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Introduction and Context

Penhow Community or Ward encompasses the village of Penhow and outlying dwellings, representing an electorate of 637 across 343 properties.

The village is also part of the Bishton & Langstone Ward under the auspices of the unitary authority Newport City Council.

The Community Council comprises of 8 Community Councillors and a Clerk. The Council does not own any land or buildings, but does lease and manage the local playing field and park at Parc Seymour, from Newport City Council.

Penhow village is mainly residential surrounded by a rural community. There are a few medium sized businesses based at Penhow, in addition to the numerous farms and agricultural dwellings.

Penhow is dissected by the A48 (Newport to Chepstow Road). To the north of the village is the ancient Forest of Wentwood, operated by Natural Resources Wales (the old Forestry Commission) and privately owned forestry landlords. The village is otherwise surrounded by fertile farming land and small patches of woodlands.

The local environment and wildlife are of great importance to the residents and Penhow Community Council.

Action Report

Action carried out to:		Monitored by:
-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	Green spaces are always an item on the monthly meeting agenda.	
-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	Have an environmental area on our website. (This area needs some work as it has not had an update since 2020!)	
-safeguard principal species and habitats	Worked with Keep Wales Tidy to develop a small wildlife garden with pollinator friendly flowers, bird boxes and feeders and a bug hotel in a small green space. The Community Council liaise with Castell Prin Woodland on a regular basis. Updates about the activities carried out in the woods are shared via the minutes of meetings and online.	

-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	Wildlife garden developed – as above. Wildflower beds have been developed across the community to enhance the biodiversity of the area. 8 beds in total planted with native species to encourage pollinators. The Council are currently considering the planting of hedgerows (native species) as a secure barrier for the playing field. Village planters with a variety of bulbs and other plants throughout the year are managed by the council and maintained by volunteers.	
-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	Waste bins are provided by both NCC and PCC at strategic points in the district. Dog waste bins and signage are also installed at strategic points by PCC.	
-use improve and share evidence		
-support capacity and/or other organisations	Receive regular updates from Castell Prin Woods.	
Review of s6 duty		
What has worked well? What have the barriers been? What will you change? How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed? The plan will be reviewed annually at the Council's Annual Meeting, and updated as and when required.		