

Promoting Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems in Burton Community Area

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This report is the second report produced in
response to the Environment [Wales] Act 2016
Part 1 - Section 6.

Burton Community Council, Pembrokeshire



The **Burton Community** is a rural area south-west of Haverfordwest. There are approximately 580 house-holds with concentrations in small villages: Barnlake; Burton Ferry; Burton; Houghton, Foxhall; Port Lion; Hill Mountain and Sardis

Farmland is a major feature of the landscape. There are also significant forest areas, notably in the east at Benton. More than half of our boundary is coastal, including Westfield Pill. Burton Community Council precept is £20,000, we therefore have a modest programme, much of which is related to maintenance.

The main priorities for the Council are :

- Including matters relating to biodiversity included in our decision making processes;
- Raising awareness of biodiversity and its importance;
- Seeking to be aware of particular species or habitats that may need safeguarding;
- Being alert to opportunities to restore or create habitats in particular locations;
- Seeking to promote sustainability and biodiversity through our practices whenever possible;
- Considering biodiversity in planning consultation responses;
- Include organisations that could support our Community initiatives with advice and access to resources.

Achievements since 2019 report

- Planting scheme at Burton Ferry in connection with reconfiguration of area alongside pontoon;
- Commissioning of Tree Report to inform decisions on maintenance of trees in Houghton Playing Field and Houghton Playpark;
- Instigation of initiative to transform the wild area of woodland to the South of Houghton Playpark to enable community use as a recreational wild area. This to include full consultation in respect of preserving valued plant life, and preserving habitat for wildlife such as birds, bats and insect life.