

## **Harlech Community Council Biodiversity Report Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 - Section 6.**

The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty. Town & Community Councils are subject to the Biodiversity and Ecosystems Resilience Duty under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016. Under this Act, all public authorities must, before the end of 2019 and before the end of every third year after 2019, publish a report on what they have done to comply with this duty. This report aims to outline how Harlech Community Council supports biodiversity in its functions. The Community Council manages the public cemetery, Bron y Graig Nature Trail and the King George V and Llyn y Felin playgrounds as well as numerous public footpaths in the community.

The aim of this policy is to maintain & where possible improve the biodiversity of the area. The Council will follow guidance from expert bodies such as Natural Resources Wales & Plant Life. The Council will work in co-operation with the Snowdonia National Park Biodiversity Officer. Any Japanese Knotweed treatment to be approved by Natural Resources Wales.

### **Public Cemetery**

Mowing of the grass does not take place between October and April so as to encourage wildflowers and no chemicals of any kind are used.

### **King George V and Llyn y Felin Playing Fields**

Suitable areas to be kept wild and mowing of both playing fields to be kept to a minimum during the months of April to October and no mowing will be done from October onwards. No chemicals will be spread on the fields at any time.

### **Bron y Graig Nature Trail**

This nature trail is allowed to grow wild so as to encourage wildlife and also for wildflowers to grow naturally. The only maintenance done is to the trees that are in the nature trail when needed.

### **Public Footpaths**

There are many public footpaths in the community and they are cut between the months of April to October and they are usually cut twice during this time and no chemicals are allowed to be used on any footpaths. Footpaths that are not used are allowed to grow wild so as to encourage wildlife and plants.