

TOLLER PORCORM PARISH COUNCIL

Full Parish Council Meeting | Wednesday 9 July 2025

Appendix O – Nature Recovery Strategy report by Cllr Farmer

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Information

The Dorset Local Nature Recovery Strategy is a celebration, uniting individuals, communities and organisations in a joint mission to address the climate and nature emergencies. It has been created by Dorset and BCP Councils and major conservation bodies working across the county.

More information can be found on the DAPTC website in a dedicated [news article](#).

At the heart of the strategy is a shared vision for nature in Dorset to be thriving, resilient and enjoyed by all. The strategy calls for everyone to collectively work together to meet the urgent need and ambition to address the climate and nature emergencies through nature recovery.

By making more space for nature, nature recovery will:

- increase the diversity and abundance of plants, animals and other wildlife, to address declines in biodiversity
- create and restore a network of habitats, connected by more wildlife-rich spaces across our towns, villages, roads and farmland
- restore naturally functioning ecosystems that are more resilient to pressures • improve water quality for people and wildlife, by reducing the sources of pollution and supporting nature to filter out pollution
- help us combat climate change, storing and absorbing carbon in habitats like woodland, peatland and saltmarsh
- make people and wildlife more resilient to the impacts of climate change
- protect people's homes and buildings from flooding, by using nature-based solutions like trees and floodplains to slow the flow of water across the landscape
- support farmers and growers to provide healthy and sustainable food with healthier soils and cleaner water
- boost our physical and mental health, with more wildlife-rich spaces for residents and visitors to enjoy. Plus more natural features in towns will help improve air quality and cooling during heatwaves, and reduce inequalities in access to nature which play a part in unfair differences in health outcomes
- support our rural economy to be sustainable for future generations, protecting and growing jobs across sectors such as farming, land management, tourism, and food and drink.
- There are a number of priorities and activities namely Grasslands, Woodlands, Heathlands, Rivers, lakes and wetlands, Coastal, Urban, Farming, Natural processes, Nature-based solutions, Nature connection, Species abundance and diversity and Priority Species.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Toller Porcorm Parish Council:

- i. Positively support the mission and vision of the strategy and submit a positive consultation response;
- ii. Be an advocate for nature recovery schemes within the parish;
- iii. Prepare a nature recovery plan for the Recreation Ground combining the needs of play, physical activity and nature conservation;
- iv. Support the completion of the Toller Porcorm to Maiden Newton railway ensuring it provides transport corridors and natural living habitats for all.