



IRONVILLE PARISH COUNCIL BIODIVERSITY POLICY

Ironville Parish Council recognises the importance of conserving and enhancing biodiversity within our local environment. We appreciate the efforts of local voluntary groups such as the Friends of Cromford Canal & Reservoir Group and the Forge Group, who actively work towards the preservation and improvement of our natural habitats.

To further promote biodiversity within our community, Ironville Parish Council will undertake the following actions:

1. Acknowledge and continue to support the efforts of the Friends of Cromford Canal & Reservoir Group in their ongoing conservation work.
2. Carefully consider biodiversity concerns when reviewing and commenting on planning applications within the parish. We will ensure that any potential impact on local flora and fauna is thoroughly assessed and mitigated.
3. Engage with local voluntary groups, including the Forge Group and the Cromford Canal & Codnor Park Reservoir Group, and encourage them to apply for relevant grants that can support their biodiversity initiatives.
4. Obtain costs for the installation of bird and bat boxes throughout the village. We will explore opportunities to involve local after-school and youth clubs in this initiative, fostering a sense of community ownership and environmental awareness among our younger residents.
5. Publish wildlife articles in the parish council newsletter and on our website, providing guidance on appropriate planting and maintenance practices that can enhance biodiversity in residential gardens. These articles will address seasonal changes and offering practical advice to our residents.

Through these actions, Ironville Parish Council aims to promote a diverse and thriving ecosystem within our community, ensuring that future generations can enjoy the natural beauty and richness of our local environment.