Horse Mouth, Parish Website
F	Woodland & Mature Trees								

10	Communicate Forestry England (FE) aims and activities for Kingscote Wood SSSI to parishioners	4	Delegate person(s) for formal liaison with FE (Kingscote Wood)	Cultivate a better understanding of woodland ecology and how Kingscote Wood is being managed by FE for the benefit of the SSSI (what and why)	HPC, delegate local expert	Forestry England; local ecologists; interested persons		High	The Horse Mouth, Parish Website
11	Know where our notable, ancient and/or veteran trees are located for their better protection.	1, 5	Map existing TPOs. Local citizen science project to identify trees of interest/veteran age and match to TPO list	Updated (TPO) list. Increased local awareness of best trees	Parish Tree Warden	HPC	Interested parishioners	High	The Horse Mouth. Parish Website. Poster?

G	Streams & ponds								
12	Protect and enhance toad populations	5	Continue to ensure road signage makes local drivers aware of key toad crossings (project since 2019)	Toads are protected from death on roads as far as possible. Hopefully the local toad population is at least maintained.	Sugley residents?		Other friends and parishioners	Very high	The Horse Mouth. Road sign warning of toads
H	Gardens								
13	Protect and enhance pollinator populations	5 and mentioned in HNBP	Continue 'Bee Garden Project' recognising bee-friendly gardens in the Parish. Certificates of bee-friendliness issued to encourage pollinator planting	Awareness of the importance of bees and other pollinators. Providing habitat for a greater number and variety of pollinators.	Bee Garden Project or extension of this?	Gardeners		High	The Horse Mouth.
14	Protect and enhance hedgehog populations	5 and mentioned in HNBP	Encourage hedgehog/small animal 'highways' with permeable boundaries	Awareness of the plight and the needs of hedgehogs. Making gardens more hedgehog friendly. Stable or increasing hedgehog population.	Hedgehog Support Group?	Gardeners		High	The Horse Mouth.
15	Making space for wildlife in gardens	5	A series of articles on nature in gardens in THM erecting bird boxes, creating insect hotels, leaving log piles, 'no mow May', and pond creation and maintenance, hedgerows, taking part in Garden Bird Count, Garden Butterfly Count,	Making gardens better for nature; contributing to national citizen science projects; increased awareness of the natural world	Bee Garden Project or extension of this?	Gardeners, Horsley Growers		Very high	The Horse Mouth. Posters?

I	Interacting with nature								
16	Increase access to, and engagement with, nature	5	Produce pamphlet showing key footpaths and local, prominent, natural features. Ask walkers to identify broken stiles and report to PC.	Increased footpath use. Improved parishioner (and other) wellbeing and health	HPC	Landowners, walkers	Funding may be required	Very high	The Hog, The Shop, THM
17	Improved awareness and nature connection	5	Ensure that there is a Village Fete stall devoted to the Local Action Nature Plan and nature	Continued profile of the importance of nature in village life	‘Nature in Horsley’ group?			Very high	
18	Improved awareness and nature connection	5	Establish a programme of local nature walks, including for children	Opportunities for local residents to learn more about the nature around them	‘Nature in Horsley’ group?			Medium	
K	Horsley Parish Council Biodiversity Policy								
19	Biodiversity Duty		Prepare a one-page Biodiversity Policy Statement to support this work and that of the HNBP		HPC			Very high	
20	HPC will take account of nature in development proposals	1	Ensure local development takes account proactively of biodiversity in planning applications	Developments are undertaken that are sensitive to nature and biodiversity as per the HNBP	HPC	SDC	Ongoing	Very high	THM?

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21	Engage local landowners with Horsley's NRP	2, 4 and included in HNBP	Contact as many local landowners as possible to inform them about this Plan. Ask how their land could fit with the planned nature recovery in the parish or local area	Farmers and other landowners can use this NRP to help them make applications for environmental stewardship (ELMS)	HPC	Landowners	GWT, FWAG SW	High	THM

L	Communications								
22	Ensure nature comms on HPC Website	1, 5	Ensure nature, this Plan and the HNBP policies relating to biodiversity are present on the Parish website	Continued profile of the importance of nature and biodiversity in village life	HPC	Website designer/ host		Very high	Parish WV
23	Increase Local Nature Action Plan profile	5	Establish a rota of authors of related articles for The Horse's Mouth; links to Project No 16/17	One nature article written by different people every month. Increase profile	'Nature in Horsley' group?			Very high	THM
24	Increase parishioner engagement in this Plan and the value of nature	5	Undertake 'hamlet meetings' to discuss parish biodiversity conservation/enhancement and priorities in this plan. This will require planning to ensure the required outcomes relating to the HNBP are achieved (e.g. what questions should be asked/how to get willing resources as well as ideas)	Consensus on ideas and priorities for this Plan and agreement to project leadership/resourcing where possible	HPC	Parish residents, landowners, businesses		High	