

BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN FOR CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH FOREWORD

Last year, my fellow cabinet members joined with me in signing the foreword to the council's draft Local Agenda 21 and Sustainability Strategy. In doing so, we accepted a collective responsibility for the authority's commitment to balancing the demands of our society, economy and environment. We stated our intention that the authority would work to ensure that procedures were adopted to retain the principles of sustainable development at the heart of all our policies and plans, and to encourage other organisations and individuals to do the same.

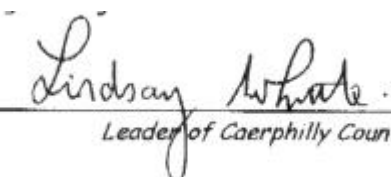
The work leading to the production of this, our Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP), has been undertaken as a direct result of that stated intention; but this was not work carried out by the council alone, and this is not a plan owned by the council alone. This document was produced as the result of a partnership of numerous organisations and individuals, who all gave up their free time to work towards its production.

The need to prepare an LBAP in the county borough arose out of growing international concern about the loss and degradation of the world's natural resources, culminating in over 150 countries, including the UK, signing up to the Convention on Biological Diversity at the Earth Summit, in Rio de Janeiro, 1992. This instigated global efforts to halt the further loss of our diversity of species and habitats, and is being achieved in the UK through the production and implementation of LBAPs.

We are very fortunate; those of us who live in the county borough of Caerphilly see green areas at every turn. At work, at home, in the high street, we only have to lift our eyes to see the surrounding hills and woods, a magnificent backdrop for any community. Fingers of green reach into our towns and villages, along streams and rivers to touch our parks, school grounds and even the gardens of our homes. These green fingers are the embodiment of biodiversity. The animals and plants sharing the areas close to our living space represent a rich source of the variety of life on which we, as an integral part of the world's biological systems, depend for survival.

As we move through the twenty-first century, these animals and plants will also depend upon us for their survival. The actions of the council, and its partners, can have significant effects upon the biodiversity of our county borough. We all need to be aware of the value of places that are special for wildlife and that these special wildlife places also depend upon the *everyday green spaces* in which we live our daily lives.

I would like to thank all the people who have contributed to the production of Caerphilly county borough's LBAP, council officers, members of organised groups and committed individuals, who have been happy to share their expert knowledge. The conservation of biodiversity on a global scale can be considered a daunting task; this plan is only the start of a process that will develop and grow over time. However, by making a commitment locally, through the adoption and implementation of our LBAP, we will be making a small, but significant, contribution to the achievement of a greater goal.

Signed 
Leader of Caerphilly County Borough Council

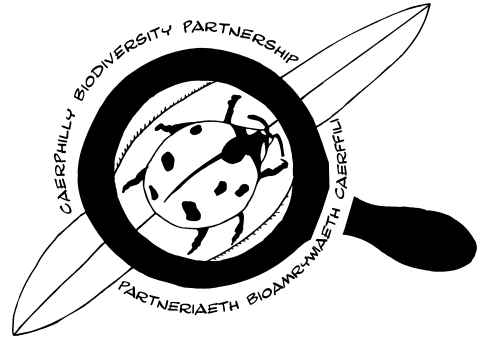
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We are proud to have overseen the production of this plan and wish the Caerphilly Biodiversity Partnership every success in implementing it to conserve and enhance local wildlife and habitats.

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Melanie Sutherland, Biodiversity Coordinator

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Alison Jones, Chair of the Caerphilly Biodiversity Partnership

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