

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 - Section 6

The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty

Rosemarket Community Council Report 2022

The Rosemarket Community area consists of approximately 250 dwellings comprising the Rosemarket Village, and areas in the immediate surrounding area. Its budget from precept was £12000 in the 2021/22 financial year. It is subject to the provisions of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act.

The Rosemarket Community Council controls, either solely or jointly, the following areas of publicly-accessible land :

Westaway Park.

An area of 0.25 Ha of levelled, grassed recreational land, situated within the Village built-up area, and used by the public as general amenity land.

The Beacon.

An area of approximately 1.1Ha of public access land designated as a Village Green, situated on the northern edge of the Village. It has two distinct areas – the Upper Beacon, a grassed recreational area with a children’s play area, and the Lower Beacon, a largely undeveloped area of land.

The Community Council, being aware of its responsibility to encourage biodiversity in its decision-making processes and land management, has undertaken the following steps to date :

- 1) Consideration of how the Community Council can further enhance biodiversity is factored into all decisions made by the Community Council. As the minutes recording Community Council discussions and decisions are published online and in the community noticeboards, it is hoped that this will continue to heighten awareness of this issue in the local Community.
- 2) Grass-cutting on the Lower Beacon area has continued to be confined to rough cuts approximately two times per year. This has led to the area developing a more uncultivated air, encouraging native flora and fauna, while simultaneously enabling use of the land by the public for access purposes.
- 3) Tree-planting has been carried out on The Beacon during 2022. This has to date included the planting of an avenue of native fruit trees and also includes three trees of different species of native oak with the intention to add further trees to form a copse if these flourish. In addition, consideration is currently being given to a further planting scheme on land close to the Village Hall.

The Rosemarket Community Council Plan to promote biodiversity in its area will continue to be progressively developed and enlarged over future months and years, especially in relation to decision-making when considering grounds maintenance contracts and future investment in developing land in its ownership and control.

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