

BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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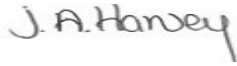
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26th May 2026

Dear Councillor,

You are summonsed to attend the meeting of the Biodiversity Committee to be held on 1st June 2026 in Beetham School at 6:30pm for the purposes of considering and resolving the business to be transacted at the meeting as set out in the agenda below.

Yours sincerely



(Clerk to the council)

1. Apologies

To accept and record any apologies for absence

2. Terms of Reference

To agree the terms of reference for the Biodiversity Committee (circulated)

3. Policy

To review the draft Biodiversity Policy (circulated)

4. Progress reports (Appendix A)

To receive information and/or determine action, as appropriate, on the following items: -

4.1 Orchid Triangle

4.2 Newsletter Article (circulated)

5. Sandside cutting

To receive information and/or determine action, as appropriate, on the following items: -

5.1 Brambles behind wall on Rose Hill Grove, Sandside – Cllr J. Clark

5.2 Tree felling next to Ship car park

5.3 Wall concerns

5. Suggestions for moving Biodiversity forward in the Parish (Appendix B)

5.1 Storth Fete/Beetham Sports – Cllr J. Clark

5.2 Bird and Bat boxes – Cllr Gardner

5.3 Encourage others to manage their land for wildlife

6. Future projects and ideas (Appendix C)

6.1 Verges/grass areas into meadows

6.2 Community workshops/talks

6.3 Identify partner groups/individuals to approach

7. Budget

Appendix A

4.2 Received from Rebecca Slack, Manager, Cumbria Biodiversity Data Centre on 13th May
I have copied Mia, the Cumbria County Wildlife Sites Project Manager, into this email. Mia has added the Orchid Triangle to the watch list. There is currently a pilot in progress with the first site to be considered as a new County Wildlife Site (CWS) being processed. When this process has been tested, Mia will be in touch with information on how to proceed with the Orchid Triangle.

Appendix B

5.1 Wildflower seed sowing activity – a way of raising profile and awareness. Adult and child friendly.

5.2 Possible links to schools and a design/make project?

5.3 Via no mow May, hedgehog gaps in fences, build a pond, plant a native tree, leave your hedge a little longer, do not cut hedges in breeding bird season or when berries are about to come out.

Appendix C

6.2 Some ideas! Could include things like:

How to encourage wildlife into your garden – particularly relevant given the changes to bird-feeding - RSPB discouraging feeding through the summer

Wildlife friendly gardening – how to integrate wildflowers into your borders; use of pesticides & herbicides and their alternatives

Compost making