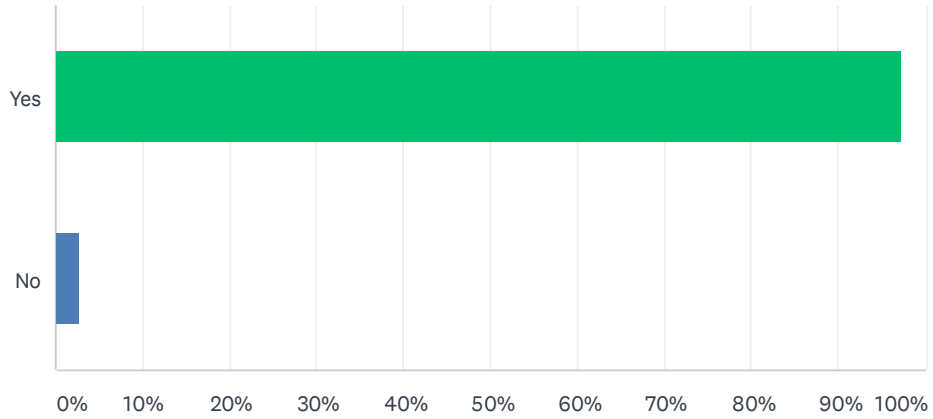


Q1 Do you support the Council's commitment to enhance biodiversity by at least 10% on our green spaces by 2025?

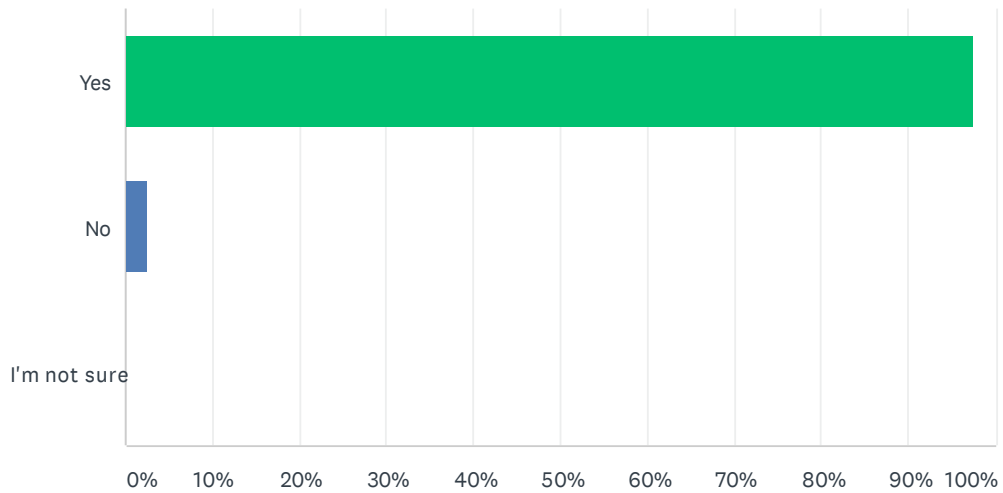
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	97.31%	1,011
No	2.69%	28
TOTAL		1,039

Q2 Do you support the Council in its aim to improve the opportunities for wildlife at its existing green spaces?

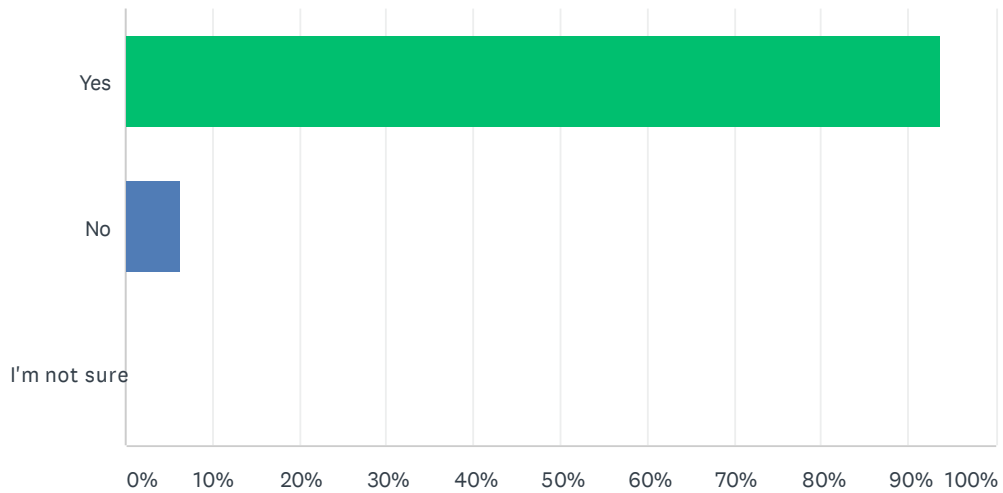
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		97.40%	1,011
No		2.60%	27
I'm not sure		0.00%	0
TOTAL			1,038

Q3 Would you like the Council to relax its cutting regime where it does not conflict with formal and informal recreation?

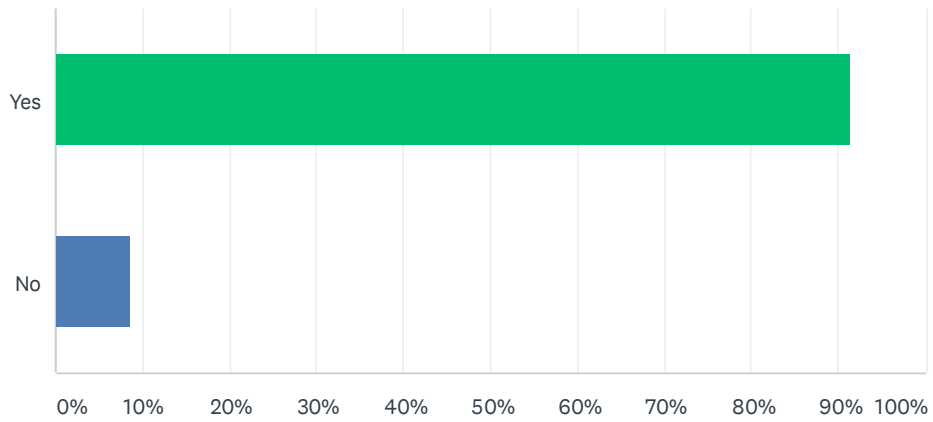
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		93.64%	972
No		6.36%	66
I'm not sure		0.00%	0
TOTAL			1,038

Q4 Would you like areas of long grass to be left on some verges and on peripheries of parks?

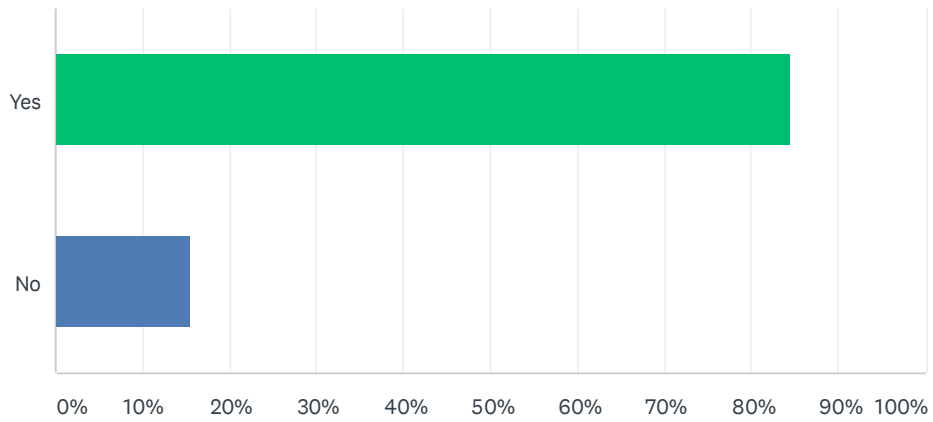
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	91.40%	946
No	8.60%	89
TOTAL		1,035

Q5 Would you like to see framing of long grass with regularly cut borders and cutting of paths through long grass?

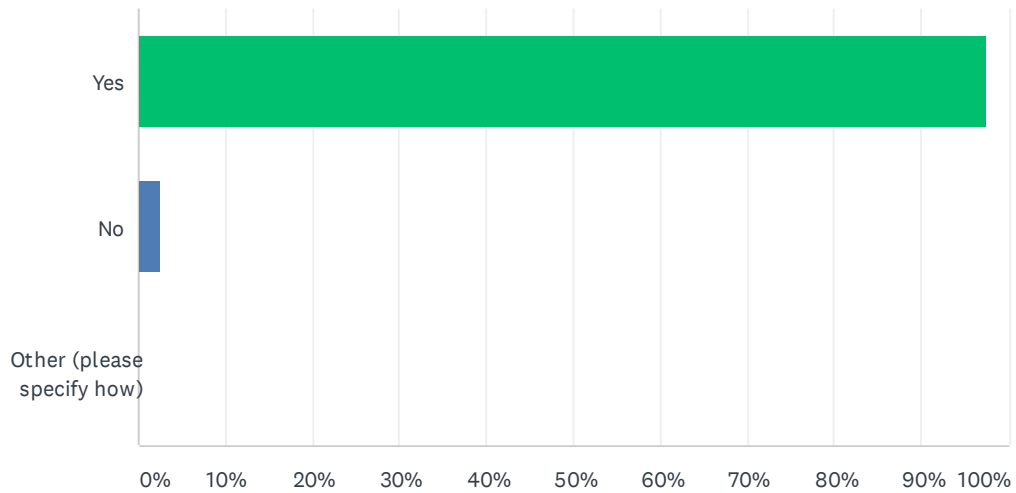
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	84.61%	863
No	15.39%	157
TOTAL		1,020

Q6 Would you like to see areas of new wildflower planting on our green spaces?

Answered: 1,031 Skipped: 8

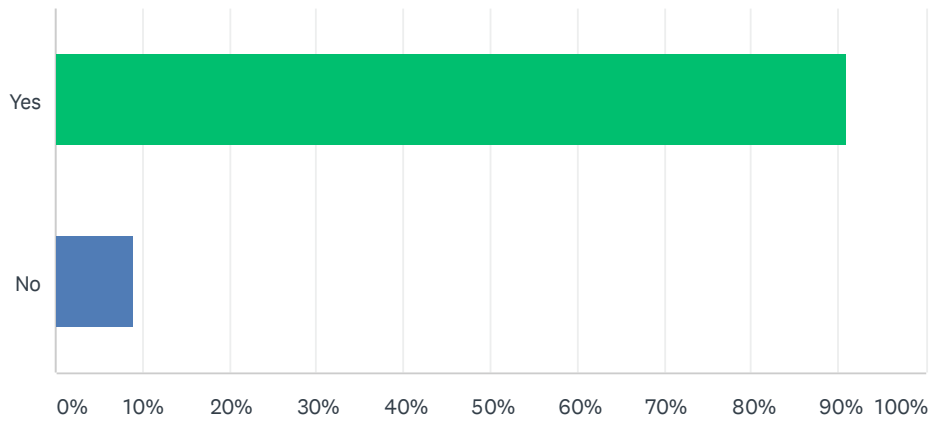


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	97.58%	1,006
No	2.42%	25
Other (please specify how)	0.00%	0
TOTAL		1,031

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY HOW)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q7 Do you think there is more the Council should do to enhance biodiversity?

Answered: 1,016 Skipped: 23



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	91.04%	925
No	8.96%	91
TOTAL		1,016

Q8 Do you have any other comments or ideas about the Council proposals?

Answered: 723 Skipped: 316

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	It would be beneficial to see SHDC working in partnership with local groups / experts.	8/5/2021 11:11 PM
2	It would be beneficial if SHDC advertised their proposals to a wider audience in villages and schools, as currently in East Allington, we are attempting to implement these proposals locally and it would be beneficial to inform and educate everyone in the village without formal help from the Council.	8/5/2021 5:18 PM
3	This survey is too narrow, giving only 'yes/no' answer choices. With no indication as to precisely which areas you are intending to include in this scheme it is impossible to consider fully, and makes a huge assumption that all the South Hams' constituent towns and parishes agree with the 'climate emergency' the District Council has signed up to.	8/5/2021 3:57 PM
4	The Council should re-wild as large an area as possible, and introduce wild-life ponds where appropriate and anything else that would provide habitats for insects and animals. Where wild flowers are introduced, they should be native species from this locality. As much as possible needs to be done to enhance biodiversity. The situation is urgent.	8/5/2021 12:31 PM
5	Increase planting of native/appropriate trees on council land. Introduce ponds where possible on council land. Reduce pesticide/herbicide use to a minimum/none. Maintain/develop wildlife corridors, particularly around new housing (of which there is a lot atm). Appreciate some of this will involve expenditure but some offset by reduced "maintenance" of verges etc. Use expertise & labour of DWT, Rivers Trust & CPRE to achieve these aims.	8/5/2021 11:15 AM
6	Traffic sight lines and pedestrian safety is taken into account. Redundant churchyards must not be left uncut if it is difficult for visitors to walk through and around them and they look untidy.	8/5/2021 9:14 AM
7	This is a start to restoring biodiversity. I think more needs to be done to inform people about the benefits then people will do similar in gardens etc but many people don't realise the benefits. Other encouragement for privately owned areas would help. Most of all, encouragement for better farming practices/ regenerative crops because it is clear much of the soil in SH is depleting badly; you can see it doesn't hold the rain and runs all over the lanes. In just a few years our soils will no longer be able to feed us.	8/5/2021 8:04 AM
8	I am very grateful that you are taking steps to protect biodiversity.	8/4/2021 4:18 PM
9	This is a great step forward in enhancing the number of bees, butterflies and all wildlife. I am in total agreement .	8/4/2021 10:58 AM
10	I welcome the Council's proposals to increase biodiversity. Given the urgency of the situation, I think that consideration should be given to a more ambitious target than an increase of 10% by 2025. I note that in another part of the document it mentions a net gain of around 12.5%. With flexible thinking there may be other areas where planting could be increased, for example, we have just redesigned our play area to incorporate species friendly planting and this seems to be working well. It would be helpful to know which measures you are using to track biodiversity gains. I note that in the Implications section of the Executive Report, there are no implications noted for Health and Wellbeing. There is considerable research documenting the beneficial effects of green spaces on wellbeing so this could be another factor to consider in future measurement of impact. Our local wildlife action group and Parish Council looks forward to working with SHDC to achieve positive results.	8/3/2021 8:40 PM
11	increasing biodiversity is great but to also look to increase wildlife corridors between managed areas and provide information on these sites as to whats being done.	8/3/2021 6:18 PM
12	Improve biodiversity by not building loads of housing estates	8/3/2021 6:07 PM
13	Keep the spaces cut and tidy. All this planting of more wild flower areas is a mess when they	8/3/2021 5:34 PM

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finish flowering. There is enough wild flowers in the hedges.

14	Love all of these ideas! I think you could also potentially do more to enable community groups with training and funding to do the same in their own communities. In addition, I would love to see thought given a greater variety of ecosystems, including wetlands.	8/3/2021 12:32 PM
15	10% seems like a modest target. Could we improve upon that?	8/3/2021 12:24 PM
16	Good for nature and good for people	8/2/2021 11:51 PM
17	10% increase in biodiversity seems a bit low, lets aim higher! Can we do more to put up bird and bat boxes on SHDC buildings/trees? Can we try to link areas together to create nature corridors?	8/1/2021 10:19 PM
18	A good start but there is so much more that could be done. Please increase the amount of land put aside for meadows and drastically cut back on the mowing - for safety only, not to 'look neat' for some people. Thank you for giving us the chance to comment. [REDACTED].	8/1/2021 8:38 PM
19	It would be great if the council would stop using any chemicals at all (e.g. glyphosate or any other such substance). Also, it would be great if strimming could be replaced with other methods of mowing areas, because I have seen a few beheaded grass snakes and slow worms on strimmed verges. Very sad.	8/1/2021 8:21 PM
20	rewilding is great	8/1/2021 12:21 PM
21	Animal awareness. I see too much road kill on our roads and litter. We need to be educating ppl on this	8/1/2021 8:06 AM
22	Offer rewilding seeds and advice for the public to create their own spaces in their gardens.	8/1/2021 12:03 AM
23	I would like to see protection and preservation of all mature trees on council land, absolutely zero use of glyphosate, more wildflowers and flowering shrubs, the creation of wildlife bridges and highways in built-up areas, extreme environmental consideration regarding new build housing estates and greater recognition of the vital importance of green spaces for community physical and mental health.	7/31/2021 5:43 PM
24	Small ponds to create habitats for wetland creatures, I am always finding frogs/toads wandering miles from water with a possibility eventually of the community helping keep the areas encouraging young children to be aware from an early age	7/31/2021 5:13 PM
25	We need to take every opportunity to manage as much of the land accessible to local council/schools/churches/verges/roundabouts/riparian zones etc for the benefit of biodiversity and wildlife. Saw wonderful examples in Sussex recently.	7/31/2021 9:02 AM
26	We should be protecting out current wild spaces	7/30/2021 11:02 PM
27	[REDACTED] This is a great and important initiative. Great minds think alike and we have (ModWAG) been able to persuade the PC and the Church PCC to leave certain verges (the ones not overlooked by houses, so with no 'personal interest') and an area in the churchyard to grow long this year. No mowing except for neatening the road edges has been done and of course it both looks amazing and is a BNG! In the churchyard we have been doing a citizen science survey over the summer to hopefully persuade the PCC to let more areas wild up and/or be seeded next summer. We hope to do have a public forum to discuss the verges and verge action in the autumn. All very interesting and the need to nudge and gently change peoples expectation of 'neat' - its all about control and the human need for it! I think we may have to think of other ways the public can take control if this wilding approach is going to work! Good Luck!! Love to be involved or help in any way we can, best wishes [REDACTED]	7/30/2021 11:19 AM
28	Working more closely with Devon CC to ensure your mowing regimes and biodiversity strategies are aligned.	7/30/2021 9:56 AM
29	I think it is hugely beneficial to leave areas of uncut grass in parks & on roadside verges. Planting of wild flowers in the same areas would further enhance the bio-diversity & appearance of these areas.	7/28/2021 11:57 AM
30	Increase the diversity of hedge rows.	7/28/2021 9:17 AM
31	Brilliant idea, beautiful wildflowers encourages people to be inspired by their own areas	7/27/2021 7:55 PM
32	agree with wilder areas. Also our parks and open spaces are not gardens and not every verge	7/27/2021 7:53 PM

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needs to be treated as if it were. I would like to see more herbs and perennial plants that encourage pollinating insects and less hybrid annuals which can be less attractive to butterflies and insects .

33	Does this include Public Open Space? We have a small POS nextto our property which is regularly missed by the grass cutters but the local kids need it cut to play on it. Also verges that are on roads, particularly bends in roads will need to be cut on safety/visibility grounds!!!!	7/27/2021 3:47 PM
34	I think that you should be aiming much higher than 10% and to utilise as many people, charities, trusts that you can that have the expertise to advise, such as Devon Wildlife Trust, Woodland Trust etc.	7/27/2021 2:31 PM
35	It would be great for SH to be at the forefront of biodiversity protection and enhancement. There is so much that can be done and these points here are just the beginning. There are many people in the area with a wealth of knowledge on steps that can be taken, and a lot to be gained from wider community and landowner/farmer engagement on this topic. Encouraging people to see wild areas as beautiful and not "scruffy" or "unkempt". 100% support the council's move to embrace rewilding.	7/27/2021 1:18 PM
36	This is an impressive proposal. I look forward to seeing more wild flowers. I have no specific suggestion for further developments but I am sure that new ideas will develop as we see what benefits these changes will bring. Thank you.	7/26/2021 6:02 PM
37	Very happy that you are proposing this & really hope it goes through.	7/26/2021 1:02 PM
38	I think what the Council is proposing is great, but does not go far enough. We need to re-wild more than 10% of green areas: 30% would be better. The Council needs to support bringing nature back into farming and abolish all industrial livestock production units as soon as possible. This will have a much bigger effect here and globally than just rewilding small areas (though that is positive).	7/26/2021 1:00 PM
39	People don't fully understand the difference between letting nature go (which include what people classify as weeds) and planted/manager wild flower areas. In some areas, e.g, in the entrance to housing estates, if just let to it can and will look unsightly. If however managed to look more presentable then mor people would likely back plans. I support re wilding but openly admit to only wanting it should it look good. That will no doubt cost more money though, which councils rarely have. I suggest having areas done well and mor people will back the idea.	7/25/2021 8:59 PM
40	I am very much in support of your proposals for rewilding. Could planting trees and shrubs be included within rewilding plans for the SHDC owned verges and parks. These offer cover and have permanence through the whole year to benefit wildlife and people.	7/25/2021 2:18 PM
41	I think planting specifically targeted at certain insects. Despite agreeing to all above bracken is becoming a problem in our hedges/lanes and controlling this benefits other species.	7/25/2021 12:48 PM
42	Clear information signs to explain purpose of rewilding more controversial areas. Also public engagement activities planned in e.g. scavenger hunts. Simple baseline surveys and indicator species-based monitoring to measure change and validate the scheme.	7/24/2021 10:14 PM
43	Although welcome this proposal is seriously lacking ambition	7/24/2021 7:41 PM
44	10 % is BARE MINIMUM !	7/24/2021 7:19 PM
45	It's a good start. Having done a similar scheme at Ash Meadow in Ashprington, the public feedback has been generally positive in terms of an appreciation of the enhanced quality of the environment and contribution to biodiversity. The negatives have been around a fear that playing field space would be lost, and that this is "the thin end of the wedge", so you need to find proactive ways to reassure the sceptics on these points, rather than waiting for the negative comments and then responding. We at Ash Meadow found it helpful to make public a two pronged policy/set of aims that included a specific aim to maintain or enhance play areas and facilities that had the same weight as the policy to change management to a more ecological approach. I have also noted that the term "rewilding" causes difficulties with some sections of the community. I have been looking for alternative forms of words, and am favouring something along the lines of "managed recovery and diversification" to avoid pressing the sceptics' buttons around images of neglect, penny-pinching, or hippy nonsense.	7/24/2021 4:39 PM
46	Strongly welcome these ideas	7/24/2021 12:22 PM
47	Stricter control on housing developers removing mature trees. Turn the stream area in the car	7/24/2021 12:10 PM

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	park at Follaton House into a wildlife pond. Place a blanket TPO on all trees in Totnes	
48	A good initiative but it would be great if you could do more	7/24/2021 11:38 AM
49	Make rewilding isnt an excuse for neglect. A wildflower meadow needs mowing after seeds have formed. Cut grass needs to be collected of it forms a mat which blocks smaller plants from growing and encourages the nettle, hogweed and bramble. Im mentioning this because all this happened at the arboretum till a couple of years ago, it is better managed now. Please use the skills of the many people round here who know about these things and choose your contractors very wisely, it will not be the cheapest option!	7/24/2021 9:08 AM
50	I have tried to follow these ideas myself at home but have realised its not just a question of allowing wild areas to grow.Yes, I have been successful with wildflowers appearing but have also(especially this summer) been overwhelmed,in amongst the long grass,by swathes of dockleaves and hogweed.I have noticed in some of the areas left around Yealmpton, where I live, masses of unwanted weeds have thrived.It appears, that to achieve success, i need to go back to basics, clear the ground,plough up the grass areas and completely reseed.	7/23/2021 7:36 PM
51	Yes, please introduce any changes to enhance biodiversity ASAP after consultation. Perhaps work on greening up public/ council owned transport systems asap too . Thankyou	7/23/2021 5:39 PM
52	There are already some road junctions which have become dangerous because of long grass blocking sight-lines. Don't overdo the money saving !	7/23/2021 2:14 PM
53	Please enhance wildlife and wildflowers. Thanks	7/23/2021 2:06 PM
54	It's an excellent idea. Although the proposed land area allocated for biodiversity is relatively small, it's a beginning, and an opportunity to take full advantage of. It would be good to try and link areas to form 'wildlife corridors', if at all possible. Perhaps encourage farmers and landowners to rewild parts of their land?	7/23/2021 12:51 PM
55	The introduction of 20mph speed limits in some areas would, in my opinion, help prevent road kill.	7/23/2021 11:55 AM
56	Brilliant step forward.	7/23/2021 9:11 AM
57	Rhe measures given here are a start. I do not have the knowledge to suggest other actions; it would be nice if the council had resources to research possible areas of gree development. Thank you for whatyou've done.	7/23/2021 8:57 AM
58	Cutting of grass should continue on verges around road junctions	7/23/2021 7:36 AM
59	Whilst rewinding of verges is to be encouraged, cutting at least once a year is required to increase the biodiversity on the verges. It is also important to cut and regularly clear the vegetation that grows over the tarmac roads. If this is not done the roads become narrower and narrower and walkers and cyclists are squeezed out. An balance should be struck which would allow say the first metre or 0.75m of some verges to be cut back to allow safe walking areas.	7/23/2021 12:46 AM
60	Strong supporter of the idea. Use of verges on main roads for wildflowers seemed to work well in Plymouth. This could be replicated here.	7/23/2021 12:31 AM
61	Leaving some trees to mature in hedgerows rather than cutting them back to a uniform height.	7/22/2021 10:34 PM
62	We live in a rural area . Not cutting grass in public spaces makes a minuscule difference and looks a mess in our village . We pay council tax to pay for grass cutting	7/22/2021 10:31 PM
63	Just letting grass grow isn't how to allow for more biodiversity. Biodiversity needs active management. Not cutting grass is just a cost saving measure jumped on by councils as it's in vogue. My council tax pays for grass cutting - so cut it. We live in a rural area and there is plenty of biodiversity.	7/22/2021 10:26 PM
64	Timing of cutting is essential. Many wild flowers particular orchids need to be left to set seed before verges etc are cut. Cutting is still a requirement of a rewilding regime.	7/22/2021 7:59 PM
65	Really hope the council moves forward with this, we need more wild areas and space for nature and wildlife. Great that the council is engaging with people about this issue.	7/22/2021 6:57 PM
66	Great, thankyou, but could you add more in the direction of wetlands please? massively important for biodiversity. ponds plus...	7/22/2021 5:27 PM
67	Ensure there are wildlife corridors. Actively reduce the use of pesticides, herbicides and	7/22/2021 2:44 PM

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insecticides used in the district. Work with local farmers and communities to improve this and engage in meaningful dialogue and scientific study of impact of measures. Look at local rivers in terms of run off and pollution from sewage works and farm land and hold people to account.

68	Ensure road safety by cutting grass regularly at dangerous junctions	7/22/2021 2:14 PM
69	by re wilding in suburban housing estates you are restricting play areas for children and walking for adults i live in torr bridge park where there is plenty of wild areas yet you have started wilding in our street firstly it was a childs play area secondly it is unsightly thirdly all the weeds seeds bow onto our gardens and 4thly we want a reduction in rates if it continues	7/22/2021 1:05 PM
70	When council tax communications are posted, you could include advice to householders discouraging the use of toxic garden chemicals, whilst encouraging more environmentally friendly gardening practices together with positive info about their benefits.	7/22/2021 12:01 PM
71	Agree with most of it in principal, but at the moment the only thing being increased are the weeds in the gutters, because cutting goes right to the edge of the grass and is then not removed! The remaining grass becomes a thick tangled mess. We cleared an area near us and filled a large dumpy bag and took to the tip. Otherwise one cut goes on top of another and would be useless for any wild flowers to grow in. They would get totally choked. This suggestion to re-wild must be done properly if it is going to succeed. It is not an excuse for the council to save money on grass cutting! Also some areas MUST be kept looking tidy to prevent the community looking a disgraceful unkempt mess.	7/22/2021 11:50 AM
72	10% is not enough. Not sure about cutting paths as regularly used paths tend to be cleared by footfall. Roadside hedge cutting is done too early in the year and thus denudes the possibility of blossom so important to insects. This was particularly worse this year 2021 with the very cold spring adversely affecting breeding birds.	7/22/2021 11:37 AM
73	maybe firstly concentrate on cutting grass verges etc., some places are absolutely disgraceful.	7/22/2021 10:56 AM
74	We've been admiring the beautiful and butterfly filled wildflower/wild roundabout in Plymouth, small areas providing sanctuary/food in very built up urban environments. More like this needed in Devon, perhaps with the odd cut through in larger area so walkers can get through without wellies! Applaudable that the council is attempting to address the erosion of wild habitats.	7/22/2021 10:37 AM
75	Well done for starting a beneficial plan	7/22/2021 9:55 AM
76	Lots more native tree planting	7/22/2021 9:45 AM
77	Beavers would help with flood resilience and defence, as well as increase biodiversity. There are so many opportunities around the South Hams to reintroduce these amazing builders back to the landscape.	7/22/2021 7:45 AM
78	Vital to cut back verges on junctions though, penquit across to sheephams, very dangerous	7/22/2021 12:01 AM
79	Cease use of petrol tools immediately. The 180mph blowers kill and maim insects etc + worse polluters emissions/noise. Roadside verge junction Dukes Rd/Weston Lane, Bridgetown can be wild. PS wildflowers just grow - don't spend money on them!	7/21/2021 10:37 PM
80	New builds....this need for biodiversity needs to be built into building projects. Play spaces, open green areas, young people need space to run and play informally, not great in long grass with hidden dog poo and possibly adders. Do more for hedgehogs, birdlife...	7/21/2021 10:28 PM
81	I think that people who complain about this are very shortsighted. There has been a noticeable decline in insects and we need to urgently do something about it.	7/21/2021 9:53 PM
82	Go bold! 10 percent is very uninspiring.	7/21/2021 9:53 PM
83	More trees. Bushes. Bird houses on trees. More fish in the Dart. Promote allotments	7/21/2021 9:30 PM
84	we are heading to a point of no return a catastrophic climate and biodiversity loss we need strong leadership and not consultation after consultation it will be too late. I also think get kids involved Climate change impacts us all, but it is our children's futures that will be most affected by the decisions we make today, and more wiser than most Politician I hope the council don't listen to the negative comments and think of a brighter future ☺	7/21/2021 9:09 PM
85	Good for council to start addressing thos issues...funding local wildlife action groups within	7/21/2021 9:05 PM

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communities would go a long way to helping people have some ownership of the schemes rather than being imposed on them...winning the neat edge brigade is not easy

86	I think you should be aiming to do it quicker, with a greater area and make sure as many wild spaces as possible link up so that wildlife can move between areas safely.	7/21/2021 8:45 PM
87	I think you could be more ambitious about how much land is rewilded, and how quickly it is done. The only areas which need assessment for a need for regular cutting are at some road junctions and A38 slip roads where long grass would obscure visibility and therefore could be dangerous.	7/21/2021 8:25 PM
88	If we do not enhance the insect population, the continued trend of catastrophic insect decline will not be reversed, and will result in loss of food crops through lack of pollinating insects. The Council, as a major landholder, with land in different locations is an important asset for wildlife, and should include creating wildlife corridors, to link isolated sites and allow insect and biodiversity to spread. Every existing tree should be treated as a valuable asset, & not removed for spurious reasons. Newly planted trees are not able to support the diversity existing in an old tree, and are not matched like for like by new planting, and many newly planted trees will not survive with the extreme weather droughts we are currently experiencing. The previous trend of the last 70 years of excessive tidiness has resulted in the catastrophic insect decline, (along with bird & mammal life) and must not be allowed to prevail even when the Council receives complaints from people overly obsessed with neatness.	7/21/2021 8:25 PM
89	Use more space than is proposed for rewilding.	7/21/2021 8:15 PM
90	We need to enforce the protection of protected species. In Modbury, EVERY SINGLE YEAR, they cut down the Devon Banks, inhabited by hedgehogs and slowworms, with petrol trimmers. I have tried desperately to stop it, they left it a little longer this year, then a parent complained their child was stung by stinging nettles and the whole lot was cut down. I videoed the pathway, it was not obstructed, clear way through and there were other routes that took no more time. The child would have had to walk off the path to be stung. I still have the video. So the bank was once more butchered. Modbury is alive with hedgehogs, slowworms, birds, dragonflies. We need to protect, nurture and support. Enough damage has been done. We also need more signage to make cars slow down for Hedgehogs (have asked councillor Rufus to contact DCC re this, no replies as yet -weeks later, with more hedgehog road deaths) and we HAVE to stop sat navs leading tourist vehicles, trailers, boats, caravans, workmen,, delivery men, using our lanes as rat runs in inappropriate vehicles, chucking out their rubbish and carving up the banks. Sheepham is destroyed by this. DCC refuse to help. WE have had to put up our own signage. I would love to help locally to stop all this destruction that only residents care about and Parish, County and (until now) District councils ignore. Thank you.	7/21/2021 7:41 PM
91	1) I think your plan to cut winding paths through the meadows is brilliant, especially if they are made just wide enough for wheelchairs, so that everyone can enjoy them. You might make them a little wider in a few places, to allow other people to walk past a wheelchair, for example, or to stop to rest and admire the meadow, or read the species information signs. 2) Please don't waste time, money & energy planting any more trees, because they are useless at producing oxygen, absorbing all the oxygen they produce during the day back into themselves at night. It is algae in the sea, and grasslands on land, that produce the most oxygen. So your plan for more meadow grasslands is just what the planet needs. 3) Please declare a total ban on the import, sale & planting of Leylandii trees, hedges or any other form. They are an alien invasive species that cause terrible problems between neighbours, ruining many people's enjoyment of their own property, and blocking out solar panels. 4) Please can we have a council-wide cull of the herring gulls that have caused so much misery, attacking pensioners, children, even killing pets, and damaging people's hearing by their high-decibel screams echoing off the buildings. They have a thousand miles of sea coast and cliffs to nest on, and it is outrageous that, while we are allowed to cull badgers, moles, foxes, deer, rats, insect pests invading our homes, pheasants, quail and other animals, we are forbidden even to drive the seagulls off the roofs of our own houses. This has got to change. 5) I do not agree that there is any kind of "climate emergency", since many reputable scientists have said that we are headed into a New Ice Age caused by the Grand Solar Minimum, the exact opposite of the Global Warming claims. 6) Thank you for giving residents a chance to have our say.	7/21/2021 7:32 PM
92	The Council could also promote/explain the benefits of biodiversity, so that people see how useful it is and don't just complain about grass not being cut.	7/21/2021 6:43 PM
93	Active encouragement of wildlife species wherever possible eg bird and bug houses, hedgehog shelters etc Permanent posters about wildlife in the areas.	7/21/2021 5:33 PM

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94	Reintroduction of any species lost in the past 100 years.	7/21/2021 3:19 PM
95	It's a modest and overdue start. But glad you're getting there!	7/21/2021 3:18 PM
96	Could the council publish simple patterns on line for nesting boxes and insect homes, to make and either erect at home or give to council to erect in rewilded areas?	7/21/2021 2:53 PM
97	Limit the ridiculous amount of building on greenfield sites. There is over development everywhere in South Hams and most of the properties will be second homes and serve no benefit to local residents. Its a complete disgrace.	7/21/2021 12:22 PM
98	Filham park is a great example of where biodiversity has been tested the grass has been left to grow wild flowers have been planted, Filham could be a really good example to advertise how amazing a space can be	7/21/2021 12:03 PM
99	As long as areas of visibility are kept clear on junctions etc, for road safety.	7/21/2021 10:37 AM
100	Over the last year I have started to think the piece land in Ivybridge on the south side of Exeter road B3213 between the Cole lane and St Peters way (https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/osmaps/50.3901803292529,-3.906097897471767,16.0/pin/) would make a wonderful wild flower meadow with old hedge row and possibly pulling the remains of the old fall oak tree out slightly to make it more a feature and possible home for bugs and wildlife. I think this would make a great visual impact on people coming in to Ivybridge from the east and If it went well I feel it could also continue down the other side of the hedge heading down St Peter's way. [REDACTED]	7/21/2021 9:57 AM
101	My only concerns reading some of this, and the way questions are framed, is to ensure that safety comes first eg always mowing verges where 'Line of sight' is very important. I would similarly support allowing the grass at the edges of some (larger) parks to be allowed but a 'one size fits all' approach should be avoided. The overall thinking is good, but there should be more interactions with the specific local community on detailed plans for specific sites.	7/21/2021 9:30 AM
102	I think it is excellent that the council is putting plans on place to support the environment. I love seeing uncut areas, and it is so important for the environment, wildlife and insects. Plus it saves money for the council. I see absolutely no need to have pristine manicured areas of grass everywhere. It is important though to be careful when using strimmers when cutting long grass to look out for wildlife, especially hedgehogs and mice which might have made a nest. I think more areas of wildflowers, maybe sowing them on verges, would increase the benefit to the environment and also get more people to be in board as it would look prettier than just the long grasses. Keep up the excellent work :)	7/21/2021 9:13 AM
103	Council should actively increase wild flower, native shrub and trees on verges, banks, green spaces. Less grass cutting. More green corridors for wildlife.	7/20/2021 10:34 PM
104	Reduce use of chemical fertilisers and pesticide controls. Increase the volume of biota in the soil (but admit I'm not sure how this can be done!)	7/20/2021 9:49 PM
105	No using of pesticides	7/20/2021 7:20 PM
106	I am definitely in favour of not cutting grass verges at least until the end of June, late July would be better. The only exceptions being near intersections and around signage. Increasing the areas covered by native woodland should also be planned and resourced, working in conjunction with the Woodland Trust and Devon Wildlife.	7/20/2021 5:02 PM
107	We would be happy to support further efforts and assist in getting the message across. Thanks Storm Digital Marketing Devon's only qualified sustainability and marketing agency	7/20/2021 4:58 PM
108	I think Councils should encourage villages/towns with existing green spaces, owned by said villages/towns to create wild flower meadows with free advice and initial seeding to get started. I speak from personal experience on this issue with an ideal open space which is cut to within an inch of its life to look 'tidy'. Its been a dispute for 2 or 3 years now and this year there seems to be more support for a flower meadow. There is a field nearby that gets left to 'go wild' and though this is not ideal it does hold a variety of wildlife that the meadow over the road does not. Not to mention the beauty of the flowers and grasses. I think little push from a higher authority could have the desired effect.	7/20/2021 3:11 PM
109	Personally I think it's a fantastic idea, the more habitat we provide for our wildlife the better. Well done you.	7/20/2021 2:52 PM

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110	Clear up litter more carefully Sep along the roadsides. It is often shocking to see	7/20/2021 2:06 PM
111	we need more wildflower meadows and habitats for nature. more bat and bird boxes. trees that feed birds during the winter with berries.	7/20/2021 12:23 PM
112	I found that as a driver that at junctions I was unable to see due to the high grass verges meaning I have to pull out into the road to see , also when joining the A38 the tall grass blocked off my view of cars that are on the A38 making it a dangerous situation caused by non cutting of grass, if a accident did occur would the council be liable?	7/20/2021 11:56 AM
113	I look at the areas alongside roads and elsewhere that have not been cut and it is mostly cow parsley, nettles and brambles. I don't see any wildflowers The wildflowers need a particular type of meadow and as I understand the soil needs to be regularly disturbed by animals such as pigs in order to propagate the wild flower seeds. Getting rid of the weeds such as cow parsley, nettles and brambles has taken a long time using regular mowing and I can see that after this fad has run it's course we will see whole areas of what was pleasant verges and grassland left to the weeds	7/20/2021 11:22 AM
114	I fully support the relaxation of mowing grass verges but am concerned about the lack of visibility on so roads. There are many cross roads and slip roads that are becoming dangerous due to tall grass. These would still have to be mowed to increase visibility	7/20/2021 11:07 AM
115	SHDC need to work with and demand parish councils do more in their area, on their land, on the highway verges in their patch to work towards the same goals. There should be an incentive perhaps for parishioners to for go mono culture lawns, to ditch weedkillers and encourage natural fertilisers over artificial. SHDC could encourage with parish competitions or incentives with small pockets of funding or loan expert knowledge to the parishes. I live in Brixton and so far our Bee Friendly project is one tiny, overgrown, flowerless, badly made wooden box right next to Otter Nurseries. It's an eyesore with very limited interest for bees or any other wildlife. It's too embarrassing to mention and the lack of care and thought puts people off even attempting to work with them to improve it because it's clearly just a tick box exercise with no real value. We have so many grass verges in the village and along the A379 that would not impede visibility if they were to be left uncut. However we also have an older population who will complain loudly at the unkempt and unruly growth and not want it on their doorstep.	7/20/2021 9:33 AM
116	The proposals are fine as long as they're not just a ploy to save money on grass cutting. You also need to ensure that wildflower areas don't impede car drivers when using roads/roundabouts. I'm also concerned that these areas will end up as dog toilets.	7/20/2021 8:54 AM
117	Planting trees, flowers (wild and cultivated eg bulbs), signage to protect wild animals such as hedgehogs, bird and bat boxes where appropriate, bee hotels, notice boards and signage to give information about what to look for and recognise in the wild areas such as insects, flowers etc, marked tours through areas highlighting points of interest.	7/20/2021 8:11 AM
118	yes - please get on with it!	7/20/2021 6:36 AM
119	Make sure you link in and work in partnership with neighbouring landowners. Don't just keep it to council land.	7/19/2021 9:08 PM
120	We are very pro enhancing biodiversity and less cutting of verges, however visibility on road junctions should not be compromised. Otherwise let it grow! As much as possible please	7/19/2021 7:35 PM
121	Very pleased the council is doing this	7/19/2021 4:30 PM
122	Stop building house this will cut down in CO2 emissions, plus wild flowers are good but this causes for grass snakes to hibernate but not good for local pet owners. Wild flowers are good but do not help at all in the long run, to cut down on CO2 emissions it takes 3 lorries to do waste in the estate I live in!! How can you say you want to cut co2 but the same time you are running more lorries for waste that are diesel powered !!!	7/19/2021 4:26 PM
123	It is a very good idea but I hope that it would mean the council would then cut the grass along hedge rows of busy roads with pavement(ie New Road to Bickleigh from the Tavistock Road at Roborough Village. It is a busy road but you cannot walk on the pavement because of the greenery that is growing out over it). Also road junctions need to be cut back more often.	7/19/2021 3:35 PM
124	I think that you should work with Highways on leaving verges throughout the South Hams to grow longer and support more wildlife. You should make a public pledge to stop using herbicides such as glyphosate and to ensure that the Parish Councils stop too. It is really	7/19/2021 2:58 PM

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important that you educate and advise the Parish Councils to do the same. You should work with other partners and landowners to increase biodiversity on land not owned by the Council to increase biodiversity, this could include NHS buildings, schools and colleges, care homes, railway, house builders, farmers, golf courses and other amenity sites, playing fields and sports venues not owned by the Council. Some areas that are more remote and not used by the public should be allowed to revert to scrub, this is a really valuable habitat for birds, and is arguably more important than tree planting. You should educate residents on not using chemicals in their gardens, on managing rainwater and creating habitats for wildlife. Work on educating those who see wildflowers and natural landscapes as untidy, particularly supporting the town and parish councils to educate local residents and 'rewild' their towns and villages. Great for visitors and holidaymakers who want to see rural Devon full of wildlife and wildflowers. This is a brilliant initiative, it will help wildlife, but will also bring joy to so many people. Thank you for this new project, I hope that it is very well received, and is the beginning of much more to improve the South Hams for nature and people.

125	Bee friendly and friendly bug houses/areas, no toxic pesticides and encourage with local farmers.	7/19/2021 1:59 PM
126	It's critical that you stop any use of pesticides. Related to that, in terms of cut borders for framing wild areas - I only support these if they will definitely be cut and pesticides won't be used. Thank you.	7/19/2021 11:52 AM
127	This current proposal re. cutting and wild flow. sowing etc is, in my view long overdue. i hope this goes through. One further idea would be reducing traffic on our roads, more cycle and foot paths, more public transport and access to electric bike hire. lets reclaim our streets - i grew up in Bovey Tracey and used to walk and later as a junior infant cycle to my primary school. Shouldn't it be a birth right of our kids to choose to do this too? thank you.	7/19/2021 11:50 AM
128	Absolutely essential, I disagree with many of the other comments: do as little as possible! Lots of plants that are considered by some as undesirable are great for many insects and nature is an excellent at rebalancing itself. Many plants appear for a year or three, do their job and then give way to others. In my opinion it is time to take hands off the steering wheel with as much council land as possible: bring on the "wasteland" leave it to thorny scrub and all the associated life. This is an important issue for all of our futures. There is no longer room in our dying world for sterile urban 'tidiness' . Speaking out of considerable observation and experience bring on messy natural life I say!!! Direct your funds where it's needed and don't burn up fuel doing any mowing at all except the most essential to see signs etc. Please be resistant to urban small mindedness, think forward to a South Hams with renewed biodiversity. With the right approach (how about council funded beehives and periodic grazing by Dartmoor ponies and South Devon cattle ... Devon Wildlife trust has a wealth of knowledge and expertise to draw on as I'm sure you are aware...) Please stop any use of herbicide or insecticide and plant lots of trees. People will definitely be grateful in the long term even if their narrow 'tidy views' prevail at the moment. Here's hoping you choose a more enlightened view than has been generally prevalent up to now. I have been a teacher for 30 years and I speak for the people of the future: it's time to see that we are in the midst of ecological suicide and need to act urgently!! This is reality, wake up. Best wishes XXXXXXXXXX	7/19/2021 11:05 AM
129	Allow hedges to grow so that some trees can grow from within them - every 30 metres or so. Inform the public about not cutting back until grasses and wild flower seeds have set, to ensure similar growth next year.	7/19/2021 10:05 AM
130	The longer grass areas looks great, it's a shame the verge cutting goes well beyond the safety for drivers, but glad to see the South Hams is trying to do more. Hopefully some volunteering opportunities	7/19/2021 10:00 AM
131	Organise help for people who are managing their land for wildlife and bio diversity. And help to manage bracken and brambles on public foot paths that run over people's land	7/19/2021 9:00 AM
132	Enhancing bio diversity is 110 per cent important!	7/19/2021 8:04 AM
133	Put it into action sooner rather than later	7/19/2021 7:44 AM
134	I think South Hams should take seriously with biodiversity in mind the amount of planning permission applications they approve. You ask us to fill this survey and have amazing biodiversity plans but yet there is planning permission application for the old quarry in Kiln Lane where there are a host of wildflowers, fern, kestrels nesting, hedgehogs, the list is endless. To my mind it is a little contradictory to demolish an already established biodiverse	7/19/2021 6:45 AM

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area and turn it into a profit of five large houses. Nature and biodiversity will always find a way but we are not helping at all with extensive building works and developers that are only concerned with profit margins and not respect for the environment, wildlife, local council or people (ref: forest in Dartmouth raised to the ground by a developer before planning permission application). Your intentions are well placed but I do not have much faith in your prioritising.

135	10% seems modest, although I don't know enough about the issue to know whether more is possible	7/18/2021 10:45 PM
136	Protect the urban trees from developers	7/18/2021 10:30 PM
137	It would appear that SHDC already has green space areas earmarked for policy change. Nobody would disagree with the general principle, which is what you will no doubt quote in the future from this 'monkey' of a survey, however each site warrants it's own consideration and public feedback. Let's take North Sands Green-space in Salcombe as an example which was recently predominantly left uncut. It is the only green space Salcombe really has where children (adults too) can let off steam, play cricket, throw a Frisbee. Where afternoon shade is available beneath the trees in the summertime. A haven at high tides when there is no beach, and people exercise dogs year round. It is surrounded by woodland and fields and is already overflowing with biodiversity, from dragonflies to buzzards and the miniature world that even a regularly cut area provides habitat for. I know I get bitten. Areas of North Sands Green-space have already been given back to nature. The sloping area which has now become mature woodland and the diversion of the stream have both added to the splendour of the place and increased habitat for wildlife. Please, please, keep the remaining grassland as it is, for locals and visitors to enjoy equally.	7/18/2021 6:15 PM
138	Wild flower meadows and verges are a great idea and will cost the Council less money in maintenance. I would like to see burial grounds and graveyards sown with wild flowers, with just the edges and paths trimmed. More trees need to be planted at every opportunity. When old trees die or are cut down, they should be replaced with the same number or more. I would like to see more trees in towns and urban areas as our climate gets warmer, reducing pollution, creating shade and a habitat for birds and wildlife. I would like to see less chopping of Devon hedgerows on the lanes and in the fields.	7/18/2021 4:03 PM
139	Support community projects that want to encourage and support bio-diversity - this includes the Atmos project on the old Dairy Crest site in Totnes. Totnes Community Development Society included plans to develop wildlife and wetland areas - no commercial developer is going to care - as evidenced already by the cutting down of trees on the site - which I understand to be a crime. Help support to bring the site into community ownership to ensure all the correct bio-diversity requirements are fully actioned.	7/18/2021 2:59 PM
140	Can the Council work with farmers and landowners to use more wildlife friendly methods of land management, eg edges of fields left and reduce herbicides/pesticides ?	7/18/2021 2:19 PM
141	Planting of more hedges and Mini woods in the corners of Council Land and education of park/recreation space users.	7/18/2021 10:03 AM
142	Please don't plant 'wildflowers' - this causes genetic pollution of existing wildflower populations. If grassland management is appropriate, the genuine local wildflowers will colonise naturally.	7/18/2021 9:12 AM
143	Important to survey what is there already. Don't loose good habitat for the sake of eye catching annual flowers. Consider habitat corridors	7/18/2021 7:50 AM
144	Take over small areas and plant them. In totnes there is not enough greenery, so just plant up any small corners, put planters on streets where there is little greenery. Pocket parks.	7/18/2021 6:15 AM
145	The council needs to take every opportunity to creative wild life corridors, wild flower Meadows. I think 10 percent is a very small Target.When the biodiversity is so stress because of climate change the target should be 50 percent.	7/17/2021 11:46 PM
146	Already appreciate the 'greener' verge-cutting regime	7/17/2021 10:32 PM
147	Please stop using pesticides and herbicides if they are..like round up etc.	7/17/2021 10:26 PM
148	Don't use pesticides, keep everything as natural as possible.	7/17/2021 9:33 PM
149	Stop cutting down trees. Just stop.	7/17/2021 5:26 PM
150	Stop using pesticides. Stop allowing development which reduces biodiversity. Cut air pollution	7/17/2021 5:03 PM

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from traffic. Encourage farmers to prevent or reduce pesticides and sewage run-off. Protect our rivers and seas from pollution. Encourage the planting of diverse indigenous species of plants. Defend existing trees and hedgerows.

151	Any increase in biodiversity within the South Hams is great news!!	7/17/2021 4:41 PM
152	Yes by all means leave some verges long as the insects and fauna/flora that rely on them are needed, however, don't use this as an excuse for not cutting back overgrown hedges, bushes and grasses where they impinge on the safety of pavements and cycle lanes. Also without some sort of monitoring such areas become a dog toilet and somewhere to flytip.	7/17/2021 4:16 PM
153	Yes. Verge cutting or lack there of must not compromise safety of vision.	7/17/2021 3:53 PM
154	Please rewild even more of the land. The more the better	7/17/2021 3:44 PM
155	This needs to be done in sensitive way, we do not want the town to look an untidy mess, hedges still need to be cut, and maybe me could be redeployed clearing weeds from paths and gutters and picking up litter and cleaning off graffiti.	7/17/2021 3:31 PM
156	Investing in public transport to cut emission and improve air quality will have huge biodiversity benefits too. As will supporting efforts to force water companies to act responsibly to improve water quality and aquatic biodiversity. Councils should also reconsider their investment portfolios and give serious consideration to Green Finance initiatives.	7/17/2021 1:47 PM
157	Stop building housing estates on green land, redevelop existing sites instead. Pay farmers to plant trees or let land rewild. Protect waterways from pollution. Build safe cycle tracks and promote them. Etc etc But you know all that...what your looking for is tokenism to tick the boxes! The wildflower thing is pretty, but is it really going to save the world?	7/17/2021 1:35 PM
158	Great . Well done!	7/17/2021 10:44 AM
159	Actively fighting for water quality of the Dart..... pollution/sewerage to be improved	7/17/2021 10:11 AM
160	I don't the council has responsibility for cutting roadside hedges, but has it any power to enforce landowners to meet their responsibilities to do this? Some hedges have grown such that 2 lane roads are reduced to single lane.	7/17/2021 9:41 AM
161	A welcome start!	7/17/2021 9:16 AM
162	Slow down for Hedgehog signage where hedgehogs are known to cross main roads. We live in [REDACTED] we have hedgehogs in our garden, the hedgehogs cross St Peters way from Barons Pyke, to get to 'the green' a large open park land the other side of the road. It is heart-breaking to see them killed on the roadside. Also, when you left the verges uncut alongside St Peter's Road, lots of Goldfinches, whole charms of them, came to feed on the dandelion seeds (clocks). Apart from odd ones in our garden I had never seen so many at one time. Then the verge was trimmed and not a goldfinch in sight. I thought the goldfinches must be very confused, they had in one day lost their regular feeding area, during nesting time and would now need to expend additional energy looking for food. We are told to support the birds in our gardens by carrying on feeding them throughout the year and especially during the winter and nesting time when the birds are using high levels of energy. The longer grass on the verges also attracted lots of moths. we have bats living near us somewhere, that swoop over our garden and 'the green' in the evenings. The longer grass would have supported the moth population, which in turn would have supported the bats. Please, please return to not cutting the verges; it doesn't look unkempt it look natural, and it's beautiful. Those who complain simply need to be educated, even to the extent that leaving the grass long, in a very small way helps to rectify their carbon footprint. Ps. The wild flower patch on St Peters Road, near the garage block belonging to Pykes Down, currently looks absolutely beautiful.	7/17/2021 7:36 AM
163	Offer a less simplistic survey. Yes/No options are not good enough. There are layers of subtlety to a number of the questions that should be explored.	7/16/2021 11:34 PM
164	Where possible more trees planted alon streets.	7/16/2021 10:28 PM
165	I agree for the grass verges and areas which are not used for recreation but places like Filham need to be cut and just small areas around the trees left wild. It is a family space that now families can't use	7/16/2021 8:49 PM
166	I think much more land should be given over to wildflowers	7/16/2021 8:46 PM
167	No spaying of verges. Wildflower verges wherever possibly.	7/16/2021 8:06 PM

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168	I already see brambles taking over where land such as churchyards and other public places have been left to rewind. At what stage do these areas get taken back and the public be able to use them again and who is going to clear them which is very hard work and expensive to carry out	7/16/2021 7:21 PM
169	The Council should consider diverting some of its resources towards helping local based groups who also share the Council's ambition to increase Bio Diversity with the South Hams for example managing Churchyards for this objective.	7/16/2021 6:04 PM
170	There are far more pressing issues. If the council is so green why are we building so many housing estates on fields and green spaces	7/16/2021 5:57 PM
171	Why aim to increase Biodiversity by only 10%? This seems meagre in the light of mass extinction we are living through..	7/16/2021 5:24 PM
172	Thank you for giving this issue some priority	7/16/2021 5:21 PM
173	Substantial rewilding strategy	7/16/2021 5:20 PM
174	I fully support the Council's quest to encourage wildlife and biodiversity. Thankyou	7/16/2021 4:21 PM
175	Cut & clear, ensure cut is at correct time of year after flowers have seeded, stop using strimmers, additional proper native perennial wildflower meadows, not just areas of showy annuals, native local wildflowers and local provenance trees only, add pollinator homes such as for solitary bees etc.	7/16/2021 3:16 PM
176	Set your targets higher	7/16/2021 1:53 PM
177	Being a rural driver I feel even now some junctions you can't see if anything is coming at your directions I do feel this is dangerous therefore needs to be cut back Apart from the rest it's fine	7/16/2021 1:41 PM
178	Thank-you, thank-you for acting practically on this important challenge the planet faces. I would very much support further initiatives (and vote for councillors who do so) and I think acting sooner rather than later is definitely the way to proceed. What about support for community based compost projects?	7/16/2021 12:10 PM
179	To consider very carefully the impact of housing developments on air quality and loss of green space.	7/16/2021 11:56 AM
180	Thanks for running this survey. It is good you declared a climate emergency - this is urgent - and I would encourage speed in your response. Please consider going further than you are proposing - you have really outlined initiatives which should be the very minimum of the council's response to this emergency.	7/16/2021 11:46 AM
181	Verges should be cut back where necessary so that there are no blind spots, ie.corners, exits from other roads, particularly on country roads.	7/16/2021 11:17 AM
182	Nice move!	7/16/2021 10:03 AM
183	Fully support all work towards biodiversity etc. The more, the better! Thanks	7/16/2021 9:00 AM
184	Well done on this proposal, I just hope it's not too late, and I encourage you to continually look for more ways to increase biodiversity and mitigate the effects of catastrophic climate change. (Perhaps you could mandate all new builds needing either solar panels or wild flowers growing on the rough at the planning stage? - as is common in France)	7/16/2021 7:20 AM
185	Good idea to restrict cutting of verges except for safety, and where road width is compromised. However on A379 Elburton Road the Welcome to South Hams AND chevron signs are completely covered in brambles !	7/15/2021 10:49 PM
186	I don't fully understand the question in the survey which includes "framing of long grass", it would be useful to have included a picture or drawing to help describe this. I fully support these proposals especially the wildflower planting which supports pollinators and can also really improve the appearance of green areas.	7/15/2021 10:19 PM
187	I fully support all the efforts at rewilding but great care must be taken to ensure that what we do today we regret tomorrow. eg no planting lofty trees in valued views.	7/15/2021 9:56 PM
188	I think we should be reducing the amount of land used for agriculture and aim to rewild more agricultural land.	7/15/2021 9:42 PM

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189	Absolutely rewild, plant trees encourage all diversity of flora and fauna but please distinguish between wilding with suitable maintenance for walkways, junction visibility etc and just letting stinging nettles, docks and ragwort take over. Hedgehog highways should be automatically built into any new properties and encouraged for all existing with any key areas (such as cornwood by the bridge) evaluated for improvement - several dead hedgehogs here year round. Also bare in mind what species are native and encourage those moreover invasive foreign species. But let's walk before we can run... refuse still needs properly addressing, especially for rural properties where it's a hazard to wildlife and grazing livestock, roads need repairs and remarking, signage cleaning and much more.	7/15/2021 7:01 PM
190	The Council's plans are not ambitious enough. It should also engage with Parish Councils to encourage the same plans on their land. Presumably the Council works closely with DCC who are responsible for huge areas of land and have adopted a more enlightened attitude towards verges.	7/15/2021 4:24 PM
191	Tree planting in green areas where possible. More requirement for planning applications of large scale developments to have more tree planting. Add trees to some of the councils larger carparks to provide additional shade (or continental style shade with solar on top) as shade will be increasingly vital for animals and humans alike.	7/15/2021 4:18 PM
192	I completely support the increase of Biodiversity on council land, a really important resources for insects and small animals and birds	7/15/2021 4:03 PM
193	I am very much in support. Please send a clear message that use of biocides is not routinely acceptable and promote other options, e.g flame weeders where appropriate. Please also promote off-road cycle and footpaths.	7/15/2021 3:40 PM
194	Good ideas - a start but so much more is needed!	7/15/2021 2:42 PM
195	I think we should make every possible space left to nature . I have left my lawn with a few cut paths and it looks great . I think we need to speak to farmers to farm for wildlife and not use pesticides and double size of hedges and avoid mono culture. I'm not adverse to paths cut into long grass but doesn't need to be religiously done. Save money and save wildlife win win	7/15/2021 2:31 PM
196	agree with everything - however road side safety must be maintained on our narrow roads	7/15/2021 2:30 PM
197	Mandating significant wildlife spaces and corridors with every new building proposal. If land is being converted from agriculture to housing for humans, then it seems only fair that we account for wildlife as well in that development now.	7/15/2021 2:27 PM
198	PLEASE develop wildlife- friendly green spaces, no mowing etc. The building developments locally have meant the loss of so many beautiful fields is heartbreaking and only for quick profit for the building companies. The recent wildlife garden & tree planting in St Peters Way Ivybridge is a valuable initiative - more please!	7/15/2021 2:19 PM
199	I think you should do as much as possible to implement changes to enhance biodiversity and to protect our environment, including regulations around new development where possible. I think this is a great idea. maybe also could offer grants to landowners to rewild some of there land ?	7/15/2021 1:48 PM
200	Not only letting grass/wildflowers grow where it can without reduction of safety on roads but also the planting of more indiginous trees or even fruit trees where people can forage	7/15/2021 1:14 PM
201	Plant more native trees. Create a coast to moor forest/wildlife corridor. Stop motocross in AONB	7/15/2021 12:44 PM
202	I really welcome your proposals and have enjoyed the beginnings of it in the graveyard at Follaton which is already more beautiful and vibrant. I'd also like the council to think long and hard about any additional housing and road networks in the area to ensure that wildlife and biodiversity are considered as a priority and a source of common wealth. This includes maintaining any wildlife corridors. I wonder too about reducing street lighting at night to the absolute minimum for safety so that nocturnal animals are less subject to light pollution. I would ask the council to consider using any powers at their disposal (apologies, I don't know what falls within your remit) to regulate the release of human sewage, animal effluent and chemical run off into our waterways so that life there can flourish. Where already regulated, please enforce the regulations.	7/15/2021 12:23 PM
203	I think the corners of junctions should be mown as it often makes it necessary to pull out a bit into a main road to be able to see oncoming traffic.	7/15/2021 11:45 AM

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204	It is very important to try to link up green spaces with "Wildlife Corridors" for natural migration of species to occur easily eg hedgehogs and bats. This will need more thought and planning than just wilding random pockets of green space. I hope that SHDC will consult with a conservation/wildlife specialist	7/15/2021 11:38 AM
205	Drive down the Parkway and come off at Sainsbury's roundabout. Plymouth CC have done the most marvellous job of planting wild flowers. Stunning.	7/15/2021 11:27 AM
206	It must be balanced with providing pleasant open spaces for us. Please stop using pesticides etc. as this will also help and how can you help stop farming using pesticides that are killing off our bees. This mass farming will be the end of us if they don't look after biodiversity. Thank you	7/15/2021 11:27 AM
207	Get on with rewilding as soon as possible	7/15/2021 10:27 AM
208	More wildlife ponds and boggy areas	7/15/2021 9:22 AM
209	I think it is a great initiative, and wish this concern was seen in development planning applications which seem to be granted for green spaces all the time, further shrinking the South Hams biodiversity.	7/15/2021 9:08 AM
210	Very pleased the council is thinking about improving biodiversity and reducing the amount of grass cutting. Some rewilding projects are good, no need to introduce wildflowers and trees as they appear when the land is improved, also good if there are large areas to introduce animals. Would like to see a more ambitious target than 10%.	7/15/2021 9:04 AM
211	No	7/15/2021 8:45 AM
212	How many accidents will happen through lack of visibility	7/15/2021 8:41 AM
213	Plant trees wherever possible	7/15/2021 7:42 AM
214	Excellent work - especially if selected cutting maintains/ensures access for walkers. An option for increasing biodiversity in the area without impact to public spaces would be to assist homeowners to rewild areas of their own gardens. I have a large garden I would love to manage this way, but have no support in doing it - advice and initial assistance in setting up would be wonderful, and I expect a lot of people would be able to contribute financially to such a service. That would also aid in making the insect highways which are so important.	7/15/2021 7:42 AM
215	It would save the council money to leave verges of long grass and cut at end of Summer only. Even if no wildflower seeds were planted, the flowers already in the verges would be able to re-seed themselves.	7/15/2021 6:27 AM
216	Some(a small number) of dog owners might let their dogs defecate in the long grass and not clean it up. If children wander there, they may contract Toxocara.	7/15/2021 5:58 AM
217	Plant and maintain more, ignore less	7/14/2021 10:40 PM
218	Visibility splays at junctions are often left too long between cuts and become very dangerous. I'd support some longer grass and wild flowers in some areas in principle , but I'd need to see a map of the proposed areas first as road safety is far more important than anything else.	7/14/2021 10:35 PM
219	If you are going to rewild areas please do it properly and plant specific Flowers and plants and keep it maintained. Just leaving verges to grow does nothing, no light is able to get to the floor to encourage wild flowers, all that can grow is a tangle of grass, ragwort, dock and brambles. The areas in my village (Yealmpton) which have been left are now full of dog poo. Why can't the grass areas be kept neat and tidy and bring back Britain in Bloom where specific flowers and plants can be planted in containers and hanging baskets, thereby making our villages look lovely AND encouraging all the insect life. Leaving grass areas to grow is a massive copout for the council as you yet again raise our council tax and continue to massively stop your services to the taxpayer.	7/14/2021 7:42 PM
220	This initiative is far preferable to facilitating, encouraging and enabling profit hungry developers from destroying the AONB. SHDC are a bunch of shocking hypocrites.	7/14/2021 7:33 PM
221	Excellent to hear this is being proposed. To me 10% feels low and this should be a minimum target, but hopefully this will allow for lots of learning and more ambitious targets following this period.	7/14/2021 7:19 PM

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222	Appreciate being asked and that these are the aims for our local environment	7/14/2021 6:53 PM
223	Hope that verges etc can be sown with wildflower seeds	7/14/2021 6:45 PM
224	Encourage householders to also rewild their gardens. Perhaps a discount of a small amount of council tax for householders who actively encourage wildlife in their gardens. Provide suitable seeds for communities to plant in small areas of grass such as that in front of my house in woodland road ivybridge.	7/14/2021 6:35 PM
225	I worry you are not splitting changes as roads, footpaths etc are already very poor in Ivybridge (my area ████████) so I stress you need to be more detailed and complex on all this. And ruining the rear hedge you have to my ████████ would be awful. So better details would be supported but this all looks too "simple" and I feel you need to get in much better detail on all this!!!! More detail from you will get better support from me and many residents! So please move on from simple stuff you share!!! AMC FRICS, FRSA (in Who's Who) ex CS Director but retired! I am happy to help / support but so many Councils staff fail to get in proper / needed data and ideas on all this I fear with my retired ex Parish Council Chair (██████) etc. Why don't you do bigger ruler plans and details!!	7/14/2021 6:35 PM
226	The area outside my bungalow has never been cut by the council and is now looking like a right mess and always causes problems within my garden . What exactly are we paying for . South Hams council dont have a patch on P.C.C. and we pay a lot more !!!!	7/14/2021 5:16 PM
227	It's a great idea and not only important for the protection of our environment and its creatures, but wild flowers also look lovely 😊	7/14/2021 4:48 PM
228	Stop using chemicals and use organic methods.	7/14/2021 4:41 PM
229	I would like the Council to actively seed as many areas as possible with native wild flower species including orchids and many other flowers which are rarely seen now.	7/14/2021 4:09 PM
230	The council could join the Devon Rewilding Network right here: https://devon-rewilding-network.mn.co/	7/14/2021 3:46 PM
231	Plant wildflower seeds and encourage plant species which are attractive to bees etc	7/14/2021 3:22 PM
232	Whilst improving the biodiversity of appropriate areas is very commendable, this must not be used as an excuse for the council to save money by neglecting our streets and green spaces. Rewilding, like wildflower meadows, are created by careful management and not by neglect which would only result in the growth of brambles, bindweed and possibly knotweed. All of these species would the invade private gardens adjacent to these areas.	7/14/2021 3:12 PM
233	Maybe think about street lighting, do we need these on all night ,confusing moths etc, as they spend the nights flying around the false moons instead of breeding and pollinating	7/14/2021 2:44 PM
234	We need to stop cutting trees down as it's not just hurting the wildlife, but they give us oxygen. Getting rid of so many hedges and trees means that the roads flood quicker as the rain is absorbed by them. Stop using weed killer so much and pesticides.	7/14/2021 2:33 PM
235	Allow eco micro homes to be sited on areas to be rewilded with a micro business plan for diversification, so that the owners/tenants can become custodians and stewards thereby providing a home, small income and care for the environment	7/14/2021 2:14 PM
236	tree planting completely re-wilded spaces funding for community/school projects that address climate action	7/14/2021 2:13 PM
237	Does my overgrown garden now qualify as a habitat centre?	7/14/2021 2:06 PM
238	I enthusiastically welcome this! I hope it all goes ahead.	7/14/2021 2:03 PM
239	I have a preference for planting wildflowers rather than long grasses. Special consideration must be given when planting near roadsides to ensure that visibility is not compromised.	7/14/2021 1:56 PM
240	Excellent initiative. Great for humans, wildlife and the soil.	7/14/2021 1:37 PM
241	I want areas set aside and protected in perpetuity from development, preferably creating corridors for wildlife. I also ask for clear communication with Council contractors so they don't mow areas set aside, as happens all the time at present.	7/14/2021 12:42 PM
242	Turn suitable green spaces into woodlands.	7/14/2021 12:28 PM

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243	Yes. Whilst welcoming this initiative I feel sure that SHDC could do more to improve our area's biodiversity. Could the council aim for more than a 10% improvement? How could it incentivise town and parish councils to do the same on their land? Could the Council ensure that (more) nature-friendly methods are used by those building new housing in the South Hams? This could include how the landscaping is maintained, putting up of swallow and bat boxes where appropriate etc. I feel it is time for SHDC to be much more ambitious in its role of protecting and enhancing nature. This should be a priority.	7/14/2021 12:15 PM
244	A good start. Thank you. Also, it's good to communicate the plus-points and the results on wildlife of doing this regularly, so that people understand what good it's doing.	7/14/2021 12:14 PM
245	Planting trees would be a huge benefit.	7/14/2021 11:25 AM
246	Sustainability & food security, planting productive species where ever possible, should be central to the policy. Every Town, Village & School should have access to wild green space within walking distance & on safe footpaths as a resource to improve physical health & mental wellbeing.	7/14/2021 11:13 AM
247	Plant fruit trees where possible. Follow Permaculture ideas and encourage people to use the land. Houses and Shacks everybody loves and its Creativity, people ,Art and the Land that count. People are willing to help to make the land usable.	7/14/2021 11:00 AM
248	Re wild as much as possible be a leader in this area	7/14/2021 10:27 AM
249	Plant more trees. Buy empty land for just trees or something. I'm all for more wildlife area, just as long as it don't look like a unkept dump. Maybe even make cycle wurd routes	7/14/2021 10:27 AM
250	More trees please. Even tiny plantations of native deciduous trees and fruit trees could be helpful for biodiversity and reducing CO2.	7/14/2021 10:25 AM
251	I think it is a marvellous idea. Our fauna and flora need all the help they can get.	7/14/2021 10:24 AM
252	Whilst I agree in principal of Biodiversity it must be done without directly having an adverse effect play areas. As an example Filham Park in Ivybrige large areas have been left uncut with and pathways cut through. This park is ideal for family's to go and kick a ball about and play games but at the moment this isn't possible particularly during the school holidays. please allow more mown areas and concentrate on the areas that are not suitable for sport activities for rewilding. Also some of the verges need to be maintained better as some are potentially dangerous for motorist cyclists and pedestrians, footpaths along main school routes needs better maintenance parents taking children to school are having to resort to bringing secateurs to cut back brambles obstructing pathways. Where I live there are bushes between the footpath and the road which I am told 'belong to nobody' and therefore don't get cut and completely obscure the crossing point. After a near miss my wife had with a mobility scooter I took it upon myself to cut down the 6ft section as nobody else were prepared to do it. I have now been trying since the end of April to get the cuttings removed but have been totally ignored by SHDC. If you wish to speak to me my mobile is [REDACTED].	7/14/2021 9:54 AM
253	We are lucky enough to have vast tracts of land in Devon which are biodiverse. Farmers are paid to do this. Public parks an amenity areas, a tiny proportion of the space in Devon, should be optimised for the users (people). This is a poorly disguised money saving exercise and will have little or no effect of the overall biodiversity	7/14/2021 9:49 AM
254	Raise your target - aim for 25% - we all need to stretch ourselves - and certainly aiming for what we think we can achieve is probably just not enough for the crisis we find ourselves. Set the target high and then look for ways to achieve it - and enrol the public in it.	7/14/2021 9:25 AM
255	cutting large swathes along the A38 is unnecessary and a waste of money. Only the first 6 feet needs to be cut	7/14/2021 9:19 AM
256	They're fantastic, much needed!	7/14/2021 9:14 AM
257	Rewilding is brilliant but areas of nature need to be linked to allow true biodiversity.	7/14/2021 9:12 AM
258	I would like the proposals to be more ambitious. E.g. a target of more than 10% increase in biodiversity, and tree planting	7/14/2021 9:12 AM
259	Encourage all parish councils to follow suit to get some more joined up areas across the South Hams of rewilded land. Provide some funding for the extra time for cutting and removing grass to pcs. Provide plenty of information as you go along with the project so that people know what	7/14/2021 9:06 AM

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you're doing and why. Use the blue heart campaign and signage. Promote to primary schools and offer tours/open days of your arboretum where you are doing rewilding work.

260	Please plant wild flower seeds at the bottom of Fairway avenue, on the corner of woodland Road. That would look beautiful.	7/14/2021 8:38 AM
261	I think it is very important to increase biodiversity wherever it is possible as even small changes can make a significant difference. I am trying to do the same in our small garden by digging a pond and encouraging wildlife where I can.	7/14/2021 8:34 AM
262	None	7/14/2021 8:16 AM
263	Rewilding should be implemented wherever possible. Leaving roadside verges uncut, apart from junctions etc. where road safety is the priority, allowing plants to flower and go to seed. This would provide miles of enhanced biodiversity corridor, and improve wildlife food chains. A reduction in hedge flailing should also be implemented, allowing some hedges to overgrow, more hedgerow trees, less habitat and wildlife food chain destruction. Increased urban, suburban tree planting is also vital. This should be implemented over and above general woodland, forest expansion in rural Britain and fundamental reform of agriculture, marine fishery policy, reserving much more land and sea for rewilding. Efforts should be made to rewild watercourses, install leaky dams, to slow flow, reducing flooding. Wetland restoration should also be a priority in floodplain locations, coupled with serious restrictions now on new housing, development, farming activity which encourages river pollution, siltation. We are concerned at the level off new development on the Lower Dart, for example Noss Marina, with too much pressure now on wildlife, the natural river and coastal environment, in this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Equally the new housing at the top of Dartmouth, should never have been given the go ahead. Like the Wye Valley, the Dart Valley is at serious risk of environmental destruction from too much human activity, road traffic, river pollution, wildlife destruction, modern farming destroying biodiversity. The development of green technology is not enough without parallel massive rewilding projects, to restore at least 30% of UK land area for nature. The biodiversity loss crisis and climate change are linked and require equal emergency action. [REDACTED]	7/14/2021 7:43 AM
264	It has been a good start seeing Filham Park and how this is being managed. More planting of wild flowers will be welcomed. More engagement with the public would be great. Maybe some more signs and public information?	7/14/2021 7:34 AM
265	We need to be careful about the spread of ticks. Also green spaces used for walking with coastal views should not be planted with trees	7/14/2021 7:33 AM
266	Do what you are proposing but don't stop at 10%	7/14/2021 7:23 AM
267	Areas of wasteland should be given over for community groups to grow fruit trees.	7/14/2021 7:20 AM
268	I am very pleased that these ideas are being considered Brighton (Sussex) have replaced formal gardens all over the city with magnificent wild flowers and grass , even down centers of roads and roundabouts , Cutting lower in places for visibility (for car drivers at relevant turnings) I live in [REDACTED], there are two areas there where a very small amount of wildflowers have been left in the cut grass areas this year. These are so welcomed and enjoyed by all. I think areas like these which are narrow may not need cutting at the periphery very much at all. Also the banks surrounding our play park could be cut a little less / planted with further wild flowers. Supporting pollinators and the biodiversity of the area is something we all value very much .	7/14/2021 7:19 AM
269	Fully support this, but definitely wish to see that steps are make to ensure that the areas look appealing and also that foot paths and walkways are accessible and maintained.	7/14/2021 6:26 AM
270	This is a great step forward in preserving a diverse range of wildlife.	7/14/2021 6:26 AM
271	Sightlines on pedestrian crossing s are important to maintain	7/14/2021 6:17 AM
272	Wildflower planting is a great idea that I have seen in the North of England outside some villages and towns, it certainly looked attractive.	7/14/2021 5:21 AM
273	Good proposals. SHDC could also do much more to properly consider the biodiversity and other ecological impacts of all proposed developments, and to prioritise these considerations in all planning decisions.	7/14/2021 1:54 AM
274	Your questions are too binary and simple. I am relaxed about grass cutting but not hedge	7/13/2021 11:18 PM

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cutting. Hence my failure to answer the relevant question.

275	Improvement of wildlife habitat	7/13/2021 11:13 PM
276	Beehives maintained in the wildflower areas, revenue from the honey and continuing pollination for the plants, extra employment opportunities	7/13/2021 10:52 PM
277	Put measures in place so people can appreciate the benefits to wildlife with a view to doing more.	7/13/2021 10:45 PM
278	Build less houses and keep more green space!	7/13/2021 10:35 PM
279	Need to educate the population about how management for biodiversity is better than formal parks.	7/13/2021 10:23 PM
280	Tree planting alongside long grass and wildflowers would be welcomed. And trees in large planters within town centres, perhaps under planted with wildflowers could be a way of making town centres more biodiverse. Many thanks!	7/13/2021 10:08 PM
281	This is a very good idea. Well done south hams council. If we can help spreading seeds let us know. Ideas: There's a place by us south Milton flower farm, worth a visit to see how they work as the insects were buzzing around. Please consider planting more hedges Less building sites - we don't need them, it ruins nature Give everyone a packet of seeds to scatter in their garden [REDACTED]	7/13/2021 9:59 PM
282	I think there should be partnerships across councils/ railways and other parties to enhance areas for wildlife. This climate emergency asks for collaboration. There are many small pockets of land on peripheries of roads/ parks etc which could be used for planting. At Marsh Mills, wild flower turf has been laid which not only is fast growing, but also provides a haven for bees and other pollinators. It would also be good if the council could support/ provide areas for people to take up bee keeping for instance. Children should be encouraged to do insect surveys and be involved in how their local land is managed.	7/13/2021 9:55 PM
283	Sounds great. Perhaps hold a review after a year to see if there's any lessons to learn. I'm sure there's some scope for tree planting as well.	7/13/2021 9:44 PM
284	Fantastic idea ... give as much space as possible to rewilding	7/13/2021 9:38 PM
285	Switch off/remove some street lights particularly in more rural areas in order to enhance "dark skies" and save electricity	7/13/2021 9:37 PM
286	Not sure why this needs to go to consultation? It's not a sweeping change you are proposing, just 10%. Have the courage of your convictions!	7/13/2021 9:32 PM
287	wild planting is the way to go	7/13/2021 9:29 PM
288	manage verges for wild flowers.	7/13/2021 9:26 PM
289	This is a fantastic initiative and a very well communicated plan. I hope this is the start of more positive steps to allow an increase in biodiversity. People will always complain it look untidy but that's not the point. :)	7/13/2021 9:22 PM
290	Verges and boarders etc would be lovely if they were full of wild flowers	7/13/2021 9:04 PM
291	Plant more trees please. Cut less and sow wild flowers . Don't use sprays or pesticides	7/13/2021 9:01 PM
292	Grass verges for road exits should continue to be cut.	7/13/2021 8:51 PM
293	Look carefully at all planning applications. ... Eg Locks Hill, Kingsbridge. Too late for that natural wild area.	7/13/2021 8:50 PM
294	Great to see this initiative. I'm not sure why 10% uplift was chosen, in biodiversity. Possibly could be more ambitious? How is this going to be monitored, will there be surveys of wildlife in green spaces? Would be great if the projects could be demonstrated to householders and other landowners, ie show what can be achieved and what the difficulties/challenges and benefits are.	7/13/2021 8:45 PM
295	Given the amount of new build taking place biodiversity should be included in the planning approval process	7/13/2021 8:41 PM
296	As long as road verges are cut so there is no loss of sightlines at junctions, the idea is fine.	7/13/2021 8:37 PM

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297	Long grass and wild flower meadows please!	7/13/2021 8:34 PM
298	Ensure that pesticide use is kept to a minimum and no neonicotinoids are used. Allow the reintroduction of native species such as beavers.	7/13/2021 8:25 PM
299	Please save Locks Hill. That is one of Kingsbridge's naturally biodiverse spaces that is losing its trees, hedges and grass for a company's profit and little benefit to the community.	7/13/2021 8:14 PM
300	Anything to help the birds, bees and insects	7/13/2021 7:59 PM
301	I fully support these ideas and hope that parish/town councils also make similar commitments in this area. By doing this type of thing it also helps with the holding excess rain fall.	7/13/2021 7:29 PM
302	I am delighted to know that re wilding is being considered.	7/13/2021 7:01 PM
303	Provided personal safety is not compromised everything possible that can be done to improve biodiversity should be done. Nature is in crisis and local/district councils need to do what they can, given that central government only pays lip service to environmental matters.	7/13/2021 6:48 PM
304	Make sure wildflower mixes are appropriate for specialist and generalist species. More flowers alone are not enough, you need diversity. You also need to think about the configuration of rewided areas to make sure habitats are well linked. More tree planting would also be good and opportunities to get young people/communities involved in conservation/tree planting activities.	7/13/2021 6:43 PM
305	This is fantastic! 😊 🌱	7/13/2021 6:41 PM
306	More specific wildlife habitats.	7/13/2021 6:34 PM
307	Stop ALL use of chemicals	7/13/2021 6:21 PM
308	I feel the council needs to be promoting more tree planting by volunteers and trying to galvanise communities to develop new woodlands and increase biodiversity. Although I am fully in favour of 'rewilding' I feel the term is too widely used without definition. As a parish councillor I have heard parishioners talking angrily about rewilding as it seems to infer total abandonment. I feel the term enhancement for wildlife is more accurate and possibly less divisive of opinion! Fully support your actions!	7/13/2021 6:17 PM
309	Please try to to increase biodiversity even further to 30%. Wilding of verges is fantastic but at junctions it can create blind spots.	7/13/2021 6:16 PM
310	More Council owned land can be left in a natural state or planted with trees.	7/13/2021 6:00 PM
311	10% seems a very modest target. Surely we could do better?	7/13/2021 5:56 PM
312	Wherever it is possible to increase biodiversity without causing too much inconvenience to the locals, this should be automatic council policy. It goes without saying that this would probably save the Council money.	7/13/2021 5:54 PM
313	It's all very well letting the verges grow without cutting them so often, but if you live in Devon you know how narrow the Devon lanes are and they are very dangerous to drive along when you can't see another vehicle coming the other way until the last moment. Also junctions should be kept short so you can see other vehicles coming either way. There has been quite a few accidents because drivers cannot see left or right because the grass is so long. Just use some common sense.	7/13/2021 5:45 PM
314	DO IT!!! xxx	7/13/2021 5:27 PM
315	Plant much more trees	7/13/2021 5:24 PM
316	This should be WAY more than 10% - it should be in all available spaces! And all wildflower meadows instead of grass. Grass offers the bees no nectar.	7/13/2021 4:47 PM
317	Planting (seeding) more wild flowering perennials in the green areas in a way that links areas together with other areas (recreation, woodland, verges, highway embankments) as much as possible so that wildlife can spread naturally. Educate people so they can contribute by wilding a little of their lawns etc	7/13/2021 4:44 PM
318	The more the better. I would like to see intelligent rewilding, that looks at what might be helpful in enhancing diversity and encouraging wildlife. I would prefer this approach to a just no hands	7/13/2021 4:37 PM

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on one. Looking for instance at what wild flowers might have flourished in hay meadow, and other more endangered habitats

319	The ideas are good, but I would suggest you be bolder and commit to a greater area of land to be re-wilded.	7/13/2021 4:33 PM
320	Don't use herbicide/pesticides or chemicals ie fertiliser etc on council owned green spaces.	7/13/2021 4:29 PM
321	Tie in the rewilding of spaces with schools to aid education of young people and maybe older people too through adult education or U3A, etc.. Everyone needs to be on board.	7/13/2021 4:26 PM
322	When planting wildflower meadows please AVOID the "Weedkill, rotavate, and plant every year" Instead plant correct mixes of plants so that they only need to be cut once, after seeds have set. Consider selling or donating cut products as hay/haylage to charitable organisations who need the animal feed	7/13/2021 4:21 PM
323	Great start! Could there be support for landowners/ individuals who also want to rewild??	7/13/2021 4:19 PM
324	Subject to safety at junctions grass could be left un cut. Also absolutely no more building on green field sites!	7/13/2021 4:15 PM
325	All areas set aside for wildlife should be dog free as many dog walkers let their dogs off the lead while ground nesting birds are breeding.	7/13/2021 4:12 PM
326	Hedgehog friendly areas with holes through fences to allow them to move around. Signs would help people think about doing this themselves. Maximise the long grass, wildflowers and trees on council property please	7/13/2021 4:05 PM
327	I have said yes to more wild flower planting but I think that in an area like ours wild planting mostly does it's own thing. It's pretty good to leave it to nature.	7/13/2021 3:49 PM
328	Stop granting building applications for housing that is far too expensive for locals. Be stricter on offenders who build without permits.	7/13/2021 3:44 PM
329	The more the better, for all our sakes.	7/13/2021 3:43 PM
330	Do more than 10% by 2025!!!! No use of pesticides except for management of Japan knotweed. Only cut at the right time of year	7/13/2021 3:36 PM
331	More publicity advising people not to use weedkiller and other pesticides either on public verges or in their own gardens. It contaminates the soil and water courses. Also leading by example on this.	7/13/2021 3:32 PM
332	Overall an excellent approach to improve our Green Infrastructure. The Council needs to fully resource this through trained and specialist staff for a connected approach to our partners and adjacent LPAs	7/13/2021 3:30 PM
333	Show the areas being considered on a map. And show other areas that could potentially rewilded in the future.	7/13/2021 3:14 PM
334	Need to put signs up to show public that these areas are being rewilded not 'neglected'.	7/13/2021 3:10 PM
335	Maybe you could think more about biodiversity before allowing new developments crowded with houses and no green spaces. Kingsbridge is turning into one large housing estate :(7/13/2021 3:05 PM
336	Support proposal as long as it does not take away from existing recreational/green areas for young and older residents of the South Hams	7/13/2021 3:02 PM
337	Please be more ambitious. 10% by 2025 is not enough. More re wilding please.	7/13/2021 2:44 PM
338	Thank you this is a great idea would love to see more of this!	7/13/2021 2:39 PM
339	The proposals are an excellent idea and we hope they will go ahead. Helps to save money and the diverse population of flower and fauna. We have applied the same principles to our garden and it really helps the diversity of wildlife.	7/13/2021 2:39 PM
340	I would like the Council to promote the Plymouth and South Hams local green space policy; in an effort to get scrub/waste land into a managed/card for condition with improved biodiversity	7/13/2021 2:32 PM
341	Cease using all weed killers on parks and cut grass areas.	7/13/2021 2:30 PM
342	Really positive news that the council is proposing some practical action - just increase the	7/13/2021 2:30 PM

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amount of land that will be left to become more natural please !

343	Yes I would like the council to consider putting in more bike paths. It's a definite no brainer, it'll reduce emissions and also have health benefits. I'm a cyclist who lives in Salcolombe and cycles to South Milton and Kingsbridge regularly and feel I'm putting my life in danger cycling because I have to cycle on the main road or lanes with gravel on and I'm regularly slide on the gravel.	7/13/2021 2:26 PM
344	We tried something similar with our parish owned ground. Initially there were concerns that people might not be keen on the lack of tidiness but we have been amazed at how delighted people have been as the wildflowers appear. Paths are absolutely key as they show that it hasn't just been abandoned but that it is a deliberate policy. And it has saved the parish a fortune in strimming and mowing. A definite win win!	7/13/2021 2:25 PM
345	Good proposals - we need more wildflower meadows. Playing in a wildflower meadow by my home in Yorkshire as a child was idyllic - today's children need to experience this and this could well contribute to their willingness to value and support wildflower meadows as adults. The one I played in eventually became a housing estate unfortunately but I have always been passionate about the restoration of our meadows.	7/13/2021 2:24 PM
346	The more, the better1	7/13/2021 2:14 PM
347	Plant more trees along roads and bee corridors. But don't use as an excuse to make everywhere look like a mess	7/13/2021 2:05 PM
348	No, I think the Council's proposals are excellent! I have tried to do the same in my garden but without success! Maybe the Council could give us tax payers some advice on how to rewind a bit of our own gardens...	7/13/2021 2:05 PM
349	Plant more trees - rewind areas.	7/13/2021 2:05 PM
350	Please act PROMPTLY when developers disregard planning laws about preserving the natural environment and wildlife	7/13/2021 2:00 PM
351	10% is not remotely enough. Also, wildlife areas must be properly connected with wildlife corridors to allow creatures and insects to move freely. The council should also be totally committed to zero use of chemicals to control insects, plants and weeds or creatures of any kind; and committed to zero use of chemical fertilisers. Planning must be tightened up to ensure that every new home is built to far higher environmental standards - heat pumps, solar panels, insulation levels, electric charging points, green spaces, grey water recycling, risk of flooding, educational and medical resources, capacity of local sewerage systems and proximity to public transport etc.	7/13/2021 2:00 PM
352	Pleased it is happening.	7/13/2021 1:58 PM
353	To me this is a no brainer. Why wouldn't we do all we can to benefit our wildlife and environment?!	7/13/2021 1:50 PM
354	Enhancing spaces for wildlife is so important for the wellbeing of our area and the people that live in it.	7/13/2021 1:49 PM
355	Let nature take its course and do not spend ANY of my hard-earned council tax on trendy re-wilding schemes. Simply do things by reducing interference. There is for example no need to plant wild flowers (aka weeds in many cases). They simply appear if left.	7/13/2021 1:43 PM
356	Consider the time of year things are being cut. Don't devastate entire eco systems during the growing season. Leave flowers to go to seed and fruit for the birds.	7/13/2021 1:41 PM
357	Make long-grass and wildflower areas look intentional and neatly framed by selective mowing and possibly signs stating biodiversity measures are being taken.	7/13/2021 1:40 PM
358	Freeform play equipment dotted around communal areas, not just in playgrounds. For example the large fallen tree on vire island is not only great for wildlife but such fun for kids to climb on. A row of large rocks are attractive and fun. Eg the rock at entrance to the car park opposite the back gate to the Grove school- nearly every child who passed it climbs up and leaps off.	7/13/2021 1:39 PM
359	Plant trees in grass verges to roads especially in built up areas.	7/13/2021 1:38 PM
360	More wild flower meadows and oak trees. But also stricter control of fly tipping ets	7/13/2021 1:34 PM

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361	Rewilding and wildflower beds have been successfully introduced in many other parts of the country for several years, it's a shame we are always the last to make the right changes for the environment. I would like to see regular visits from Environment officers, as I believe that farms are causing the most damage to the environment and the pollution is not policed. SHDC are responsible for the area and climate change in the area. Is it also time to put a water meter in every home and make people responsible for the resources they are using, instead of complaining after the issue has arisen. The droughts that will come in the next few years will be due to the fillings of swimming pools, hot tubs, lazy spas and families using unlimited amounts of water unnecessarily. It's time to make people pay for what they use, police the problems and don't persecute those of use who do our best to reduce, reuse, recycle.	7/13/2021 1:34 PM
362	Provide information to homeowners as to how they can increase biodiversity at home.	7/13/2021 1:33 PM
363	Seems an ideal excuse to save money from the council. I think all areas should be kept neat and tidy	7/13/2021 1:25 PM
364	I think this is definitely going in the right direction, but I do think the council need to stop new developments for second homes and make a stand against greedy developers who are not benefiting the locals	7/13/2021 1:22 PM
365	Substantial designated wild areas for every new housing development	7/13/2021 1:19 PM
366	Stop allowing building on Greenfield sites and concentrate on brownfield sites. Clear Totnes Leat and other similar areas to encourage wildlife back. Implement litter picking schemes and awareness. Just a few ideas.	7/13/2021 1:19 PM
367	Restricting the building of new developments on green field land would enhance the biodiversity and support the wildlife more than allowing verges to grow naturally. It is time to stop developing on our beautiful countryside and look more to saving the beautiful Devon countryside.	7/13/2021 1:18 PM
368	Given the climate emergency the Council should continue to assess opportunities for improving the community's response to that emergency	7/13/2021 1:14 PM
369	I think that Biodiversity should be considered in context with the fact the South Hams has a high incidence of Lyme Disease. I also think SHDC should take more care of the roadside litter, spend money on improving Totnes high Street and generally make an effort to beautify this beautiful area.	7/13/2021 1:04 PM
370	There are ample fields and moors around, don't let the public areas go to rack and ruin	7/13/2021 1:03 PM
371	I think letting some spaces return to their natural state is a great idea	7/13/2021 12:55 PM
372	Lawns are classist and bad for the ecosystems of bugs, focus on moss instead of grass seeding for the future	7/13/2021 12:55 PM
373	The critical focus should be to limit the damage done to the natural world through mammoth housebuilding projects that serve only to destroy and not to enrich either the natural world or the local human inhabitants. Focusing on rewilding a small area of South Hams land is a starting point but in collaboration with the planning department, a critical focus needs to be on limiting the damage of large scale building projects that serve no one other than to fulfil dubious central government building quotas. If this is not addressed, then, unfortunately, we are simply applying a tiny sticking plaster to an enormous, gangrenous sore.	7/13/2021 12:53 PM
374	Keep up the good work!	7/13/2021 12:51 PM
375	It's about time we put Nature first.	7/13/2021 12:51 PM
376	I think supporting wildlife and plants is absolutely vital. I think there has to be a balance between areas near houses looking unkempt as this could attract dumping, rubbish and could be unpleasant for people whose houses are affected. I also think its vital that the verge near roads are kept cut back so that driver's vision is not impacted. I also think its a bad idea t have roadside verges covered in tall grass and flowers as it encourages animals such as rabbits, hedgehogs and badgers to go near the road and often end up killed by vehicles. Framing cutting would certainly help with all of this and re-assure the public that things are being managed, not abandoned or unkempt.	7/13/2021 12:50 PM
377	If you are so concerned why allow so much building and solar farms on green fields, this does not make any sense when you state your objectives in this survey!!!	7/13/2021 12:49 PM

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378	Areas left to grow should be managed where brambles, stinging nettles, invasive species etc take over; use of wildflower seeding including yellow rattle to restrict poor grassland growth.	7/13/2021 12:48 PM
379	Aim for a far higher %. Give incentive (Not financial) for similar approaches in private gardens ... make it acceptable and the norm for part or all a private garden be 'rewilded'. Supply information on this 're hedges, lawns etc., not just available on a website but in manner it cannot simply be avoided or ignored. Make it mandatory that trees over x high must have council permission prior to felling	7/13/2021 12:46 PM
380	Regular upkeep Follaton Park. Overall more greenery in South Hams	7/13/2021 12:46 PM
381	Also any suitable location should be used for allotments to allow people to grow their own food cutting the carbon footprint for as many as possible especially as there is a waiting list of people looking for something to do	7/13/2021 12:41 PM
382	10% seems very little to give over to wild flowers	7/13/2021 12:40 PM
383	I think this is a great plan. Please make sure that there is still good visibility on road junctions (long grass can make junctions more dangerous - in every other respect I completely support this initiative) thank you.	7/13/2021 12:39 PM
384	We need to reduce CO2 emissions. Most of the other stuff is just to convince the public you are doing "something". Need to get serious on using the Local Plan (and anything else you can think of) to make new housing developments much greener. Need to get behind retrofitting existing housing stock. Need to maximise PV on all council roofs. Need to exert all possible pressure the get SW Water to stop polluting our rivers - the make insufficient investment while making significant profits.	7/13/2021 12:38 PM
385	Stop allowing tree felling by developers. Mature trees create vital and diverse habitats for so many species. Protecting bat corridors is essential too. Cutting hedges in council properties should be paused too. My house is attached to one and we let our hedge grow this year and it is bursting with bees and butterflies!	7/13/2021 12:35 PM
386	Should not be done where owners walk their dogs as it is easy for the dogs to use the area as a toilet and then owners find it almost impossible to pick it up.	7/13/2021 12:34 PM
387	Help for hedgehogs to move around safely eg under road channels fill in dangerous flooded potholes etc	7/13/2021 12:32 PM
388	The trouble with not cutting is brambles (see Cornworthy road near the zebra crossing today (13 July) - a disgrace - any partially sighted person will have a bramble in their face. Also stinging nettles everywhere is appalling - tourists must think we are a very poor, lazy area	7/13/2021 12:27 PM
389	Relaxing rules on common ground for the purpose of re-wilding. Supporting Parish Councils with expert advice when creating Bio-Diverse areas on there own land. Information signs on projects in the process of re-wilding including the animals likely to take up residence in these areas. Include Primary School children in projects and processes.	7/13/2021 12:20 PM
390	Refuse building on green field sites and point developers to brown field sites.	7/13/2021 12:16 PM
391	We hope that this will be carried out and any 'new' ideas in future months /years will be considered carefully - this is so important and we are delighted that you are planning to act on what is suggestef	7/13/2021 12:14 PM
392	Prioritise wildflower areas and encourage mature trees to be kept within the boundaries of housing developments so that houses are built within and around the existing wildlife, then enhanced afterwards. Replant native species and remove coniferous woodland. Stop all forms of pesticide use on public land.	7/13/2021 12:12 PM
393	It's not enough. We badly need wildlife corridors to allow biodiversity to flourish, and all established areas of grassland, woodland and scrub should be protected for the precious resource that they are.	7/13/2021 12:11 PM
394	This is long overdue!	7/13/2021 12:10 PM
395	Tree planting with hedges and orchards within housing area green spaces. More vegetation and trees in new build areas. Stop garden fences extending around the Devon hedges, for example along Filham Lanes.	7/13/2021 12:08 PM
396	Paignton town centre little park is outstanding with wild flowers... lessen the cutting of roadside	7/13/2021 12:07 PM

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	verges, enhance all areas rural and urban with wild flowers, bee habitats and rewilding.	
397	As much re-wilding as possible please!	7/13/2021 12:01 PM
398	Plant more trees	7/13/2021 12:00 PM
399	If this goes ahead then local communities and organisations should be engaged and supported to carry on the good work already going on.	7/13/2021 11:59 AM
400	Publicity to communicate the importance of helping save the natural environment	7/13/2021 11:59 AM
401	Consider installing bee drinking stations where possible.	7/13/2021 11:56 AM
402	It's important for the ecosystem to have diversity plus having green spaces helps with flooding.	7/13/2021 11:55 AM
403	Council should encourage/require other landowners, recreation ground owners/operators to leave at least 1m uncut borders around their properties	7/13/2021 11:46 AM
404	I think this initiative is a great idea. However, it should not be at the expense of safety. Some of the current measures of leaving verges to grow wild are causing visibility issues in some locations for road users. Also, there are pavements that are no longer as accessible for pedestrians, especially those with young children and push chairs.	7/13/2021 11:46 AM
405	Promotion of tree planting and hedgerow reinstatement. Reinstatement of ponds and wetlands where appropriate. Support for other owners who do "the right thing".	7/13/2021 11:42 AM
406	I very much welcome this approach and would support any further practical measures.	7/13/2021 11:40 AM
407	Brilliant - cannot understand why this has not been done before. It's not rocket science, the decline in our wildlife has been appalling. The Pandemic has helped in bringing some back; however much more needs to be done. This is a good start. Well done and get on with it.	7/13/2021 11:40 AM
408	We need need far more green space not less to encourage wild life to live and breed in the areas	7/13/2021 11:39 AM
409	The council should continue to keep things clear and tidy. Homeowners/ Landlords/ renters of property around the areas should be encouraged to do more for their communities. Make it like some group. The council should have a way of vetting the group and support with training in regards to how to cut trees correctly/ plant / where to plant. Working together is a better option. Currently the council does areas/ landowners / renters do others. This causes confusion and also leaves some areas complete and others not. If the council decide to just leave areas landowners could just decide to take it upon themselves to "tidy up" etc Which is what currently happens. Stop. Work together. Create both. Healthy and Safe environments. For everyone and every living thing.	7/13/2021 11:34 AM
410	Make public aware of why re-wilding is important. Insects are under threat and they are responsible for pollination of many plants. Insects are near the bottom of the food chain. People say they love nature, have heard birdsong and feed birds, but insects are necessary as part of the food chain. Birds need abundance of insects at breeding time to feed their young. The ignorance of the food chain is widespread. Ignorance of the variety of insects is incredible. I walk most days and see a new insect on every walk, but numbers are declining, so wildlife further up the food chain is diminishing. I have witnessed and photographed the decline in Adders due disturbance and climate change. See insect pictures and more - https://www.flickr.com/photos/55776662@N08/	7/13/2021 11:31 AM
411	Wonderful idea, thank you so much for your commitment to our environment	7/13/2021 11:30 AM
412	Absolutely would like to see a lot of wildflowers on verges / hedges with road and in roundabouts (safety permitting!)	7/13/2021 11:30 AM
413	Rewilding humans is as important as rewilding for biodiversity ! ... we are inextricably linked after all - humans are part of the biodiversity. I see the council has a wonderful opportunity here for making abundant opportunities available for humans to live as close to nature as possible, for example enabling everyone who wants to, and especially low income households to purchase a piece of land and live on it in low-impact dwellings in a "greenclean" and sustainable way, without years of planning procedure and disagreements. This would also contribute to solving the housing crisis, support mental health, reconnect us back to our "inner wild" and generally improve things for everyone! ps. the grass verge on the corners of Fork	7/13/2021 11:30 AM

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Cross (on the Plymouth Road between Tigley and Harberton) does need regular cutting or you can't see cars coming when turning onto the Plymouth Road which is potentially dangerous!

414	Dissuade people using pesticides and gardeners killing slugs and snails! Save water for dry spells	7/13/2021 11:29 AM
415	Please plant lots of wildflowers!! Anything bee friendly	7/13/2021 11:29 AM
416	Think bigger	7/13/2021 11:26 AM
417	Keep roadsides and intersection verges cut back	7/13/2021 11:25 AM
418	The Roadside Verges must be kept cut on dangerous bends and road junctions. Someone is liable to be killed if this is not done.	7/13/2021 11:24 AM
419	Wherever it is possible to leave grass to grow longer with mown edges, the more you can do the better. Also, where possible log piles tucked away will create habitat for hedgehogs and small mammals and increase habitat for insects, grubs etc which are food for small mammals. Road verges trimmed at the edge are not only beautiful but great for nature, thank you	7/13/2021 11:24 AM
420	I did not answer yes to new wildflowers as this means more cost What you are suggesting is good and have been advocating for 40 years and will look better and save you cost. Do make sure visible site lines are maintained for vehicles and pedestrians. On another note changing from permanent planting	7/13/2021 11:23 AM
421	Really glad to see you doing this. How about offering wildflower seeds to residents to do their own bit of re-wilding?	7/13/2021 11:22 AM
422	I supported the no mow May and hope you do it next year.	7/13/2021 11:22 AM
423	Biodiversity is fine as long as it doesn't mean leaving everything in more of a mess than it already is.	7/13/2021 11:22 AM
424	SHDC own the site at Boringdon Camp which has been closed to the public for over 4 years, the site is 4.8 hectares. Sparkwell PC have been asking SHDC to join forces so that a proper plan can be implemented to allow public access, tree planting, wildlife areas etc for at least 2 years. Lets make use of this site [REDACTED]	7/13/2021 11:22 AM
425	This is a start Try it and evaluate don't go mad !!	7/13/2021 11:21 AM
426	Country/coastal public footpaths should be kept cut and clear to enable peaceful easy access to appreciate and enjoy nature and views. The need to almost cut through paths yourself in the summer months is very frustrating.	7/13/2021 11:20 AM
427	Turtley Corn Mill - we do this in our field adjacent to the pub to allow wildlife and dog walkers to both benefit and share. We are much complimented - I'm sure you will be too! Saves fuel, machinery depreciation, labour, protects wildlife, looks great. All winners! Great idea.	7/13/2021 11:19 AM
428	Encourage people to stop cutting down trees and hedges which are a natural home for wildlife. We need our trees for oxygen! We also need trees and hedges to absorb the massive amount of rain water running of the fields and flooding the roads!	7/13/2021 11:19 AM
429	you need to get the local media kids out and get all this on film/social media so we can all enjoy it. And feel free to go to 50%, with new trees too, and advertise if you need help.	7/13/2021 11:17 AM
430	All excellent suggestions and long overdue. You have my full support and I know many others feel the same. Thank you.	7/13/2021 11:17 AM
431	Go further, faster please. Of course you should rewild these areas and search for more.	7/13/2021 11:13 AM
432	On the right track, but I'd support increasing the target from a mere 10% to something much bigger.	7/13/2021 11:12 AM
433	Very good idea!	7/13/2021 11:12 AM
434	I think cutting is often done at inappropriate times from the point of view of the animals and birds depending on, eg, hedges, for their homes! I realise that where hedges and grass impinges on roads it has to be trimmed but this is often done without any thought to the nesting times etc of birds....it seems the car always wins. Wherever possible I think you should encourage the bees and insects which are so depleted and love wildflowers and long and varied grasses.	7/13/2021 11:12 AM

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435	This is an excellent idea which I fully support.	7/13/2021 11:10 AM
436	It is important to keep paths and kerbs clear and not use biodiversity as an excuse for not doing so. Many paths in Ivybridge are currently difficult to use as they are overgrown.	7/13/2021 11:10 AM
437	Increase the 10 Percent target to 20 percent. Careful with wild growth height affecting visibility at roundabouts / junctions etc	7/13/2021 11:09 AM
438	I'm delighted that the Council is acting this way. Well done!!	7/13/2021 11:08 AM
439	50 hectares in the whole of south hams is not enough - a real commitment would be to purchase some land with the specific purpose of rewilding, rather than reduce the opportunity for casual play, encourage dog owners not to be responsible. It is a cost cutting exercise which will result in unmanaged areas.	7/13/2021 11:08 AM
440	Areas of long grass does not need framing but mowing path through a large area of long grass encourages managed access / footfall. Long grass can cause severe issues to some with hay-fever sufferers so may not be appropriate near housing.	7/13/2021 11:08 AM
441	I wish more environmental protections could be insisted upon when considering planning applications from developers. Seeing the destruction of ancient hedgerows and the felling of very old but healthy trees as we are seeing on West Alvington Hill, Lock's Hill and the Dennings land is heartbreaking.	7/13/2021 11:07 AM
442	oh yes I do keep the green spaces we already have /had re looks hill Kingsbridge do not let them build on them !! and keep the edges along the roads clean no point having rewilding if it collects litter in there man power is needed more then seed packets	7/13/2021 11:07 AM
443	Encourage homeowners to be more biodiverse in their own spaces, education for communities about biodiversity, discuss green corridors and their importance, don't use roundup or similar weed killer anywhere (ensure your subcontractors are not using it), educate about the importance of "weeds" and change the dynamic.	7/13/2021 11:06 AM
444	While these measures are important. The Council needs to do more protect existing spaces from development and other threats, and deal with other pressures such as pollution.	7/13/2021 11:05 AM
445	Great proposal but needs to be addressed in the round - included in a wide long term review/plan for the whole South Hams area.	7/13/2021 11:05 AM
446	Unless there is a pressing need, can the road verges be allowed to maintain their spring and summer flush. The No Mow May initiative was good, but the flowers, and the flush was delayed this year and goes on longer than May. Also, and again where it's compatible with lines of sight and safety, can some sort of restraint be exercised on flailing hedgerows. Habitat and nest sites are destroyed just when they are most needed.	7/13/2021 11:05 AM
447	I would ove to discuss further [REDACTED]	7/13/2021 11:03 AM
448	Developers should not be allowed / have been allowed to build so many houses on the fields surrounding our towns.	7/13/2021 11:03 AM
449	Please get this in action as quickly as possible - our wildlife needs it!!	7/13/2021 11:02 AM
450	excellent idea the sooner the better	7/13/2021 7:54 AM
451	Brilliant that you are doing this. 10% increase in biodiversity (as stated at the beginning of the survey) seems a modest increase ~ why not be more ambitious?	7/13/2021 5:42 AM
452	Encourage home owners to rewild their gardens and to discourage destruction of green spaces (e.g. concrete/pebbles over grassy areas etc.) That a little effort at home can add up to a lot.	7/12/2021 11:21 PM
453	Incorporate good educational publicity to avoid accusations of cost cutting motives	7/12/2021 9:57 PM
454	In the report by Chris Brook (Climate Change and Biodiversity- 8/7/21), I note sections 3.4 and 5.5 . If grass cuttings can be removed, ground nutrient levels will tend to fall, discouraging grass, and favouring flowering species. If the grass removed can be incorporated with other material, it could make excellent compost. Otherwise, semi-parasitic plants, (such as yellow rattle) can be used to reduce grass vigour and favour broad-leaved species. I strongly approve of 'framing cuts' because they demonstrate deliberate action, not neglect. Thankyou for this encouraging action.	7/12/2021 9:46 PM

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455	Consider ways to help hedgehogs, Ivybridge for example sees so many killed on the roads. Road signs and hedgehog highways	7/12/2021 9:29 PM
456	Planting of native trees and shrubs should be encouraged. Reduce soil disturbance where possible. Provide corridors to allow wildlife to move safely between different habitats.	7/12/2021 9:03 PM
457	Our parish Council just pays lip service to biodiversity and doesn't engage with the local community on environmental issues.	7/12/2021 8:39 PM
458	The more wildflowers - the more chance of wild insects, then bird and so on, to limit or reverse natures decline. The council should encourage/enforce wildflower planting on non-council ground as well as their own. A good example is the old railway cutting alongside Middle Green, South Brent. 4 years ago the tenants asked for active wildflower planting by the maintenance company (Greenbelt). They have done nothing despite being asked. Initially ALL the grass was cut short regularly. Eventually we got them to stop cutting some areas and these have very nice long grass with some wildflowers but active planting would increase variety and support more wildlife.	7/12/2021 5:33 PM
459	I support all of this - I feel there should be restrictions on farming methods that hinder wildlife like spraying etc and that planning applications in the country side also keep an eye on how they will affect wildlife	7/12/2021 3:21 PM
460	10% is a start but seems a bit low. Pathways through meadows are very important to give the public the idea that it is managed and to allow people to enjoy them to the full. however it's important not to make these areas of meadow do not end up like islands - we desperately need connectivity between these rewilded areas to allow wildlife to move safely. It's great that councils are taking this seriously and different departments are talking together to join up the dots when it comes to our environment.	7/12/2021 2:43 PM
461	Until we see the maps it is difficult to comment on the proposal to have cut paths through the long grass, but my inclination would be to not cut where it is not necessary. Also I think the Council should look to actively re-wild more land where this is not used as amenity space.	7/12/2021 2:22 PM
462	Ensure ALL new housing developments include hedgehog pathways between gardens, birdboxes integral to new buildings, hedgerows protected. Meadowgrass roofs on new houses, on top of bus stops, free seeds via schools / library. Reintroduction of native plant species that have diminished, trees planted along new roads. All roundabouts to have planters / meadowgrass.	7/12/2021 2:15 PM
463	Please stop building on green fields	7/12/2021 1:38 PM
464	Wildflowers. Bee friendly practices. No glyphosate.	7/12/2021 1:22 PM
465	Long grass looks awful but long grass with wild flowers looks amazing all grass areas should be wildflower planted and no mow may every year	7/12/2021 1:21 PM
466	This is vital work, so this proposal should only be the first step in improving biodiversity.	7/12/2021 1:10 PM
467	I am very pleased to see these proposals and support them fully.	7/12/2021 12:44 PM
468	create new areas for wildlife and wild flowers	7/12/2021 12:37 PM
469	I think this is really great. Re-wild even more of the councils green space. We really only need recreation fields and some of the park land cut. Also, when cutting, upgrade to electric mowers. Go SHDC, save the planet xxxx	7/12/2021 12:36 PM
470	Congratulations on your plans to increase biodiversity. Consider increasing the 10%. Encourage residents to have wildlife at forefront of their garden/building plans.	7/12/2021 12:23 PM
471	more trees and less cutting!	7/12/2021 12:16 PM
472	Great idea. Many parish councils are trying but facing local complainers. Sadly people rarely write in support so only complaints are being heard. Please also mention that grass is also good to grow long not just flowers. No need to disturb and run great grass habitats to plant wild flowers.	7/12/2021 11:32 AM
473	every few weeks a team from SHDC comes and cuts grass verges near us - it would be great to see these spaces allowed to grow - but it's not just a question of not cutting - the area will still need some management eg cutting to allow seeds to disperse and then later removing the grass	7/12/2021 11:20 AM

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474	I think this is a good start but I encourage you to do more. 10% is a rather low target and lacks ambition. It is also important that strong protection is in place for these new habitats. Anyone found damaging or littering these new environments should be held to account. I also encourage to introduce more wet habitats into your plans, I.e wild ponds and bogs.	7/12/2021 11:17 AM
475	This can and must be done more immediately. By 2025? The time frame set to achieve this is too long.	7/12/2021 11:00 AM
476	Re-wilding road side verges Tree planting in the right places Green roofs on council buildings Focus on re-wilding riverbanks	7/12/2021 10:31 AM
477	Anything that can be done to increase biodiversity is to be applauded. Can I suggest providing spaces for tree planting where appropriate.	7/12/2021 10:09 AM
478	Speak directly to town & parish councils to find out which areas they would like to see included in the biodiversity plans, they will have areas that you probably haven't considered.	7/12/2021 9:52 AM
479	thoroughly support these proposals, think this issue is important	7/12/2021 9:45 AM
480	Thank you	7/12/2021 9:13 AM
481	Newton and Noss Mayo Parish Council would welcome further support and guidance regarding environmental issues	7/12/2021 8:45 AM
482	10% does not go far enough, needs to be more ambitious to be meaningfully impactful. Stop strimming altogether and adopt alternative cut and clear techniques to prevent destruction of invertebrates and enriching of swards from grass mulch. consider turf stripping in suitable locations before reseeding with more appropriate mixes and supplementing with wildflower plug planting Learn from the French who do this all so well on municipal areas	7/12/2021 8:34 AM
483	Don't forget to use grass verges for bio diversity - leave or plant with wild flowers	7/12/2021 8:05 AM
484	I would like every opportunity sought to green up even tiny urban spaces, replacing unnecessary hard-standing with wild flower areas by encouraging neighbourhood initiatives. Cooperation through the Transition Streets movement.	7/12/2021 7:48 AM
485	This seems to be a 'no brainer': not only is it obviously crucial for the environment, when South Hams should be doing everything it can for this, but it greatly enhances people's pleasure and wellbeing. Once it's all set up, it also means periods of reduced wear on machinery and less use of energy (less cost as well as better environmentally) and periods of reduced work mean those people can be directed to further, more useful things. But 10% is a very low target (mentioned in some points): why not do much more? Other places have already set a much higher standard. PLEASE, JUST DO IT!	7/12/2021 7:18 AM
486	A good start but much more needs to be done. Turn bus stops into bee stops, this seems to be helping in lots of places. Or any council roof.	7/12/2021 12:40 AM
487	Great idea, and I am 100% behind it.	7/12/2021 12:11 AM
488	Plant more trees	7/12/2021 12:10 AM
489	Please look at opportunities to work with existing groups that garden	7/11/2021 11:52 PM
490	Stop building on green spaces on edge of towns eg Locks Hill, Kongsbridge'	7/11/2021 10:28 PM
491	Please go as far as you are able to create wild spaces and increase diversity. I notice plymouth is doing a brilliant job and it shows tangeably with more bees and butterflies	7/11/2021 10:28 PM
492	Plant more wild flowers and trees	7/11/2021 9:33 PM
493	More green roof and green space building requirements for new builds as per wildlife trust guidelines. Green meadow spaces to allow for community eco projects.	7/11/2021 9:32 PM
494	Yes! Let's do more fir this plant of ours. We start small and the small efforts make a big difference! We are running out of time to truly make a difference so let's go SHDC!!!	7/11/2021 9:27 PM
495	As much wild growth in public space as possible - and information/education to help the public move away from focus on neatness over nature	7/11/2021 9:19 PM
496	Please don't be tempted to use glyphosate or other herbicides when you don't immediately get the species you want. As next step, allotments and small scale organic food production also	7/11/2021 9:10 PM

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enhance biodiversity- it may be beneficial to consider the potential value for food production on certain sites.

497	Encourage the community to engage in maintenance of pathside verges. Offer training in the use of the scythe for this purpose. This will help people to engage with the process of conservation and rewilding.	7/11/2021 8:35 PM
498	I think they could be more ambitious. 10% is not very high. How about green roofs on bus stops? How about council tree planting?	7/11/2021 7:36 PM
499	Encourage residents to plant wildflowers and not mow lawns until after flowering season.	7/11/2021 7:16 PM
500	We need to devote as much open land to wildflowers and wildlife as possible, including the council encouraging other owners to do so - there is so much farmland and moorland that is devoid of wild flora and fauna	7/11/2021 7:13 PM
501	Do more of these proposals!	7/11/2021 7:09 PM
502	Get parish councils to do more, eg rewilding verges	7/11/2021 6:36 PM
503	management of verges to encourage yellow rattle which would inhibit grass growth over a year or two	7/11/2021 6:12 PM
504	Thoroughly support this new approach and feel that public opinion has shifted significantly to support this. Apparently 70% of councils have reduced mowing in accordance with this shift in attitudes	7/11/2021 5:58 PM
505	Keep the ban on glyphosate weed killer and encourage people to understand why and to not use it themselves in their gardens- promote No Mow May for next year	7/11/2021 5:29 PM
506	Don't cut grass verges on the side of roads too far.	7/11/2021 5:21 PM
507	These proposals are positive, but must go further. Nature should not be forced to exist on the periphery. There should be an assumption in favour of wild/meadow areas when planning cutting and other maintenance. The perennial wildflower meadow should be the preferred option, and cutting justified in each instance.	7/11/2021 5:09 PM
508	Increase the laying of hedges rather than slashing which causes puncture danger to cycles and traffic	7/11/2021 4:52 PM
509	Please no more houses to be built	7/11/2021 3:51 PM
510	This is a good start. But I feel you could do more to engage citizens by talking about these things more, and by working closely with groups such as Sustainable South Brent, Moor Meadows and so forth. This is so urgent that we need to reach as many people as possible - and we need them to act - in their own gardens, on allotments, on verges (if safe) - everywhere!	7/11/2021 3:44 PM
511	new wildflower seed may not be necessary, in our experience, dormant seeds are already in the soil and just need the grass to be reduced in conjunction with a reduction in soil fertility for them to flourish. Yellow rattle is a grass parasite and a huge help. Important : traffic visibility should be maintained by selective verge cutting	7/11/2021 3:28 PM
512	Leaving fallen trees in some areas to encourage more biodiversity	7/11/2021 3:26 PM
513	Time for Councils to accept responsibility for more than council tax payers needs. There is a duty of care for our biodiversity.	7/11/2021 3:26 PM
514	There are a great number of verges in South Hams that are cut excessively (i.e. more than is required for road safety) and the cuttings are usually left in place. The cuttings then rot, enriching the soil which suits tall grasses but not much else thus perpetuating the issue (i.e. visibility on winding roads). Cuttings should be taken away to be composted, thus reducing the nutrient in the soil and ultimately the height of the sward and allowing wildflowers to find space. Leaving long grass and creating wildflower meadow will be fantastic for invertebrates but it is also worth considering their predators - will there be connectivity in the landscape to allow e.g. hedgehogs and bats to take advantage of the new habitat? Putting bat boxes on/in nearby buildings and mature trees will help, as will creating gaps in fences and walls for hedgehogs to get through. Please also consider swift boxes, artificial house martin nests and house sparrow terraces on any large buildings near to the new habitat. Log piles near to the new habitat will also benefit overwintering invertebrates and provide shelter for amphibians, reptiles and small	7/11/2021 3:19 PM

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mammals. Please also include signage to explain to people why the grass is being left long. I've seen on social media that various councils have received complaints about grass being left long from unenlightened members of the public.

515	The reason for my negative response is that a grassed area at the entrance to my road(Torr Bridge Park, Yealmpton) has been left to become a total mess. On roadside verges this would be a totally different matter but I strongly object to this being imposed in the heart of a residential area which incidentally is surrounded by wild spaces.	7/11/2021 3:11 PM
516	These proposals are excellent and I would like as many public spaces as possible to be rewilded or made more biodiverse. Thankyou	7/11/2021 3:08 PM
517	The Council needs to take over the management of its road verges from Devon County Council and adopt Plantlife's policy of 'no mow May' on its floristically rich road verges, such as the Totnes to Buckfastleigh A road. These are cut when flowers are in full bloom when they are providing nectar for pollinators.	7/11/2021 2:35 PM
518	I think the % targets are not ambitious enough. Our wildlife needs our help now. You could ask the local people yo help and make the big jobs into community events. You could start with the grounds at Follaton House. Thanks for the survey and all the work you do already. Happy to help [REDACTED]	7/11/2021 1:52 PM
519	There need to be 'before' and 'after' surveys to let us know how diversity has improved.	7/11/2021 1:50 PM
520	Grass and wild plant verges alongside roads, pavements and where ever possible and also around avenue trees. Let's see more lush natural areas where ever we can provided we have footpaths for walkers and roads where cars need to get through.	7/11/2021 1:46 PM
521	Stop using any kind of herbicides or pesticieds	7/11/2021 1:39 PM
522	Please add plants that help our pollinators wherever possible.	7/11/2021 1:39 PM
523	These proposals are hugely welcomed. I would also welcome guidance on how to deal with agricultural plastic littering and burning of plastic, which is a routine issue in my area of the south hams.	7/11/2021 1:05 PM
524	This is a great start. Please don't murder the hedges in the Autumn this year.	7/11/2021 12:43 PM
525	This is a great idea. Please roll it out across the whole of the south hams. ASAP	7/11/2021 11:55 AM
526	Certainly never to use glyphosate / roundup on any plants particularly where humans and animals will come into contact eg on pavements or along sides of paths / railways etc	7/11/2021 11:50 AM
527	More wil d flower planting on verges of main roads.	7/11/2021 11:25 AM
528	This looks like an obvious think to do with very few or no downsides. I fully support this initiative.	7/11/2021 11:16 AM
529	Good news that the destruction of habitats and wild plants is being reversed	7/11/2021 11:03 AM
530	Creating meadows is an important part of conservation - there are several informal groups who have been making progress with this over recent years - Moor Meadows for one - and a link with such groups would benefit both.	7/11/2021 10:31 AM
531	Aim to refuce traffic emission pollution which compromises the ability of plabts and insects to interact beneficially with their own more delicate chemical signals	7/11/2021 10:23 AM
532	I'd like to see rewilding plus supporting Council communications about the wildlife through partnership with existing wildlife, nature and historic environment organisations. Proactive planting is NOT necessarily the way to go, as there is a danger of ending up with homogeneity and losing the unique signature that makes a place special (and in any case introduced plants may not survive without the right balance in the ecosystem). But bravo, yes please, let us all see more of the wonders of the environment around us and come to understand and respect them better.	7/11/2021 10:17 AM
533	I believe al roadside verges should be managed this way, where there is no safety concern.	7/11/2021 10:03 AM
534	Leave dying trees that are not a hazard to public. Dead wood, especially if it is 'standing', is a very valuable habitat for many species and is in very short supply. Ash die back is a great opportunity to leave as much as possible to die naturally where it is. Also tidy is not good for biodiversity! Thanks for all that you are doing.	7/11/2021 10:03 AM

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535	I think the council should be tackling Himalayan balsam to stopping it spreading. This plant is so successful it reduces biodiversity and spreads very easily. I think cutting grass and vegetation around junctions and entries to roundabouts needs to be done more often for safety. There is scope for better biodiversity along the edges of the a38 and this would look nice for visitors. Perhaps sharing knowledge and advice to householders and landowners could help biodiversity as a whole across the South Hams and not just targeted areas. It would be nice to see if the wildflower areas would complement the natural biodiversity of that area, and not just a generic wildflower mix. With coastal areas and moorland areas with various habitats in between there must be species we want to encourage in some areas but not others. Again this could be shared with local homeowners and landowners.	7/11/2021 10:01 AM
536	Please leave grass long on road side verges. Swansea City saved a lot of money by having wildflower borders next to roads and footpaths so they didn't have to close the roads etc to cut the grass.	7/11/2021 10:00 AM
537	Whilst leaving any necessary walkways cut at roadsides where formal pavements don't exist, I would like to see more than 10% given over to the above suggestions for enhancing biodiversity. Sounds really worthwhile.	7/11/2021 9:59 AM
538	Tree planting, hedge planting. Planning rules that support sustainable building including sewage/drainage initiatives (i.e. septic tanks, soakaways on site). The Council should be petitioning Government to sort out Planning regulations to stop developers just doing the 'cheap' thing, and not the sustainable thing!	7/11/2021 9:52 AM
539	Whilst I support leaving areas of grass verges to grow long, many verges have not been cut at all recently which is causing safety issues. I am mainly referring to the verges by longcause and along Sawpit Lane. The traffic goes so fast along these roads yet the verges are too long for pedestrians to step onto. By cutting a path on these verges we could improve the safety for pedestrians	7/11/2021 9:52 AM
540	Please include roadside verges in your plans	7/11/2021 9:46 AM
541	Plant fruit and nut trees	7/11/2021 9:45 AM
542	it's a good idea, but unfortunately we'll soon have to start dumping our recycling on the open ground as we've only had 2 collections in 11 weeks	7/11/2021 9:42 AM
543	As much wildflower planting as possible in every available space. Not only would this encourage more wildlife, it would enhance appearance, make our beautiful area even more attractive and reduce workload and costs.	7/11/2021 9:36 AM
544	Removal of invasive species - especially rhododendron - as these are out-competing native species.	7/11/2021 9:31 AM
545	Please make similar arrangements for road verges and discuss with other authorities - DCC, Highways, Parishes etc... Explore other ways of promoting biodiversity, such as tree and hedgerow planting, orchard creation etc...	7/11/2021 9:07 AM
546	I would like 100% of council land to be sensitively managed fir wildlife and biodiversity. Borders and paths cut through for access and lots of wildflower planting	7/11/2021 9:06 AM
547	Excellent idea, would like to see an increase in non recreational green spaces being rewilded	7/11/2021 8:58 AM
548	Have a team of experts the public can contact for advice on wilding there own land /gardens.	7/11/2021 8:55 AM
549	I think 10% is nowhere near enough. Please consider revising this upwards.	7/11/2021 8:45 AM
550	Extend the initiative to more than 10% as biodiversity and supporting wildlife are of paramount importance!	7/11/2021 8:13 AM
551	Mire tree planting. Also many green spaces owned by Devon CC so negotiate with them to stop cutting these too- just keep sight lines open.	7/11/2021 7:38 AM
552	Make some green spaces that are ONLY for wildlife, and NOT for people.	7/11/2021 7:34 AM
553	I think it is such a brilliant thing to do and when all around us is being compromised, it is such welcome news, thank you.	7/11/2021 7:13 AM
554	I would like to see more than the suggested 3.5H of wilflowers	7/11/2021 7:03 AM

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555	Ensure that wild areas provide wildlife corridors not just isolated areas.	7/11/2021 6:31 AM
556	Thankyou for making a start on this long overdue project.	7/10/2021 10:29 PM
557	Don't hold back the naysayers will eventually be in a small minority	7/10/2021 10:18 PM
558	Love the re-wilding in Yealmpton. So important to support insect life and the subsequent species that rely upon them. Think more should be done.	7/10/2021 9:59 PM
559	On the verges please make sure cars and pedestrians can see whats coming. eg when crossing the plymouth road outside the top entrance of follaton house you cant see the cars so have to risk it and run across because the weeds have been kept to grow so I think in some places they need to be managed.	7/10/2021 9:50 PM
560	Wonderful that the Council into practice. We have a chance to challenge the tradition and perception of the need to keep spaces short & mown, & to allow the younger generations to see wildflowers & long grasses as a normal part of how we manage green spaces for nature.	7/10/2021 9:45 PM
561	We need to educate the public in order to reassure those who have lived mainly through the last few decades of tidy minded approaches to land management. Otherwise nothing is likely to improve. All efforts should be made to do this. I thoroughly endorse any rewinding and more sustainable land use. Thank you.	7/10/2021 5:49 PM
562	Sort out pollution by getting on with the cycle path to Littlehempston!	7/10/2021 5:42 PM
563	This is a great initiative. I fully support measures to improve biodiversity.	7/10/2021 5:40 PM
564	Eco work should be a priority	7/10/2021 5:32 PM
565	Pollinators (insects) are as much an essential base to the land-based food chain as plankton are to the oceans. Without them food crops vital to both man and wildlife would perish. Therefore it is vital to provide these creatures with nectar from flowering wild plants so they in turn may pollinate both our garden flowers, fruit trees and farm produced vegetables. Can we really live with ourselves if we only leave a concrete covered desert with sterile short-cut grass to the younger generation who missed seeing the full beauty of our countryside before the policy of pasture improvement was introduced along with insect (and other land based life) harming chemicals. Which polluted land, waterways and every living body in this land to a greater, or lesser degree Take a look at the photos of flowering meadows on facebook taken this year - and ask yourself do we not owe it to our citizens to give them back something of beauty, free to all and available to all - not just those fortunate enough to live in the depth of our beautiful area of England. These pictures are beautiful evoking memories of a childhood before short grass and pesticides, our grandchildren need to be aware of the benefit these so called 'weeds' and the insect life they support give to each of us.	7/10/2021 3:39 PM
566	wildlife corridors across South Hams. Nest boxes on new builds, grass roofs and rewilding	7/10/2021 3:19 PM
567	Ensure SHDC has a well resourced countryside service. Encourage landowners in the South Hams to manage their land for biodiversity	7/10/2021 3:04 PM
568	More spaces left to wildlife around the towns. Also wild foods and herbs. I recently walked along the river stour in Dorset where the council have planted herbs and salads- tree spinach, artichokes, nut trees and Berry bushes mixed with wild and bee friendly flowers. It was very beautiful and looked cared for but not over managed- I'd love to see this approach taken on by south hams.	7/10/2021 2:51 PM
569	Let's do this! It's starting to look wilder in Totnes due to the TTC taking initiative on this too. Well done.	7/10/2021 2:41 PM
570	Community orchards if suitable spaces available. Encouraging the joining up of isolated woods and copses.	7/10/2021 2:30 PM
571	What about planting some trees as well where you can there's a charity called moor trees that could help with that.	7/10/2021 2:07 PM
572	A good start. Please keep going!	7/10/2021 2:04 PM
573	I fully support all efforts to increase biodiversity and reduce use of fossil fuels in management of our shared council owned spaces. Thank you for continuing to make these positive steps forwards.	7/10/2021 1:57 PM

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574	A very positive step in the right direction. More of this please!	7/10/2021 1:25 PM
575	Trimming of hedges could be done more sensitively with a view to minimising its impact on hedgerow plant and animal species.	7/10/2021 1:24 PM
576	It needs to be joined up thinking. It should not just be a token gesture. Wildlife areas do better if they are connected to other areas/corridors. I don't think they really work if they are in isolation. Obviously they will need managing. These spaces do need cutting back at the right times to ensure survival of native plants and species and don't just turn into a mass of nettles or brambles. Proper advice from plant and wildlife experts needs to be considered.	7/10/2021 1:20 PM
577	In terms of increasing biodiversity, I would advocate that the Planning Department demand that property developers do not destroy natural Devon hedgebanks (even though they replace them afterwards with a modern equivalent) having destroyed the rare habitat.	7/10/2021 1:14 PM
578	Keep increasing chances for biodiversity please.	7/10/2021 12:36 PM
579	Great news please get going on this ASAP there is no time to lose - we do this on our own land here in the South Hams	7/10/2021 12:36 PM
580	The mindset of a few individuals shouldn't really be allowed to derail our response to an ecological crisis. It's a balancing act, but provided there are areas for leisure which fulfil their function, space and habitat should be given to organisms we rely on for pollination. There is a noticeable generational divide but we need to look to the future and trying to avert a much greater difficulty than untidiness. The obsession with taming "nature" has led us to the brink of ecological collapse, which will bite us hard in return. These small decisions are part of the UK's response to a global crisis. Please don't revert to a damaging set of aesthetic but time-hungry, expensive ideals around green spaces, which have had their time. Thank you.	7/10/2021 12:05 PM
581	The proposal looks to create wilding on approx 25% of available land. Why wait until 2025 for 10% why not aim for 25% by next year or at least stop mowing will create the most immediately.	7/10/2021 11:25 AM
582	Keep on please with the green living. Our planet needs this care and support more than ever. We need to learn the balance of humanity and the environment as we've tipped the scales with the demands of humanity for too long and there planet has suffered greatly as a result of those consequences. We must all change to embrace our natural environments more for us all to live a more balanced life for our beautiful green and blue planets. Otherwise our future generations of all species will suffer greatly and for the worst. Thanks for helping to encourage that biodiversity.	7/10/2021 11:06 AM
583	Could your staff offer advice to other landowners considering re-wilding/initiatives to encourage biodiversity?	7/10/2021 10:33 AM
584	The not cutting of verges needs to be balanced against road safety. Areas close to junctions still need to be managed, as do bushes & hedges. Also, biodiversity can't be an excuse for lazy gardening/gardening on the cheap. More attention to in town areas and kerbside without use of chemicals.	7/10/2021 10:22 AM
585	The proposal is very much needed to go ahead with increasing biodiversity. I would however point out that leaving rubbish and plastic on verges and even including it in the strimming is not good for creating a wildlife or biodiverse environment. What is saved on mowing these areas should be spent on firstly educating people NOT to throw their rubbish out of the car window and using extra funds saved by using it to clear our verges of rubbish before they strim. Thank you	7/10/2021 9:49 AM
586	10%by 2025 isn't enough. Great to see this socket being on the agenda, I believe the bar needs to be set high- the time for messing around is over. Can more be done to approach this in an asset based community development way? People are keen to help when given space, opportunity to do so and - most importantly - are trusted Thank you for all your work	7/10/2021 9:33 AM
587	Keep on with the biodiversity. It is so important to nature and our mental well-being.	7/10/2021 9:31 AM
588	plant hedges and trees with berries for birds, mammals and insects	7/10/2021 9:26 AM
589	In favour of anything that protects the environment.	7/10/2021 9:08 AM
590	Great plan! Let's hope we can change people's mindsets so they will enjoy the beauty of wildflowers and grasses. When planning the sites ensure there are wild corridors to link them.	7/10/2021 8:20 AM

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Could the farmers/land managers be encouraged to let their hedges grow? Hopefully the ELMS proposals will help in this area.

591	It's a vital step towards a sustainable world	7/10/2021 8:10 AM
592	Less hedge cutting except in areas where it may endanger motorists and or pedestrians	7/10/2021 7:12 AM
593	The council should aim to include much more than 10% rewilded . Use the 10% as a starting position and then increase	7/10/2021 6:57 AM
594	Provide more community space for growing food for the community, not just the token 6 plots offered by Baker Estates for the 80 new houses in Dartington. Local wildlife ponds.	7/10/2021 12:14 AM
595	More rewilding please. Thanks so mych	7/9/2021 10:26 PM
596	I'd love to know more about local species that are threatened with extinction and also those that we have lost. Are there iconic species that the people of the South Hams are particularly fond of and feel are important to the area?	7/9/2021 9:51 PM
597	Re wild our towns and countryside.	7/9/2021 9:32 PM
598	If this scheme is successful, it would be good to see it rolled out to the rest of the open spaces that you manage	7/9/2021 9:27 PM
599	As long as verges at junctions blind corners are kept short from a safety point then there ideas are great	7/9/2021 9:17 PM
600	Lovely to see some "no mow May" in Dartmouth. It's going to take tome and lots of education to change the way we see green spaces - having a sign up saying " no mow may" and explaining it in Dartmouth made a positive difference to my perception!	7/9/2021 9:05 PM
601	I'm all for this. We have a large patch of grass on the Plymouth Rd wherel live near the council offices. Would be amazing to see it transformed into a wild flower verge!	7/9/2021 9:01 PM
602	I'd like to see complete ban on weedkillers. Also planting around towns with only low nutrient/water tolerant plants, bee and insect friendly where possible. Also a policy of leaving dead trees to rot in place (so called 'stump gardens'). I'd like to see public buildings encourage nesting of birds like swallows and house martins.	7/9/2021 8:57 PM
603	Each location should be assessed for its existing characteristics and what species it does and/or could support. Although we wholeheartedly support rewinding, if we simply turn everything into wildflower meadows, that in itself can be a monoculture for some species. But we do support your proposals as being a good move forward.	7/9/2021 8:56 PM
604	More areas of grassland/scrub mosaic to give structural diversity	7/9/2021 8:50 PM
605	These proposals are merely token gestures. There needs to be a radical change of emphasis about how land is managed for biodiversity and wildlife if humans are going to redress the balance in time to avert the imminent catastrophe we're headed towardts.	7/9/2021 8:46 PM
606	The relaxing of cutting regimes on council land is a wonderful idea. It will save taxpayers money as well as improving the area for both people and wildlife	7/9/2021 8:42 PM
607	Leaving areas for wildlife and biodiversity should enable funds to be spent elsewhere and enhance the look and feel of the area. Great to see a foreword thinking plan	7/9/2021 8:41 PM
608	Great this is happening. No more non environmental property developer enriching house building please.. keep land for nature, biodiversity and so that we can all breathe clean air. Allow only eco building of affordable houses for local people.	7/9/2021 8:10 PM
609	A concern is that if edges of long grass are cut will animals be at risk of harm? If not left uncut these borders may need checking first Prehapes by volunteers who could survey the wild life and plants. I agree with the initial plot size but where practical prehapes increase slightly at a later date. Edges between walls and paths could be left where this does not cause slip and trip hazards.	7/9/2021 8:07 PM
610	Promote the outcomes of the initiative to the community and schools etc so that more people understand the benefits and don't think that the natural state of things is cut grass and neat row of panspermia and daffodils!	7/9/2021 8:06 PM
611	This is great news. The more the better!	7/9/2021 7:44 PM

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612	Your just trying to cut costs based on one single unpublished masters dissertation. Hardly conclusive evidence.	7/9/2021 7:39 PM
613	I would like to see every area left for wildlife meadows or trees, except sport fields and some verges, where visibility for traffic might be an issue. I sincerely hope the proposed planting of "wildflowers" mean native species only as they need all the help they can get. Many so called "wildflower seed mixes are not native.	7/9/2021 7:33 PM
614	I am very supportive of this initiative but feel you could be far more ambitious than 10% (appreciating there are areas needed for sports etc..). Even having smaller areas of wildflowers, strips etc.. can provide wildlife corridors. Key is to go for diversity of planting. I would also like to see the council pledge to stop using any chemical fertilisers or herbicides and focus on soil health of all its land in order to re-build organic matter in the soil. When considering the tree planting, it would be brilliant to look at some of the forest garden options which could provide crops or food or other benefits. The council has a real opportunity to lead the way and show how individuals can make a difference in their gardens too.	7/9/2021 7:29 PM
615	There are many small green areas around housing developments, whether council or private, it would be good to see the Council work with communities to encourage bio-diversity, and support the communities in their understanding of what can be achieved (and that biodiversity is not always tidy!).	7/9/2021 7:11 PM
616	Never use glyphosate. Let the weeds grow in Totnes, especially the Mexican fleabane.	7/9/2021 6:57 PM
617	Fantastic initiative which will really help with public education and changing mindsets. Thank you SHDC.	7/9/2021 6:32 PM
618	Where you allow planning permission needs looking at. Also there should be stipulations in planning to leave green wildlife corridors.	7/9/2021 6:28 PM
619	Well done for these proposals, it is a start but I feel you can go further. In total you are only going to rewild 25% of your green areas. I would aim for more. I would also hope to encourage some areas of tree planting and where you suggest creating wildflower meadows make sure if seeding to use only local seeds and those of species native and local to your area. Nice though it is to see lots of annuals like poppy/corn cockle/ cornflowers. They're not that local. Chat to the moor meadows group, they will have good advice and experience around meadow development	7/9/2021 6:00 PM
620	I'd love to see you encourage more rewilding and if possible be even more ambitious as we are in a climate and nature emergency with so many species on the brink of collapse, while we continue to develop fields and put the economy first (I appreciate people need housing, but we don't 'need' more second homes). It's widely accepted the goal should be at least 30% (of land and sea) for nature by 2030. Could the council commit to giving over at least 30% of their land to rewilding, hedgerows, ponds, orchards, meadows, and other biodiversity boosting habitats? Thank you for considering these ideas	7/9/2021 5:48 PM
621	All spraying to be stopped. Look at alternatives such as hot water (steam pressure) salt etc.	7/9/2021 5:44 PM
622	Also look into creating habitats for wild creatures like hedgehogs, voles, foxes etc.	7/9/2021 5:34 PM
623	Bi	7/9/2021 5:14 PM
624	Excellent set of proposals for the sake of us all I hope all are implemented asap. Thank you.	7/9/2021 5:12 PM
625	To encourage and allow bird boxes to be put in place on council property. In particular to address the need for swift boxes on existing properties or even better the installation of unobtrusive swift bricks on any new building . For any advice please feel free to contact me at XXXXXXXXXX	7/9/2021 5:12 PM
626	I support this intent completely. It is vital to encourage wildlife and plant biodiversity. Uncut grass looks wonderful, especially if it is a mix of grasses. Cut back on weedkiller and pesticides use as well. Get advice from PAN UK. And go for pesticide free towns through PAN. Refuse planning applications that do have adaptations for CO2 reduction and biodiversity.	7/9/2021 5:00 PM
627	I think this is a fantastic idea and i really commend you for taking this initiative - we are facing a biodiversity crisis and we all urgently need to change the way we live and manage our land. Thanks so much for undertaking this work.	7/9/2021 4:54 PM
628	Community owned and managed spaces for biodiversity - e.g. through local wildlife trust	7/9/2021 4:43 PM

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groups. Eliminate pesticide usage Use the Plantlife Good Verge Guide to dictate verge mowing regime. Set target for 30% of land and sea to be protected locally for wildlife by 2030, in line with national and international commitments from our government. Aim for at least 20% biodiversity net gain from all new developments in the local area. Strengthen the local plan to take spatial biodiversity information into account when allocating housing (e.g. the nature recovery network and biodiversity opportunity areas) Embed Wilbelt (see wildlife trusts) within local planning to ensure there is space for nature's recovery locally and reaching the goal of 30% of land and sea restored for nature by 2030.

629	Encourage Housing associations to do the same on their land	7/9/2021 4:39 PM
630	Include more relaxed hedge management too. Plant trees.	7/9/2021 4:34 PM
631	There is diverse wildlife already extant in the area...the only threat is the rampant housing developments being approved locally.	7/9/2021 4:32 PM
632	The council should also look at planting more fruit trees and bushes and berries on council land to provide food for birds and animals and enable local people to engage with where food come from by foraging and eating from a local seasonal and sustainable source.	7/9/2021 4:25 PM
633	Limit grass cutting to once a year and only where absolutely necessary. No more second homes built or sold. All remaining housing stock and development for full time south hams residents to avoid the need for anymore greenfield developments. Free education and subsidised resources for anyone who wants to rewild their own land. Stop farmers flailing the hedges so brutally. There is scarcely anything left of them, especially after the winter cut. Active engagement of residents with rewilding schemes - webcams, infrared cameras on nests/burrows etc so people can see what we are protecting. Read the comments on the Facebook page this survey was linked from.	7/9/2021 4:03 PM
634	I am running a successful bird box project in our Parish. This is very simple and promotes community involvement. Materials are sustainably sourced. We have professional RSPB guidance. With some basic funding this could be further piloted and launched more widely across the South Hams.	7/9/2021 3:56 PM
635	Bravo! excellent proposals.	7/9/2021 3:47 PM
636	As a village (Iddiswell) we are fully supportive of rewilding and it has been a discussion point lately. I agree with rewilding, but we need to be mindful of the rise in tick bites and limes disease increases if we just cut paths through long grass. Also the things that are out competing, like cow parsley, balsam etc must be cut back too.	7/9/2021 3:23 PM
637	Really important that the council do this, setting an example and inspiring others to do the same! This has been so long coming... we must all do what we can and do it now!! Thanku□□□□□□□□	7/9/2021 3:12 PM
638	I would like to see more small copse areas planted and let to rewild	7/9/2021 3:08 PM
639	Information boards about benefits of wild flower meadows	7/9/2021 2:55 PM
640	In Newton Ferrers I have already turned my two small patches of grass into wild grass meadows, now 18 inches high, and to accommodate the hunting of my small wall lizard population the surround of my paved patio has been left to grow mosses medium weeds and to my surprise self seeded buttercups and sisirhynchium. See the roundabouts in Eastbourne which are a joy.	7/9/2021 2:54 PM
641	I would urge the council to stop using harmful herbicides on verges and pavements. It's wonderful to see SHDC proactively taking steps to support our desperately fragile ecosystems, but if it continues to use these poisonous charcoal to combat weeds, it's giving with one hand and taking away with the other.	7/9/2021 2:42 PM
642	You must prioritise wildlife rich meadows and areas over development.This is your watch, do not dispose of our natural heritage, at any price	7/9/2021 2:41 PM
643	The council could also think about increasing its use of vertical spaces e.g. green walls	7/9/2021 2:23 PM
644	We have a small group of residents in Riverside Road in Dittisham who are keen to rewind the verge at their own expense but we need the council's support to ensure car parking is slightly restricted in order to do this. We have asked the Parish Council for their support too. Please	7/9/2021 2:09 PM

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can we explored this with the Highways authority. Regards [REDACTED]
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645	Please begin by educating schoolchildren and the general public about how essential it is to help enhance biodiversity Please scatter wildflower seeds to all road verges and roundabouts Please assess town and village trees and put in place many more Preservation Orders Plant as many young trees as you can Community bee hives?	7/9/2021 2:01 PM
646	This initiative has my wholehearted support, well done and thank you. I would urge the council to also reduce or eliminate the use of herbicides and insecticides on its estate.	7/9/2021 2:00 PM
647	I have written to the council to put forward these ideas in the past and I am very glad they are being acted upon. I do feel there is far too much hedge cutting. Birds and animals need hedges and trees for protection and food during the winter weather. This needs to be considered too.	7/9/2021 1:58 PM
648	Persuade the farmers to do the same on the peripheries of their land. They will find that they need to use less pesticides in the process. I used to live in West Sussex and the Arundel estate practice this with great success.	7/9/2021 1:58 PM
649	It's welcome but it's not nearly ambitious enough in order to address the widespread loss of biodiversity. The default should be that all Council land is managed primarily for nature. And the change needs to happen at scale and pace - we need leadership from the Council so that its land management acts as an exemplar that others can follow.	7/9/2021 1:58 PM
650	stop giving planning permission to homes that do not meet local need, are not built to carbon targets and destroy biodiversity	7/9/2021 1:57 PM
651	Consultation and communication are important	7/9/2021 1:33 PM
652	I fully support this action; it is long overdue.	7/9/2021 1:30 PM
653	Please plant more trees as well as rewilding. Please explore micro foresting - richly bio diverse forests that can be as small as a tennis court	7/9/2021 1:30 PM
654	No - apart from it's a very good initiative and I hope it is implemented in full	7/9/2021 1:26 PM
655	Consultation with the public is of paramount importance. How will SHDC promulgate their plans before taking a decision to proceed?	7/9/2021 1:22 PM
656	They sound fabulous, well done! Having seen the rewilding work carried out at Dittiscombe Farm outside Slapton, could I recommend that you talk to [REDACTED] about what they've learned over the 24 years they've been working to fully rewild Dittiscombe valley?	7/9/2021 1:12 PM
657	The areas that are already left wild are full of rubbish and look a mess! Stop building new houses, every bit of space available you either build on or it is a rubbish collection point. Our country and countryside needs tidying up and our green spaces farmed to feed us all. This will all provide jobs which in turn will improve mental health. What is the meaning of rural - this word will be extinct soon.	7/9/2021 1:09 PM
658	I think that this is an excellent idea. I am very much in favour of not mowing verges (where it does not impede visibility) and amenity spaces. The introduction of more wildflowers too (native species, preferably with a local provenance only though). The preservation of and creation of wildlife corridors reduction in the use of pesticides and weedkillers. Also signage to educate people about the wildlife and need to preserve it. I have just suggested to our village that we "re wild" our verges and have been met with a very enthusiastic response, it would be lovely to see this across the whole of the South Hams.	7/9/2021 1:07 PM
659	To support such proposals locally, I would need absolute clarity as to (i) how much if any money would be saved by who by not cutting grass; (ii) what would be done with any money saved; and (iii) who exactly would be responsible for the ongoing management and maintenance of uncut grass, towards ensuring that any local responsibilities truly have the knowledge, will, manpower and respect for others, such that these uncut areas of grass are not imposed by an active minority against tradition and expectation, for example in churchyards and cemeteries, nor that uncut areas of grass are allowed to become seed banks for recognised weeds that then infect neighbouring properties.	7/9/2021 1:07 PM
660	Plant more trees	7/9/2021 1:03 PM
661	These are great questions and great start but I think a 10% increase by 2025 in biodiversity in green spaces is not enough of a stretch target.	7/9/2021 12:41 PM

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662	I think any other opportunities that might present themselves to create more wildflower and tree planting should be seized with both hands and have my full support.	7/9/2021 12:29 PM
663	No	7/9/2021 12:28 PM
664	Please adopt the policy that 'unless there's a reason NOT to, all public land should be managed more sympathetically for nature through a combination of allowing some areas of grass to grow longer/hedge&tree planting and wildflower seeding etc	7/9/2021 12:23 PM
665	I ticked no to pathways mainly because of the disturbance if the segments are small but I don't object to a few paths in large areas. It would probably keep people off the wilding bits. Could the council co-ordinate a template for activities for community groups? Perhaps there is one? I was thinking about citizen scientist observations at a community level that fed Devon data bases and that sort of thing.	7/9/2021 12:09 PM
666	Excellent idea. Read Rewilding by Isabella Tree for more ideas.	7/9/2021 12:08 PM
667	Ensure that the areas are managed by people trained in ecology and diversity. Explain to the general public that the area will not always be in bloom and/or 'beat and tidy' and that nature is messy. Educate youngsters and old folk alike about the value of long grasses for invertebrates and for small fauna.	7/9/2021 11:57 AM
668	Put some more areas into wild areas	7/9/2021 11:48 AM
669	Planting herbs and fruit trees	7/9/2021 11:43 AM
670	Carefully consider what varieties of wildflower you plan to use to maximise benefits for the local wildlife.	7/9/2021 11:39 AM
671	Regularly check and clear litter and rubbish. Stop trying to kill trees and shrubs with strimmers. Natural rain water drainage..	7/9/2021 11:23 AM
672	Excellent proposals. This approach should also be introduced into building planning locally: require developers to provide wild green spaces, tree planting, to pay towards local rewilding. 2) Please try to ensure rewilded spaces are publically accessible and blended with recreation and social opportunities as well as green job creation.	7/9/2021 11:22 AM
673	Based on personal observation and scientific studies I believe we are in ecological crises and public policy should acknowledge this and do everything in its power to address this. All Council policies should hold the need to restore ecosystems wherever possible at their core and acknowledge that rewilding is, in essence, something that should be nature led rather than human engineered. Public spaces, building control, traffic design etc should all be oriented to a baseline of protection of our environment and an intention of increasing biodiversity both in quality and in scope across the South Hams.	7/9/2021 11:20 AM
674	This is a brilliant initiative. Thank you. You could engage with local sustainability groups and/or parish and town councils - provide them with maps of the land you own and ask them to come up with proposals. You might be able to re-route funds which you would have spent on that land to help fund the project which the group comes up with if appropriate. Exeter are doing this where community groups take on some road verges - perhaps that approach could be trialled here. You own quite a few car parks - perhaps there's an opportunity there. All in all - this is great and I bet this is Phase 1 of a longer term approach. The point is to start - which you are doing. Thank you.	7/9/2021 11:09 AM
675	Yes please to anything you can do to support declining biodiversity	7/9/2021 11:04 AM
676	amazing idea! support support support!	7/9/2021 10:57 AM
677	I think it's an excellent idea - well done to all of you for doing this! This crisis is very real and any actions you can take to help climate and biodiversity are essential and should not be prevented by those who still want to see flat deserts of cut grass. I would also encourage you to ensure that any new wildflower meadows are full of local, native species and not annual meadow mixes.	7/9/2021 10:57 AM
678	Planting native trees would be helpful too.	7/9/2021 10:55 AM
679	Long grass and hedges must not stop the safe view at road junctions. Stop digging up fields for housing otherwise we will have nowhere to plant wild flowers.	7/9/2021 10:40 AM

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680	It's great to see the Council is finally taking action, now stop building on every inch of land.	7/9/2021 10:30 AM
681	A good start and also do some PR & publicity to explain and encourage other landowners and gardeners	7/9/2021 10:22 AM
682	Leaving uncut grass looks a real mess.	7/9/2021 10:04 AM
683	This is long overdue. Let Mother Nature rule again	7/9/2021 9:30 AM
684	Reduce close cutting of grass in cemeteries - in particular Shadycombe Cemetery in Salcombe - to allow wildlife to thrive. Frequency of cutting should be reduced, and when mowing/trimming does take place it should leave a taller sward. Currently such close mowing is done that grass root systems are damaged and all nectar providing small flowers are decimated - this removes food for insects and ground cover for small mammals and reptiles/amphibians. Currently this has impacted slow work populations there, and we have lost the buzzards which used to feed there, and their presence would keep destructive seagulls and corvids away.	7/9/2021 9:11 AM
685	These are good ideas which have obvious benefits. The Council should also engage & encourage other landowners to improve their land management, especially that of hedgerows.	7/9/2021 9:03 AM
686	Next housing developments should come with substantial new plantings so that new residents have the woods and meadows they need for their mental and physical health. Hedges on public land should be managed less brutally, cut every other year or ideally laid by volunteers	7/9/2021 8:46 AM
687	excellent initiative which, if successful could be expanded further, Side benefit could be reduction of maintenance costs. Some of this could be used to promote the idea of rewilding on private property, providing nest boxes on public plots, insect (incl bee) nests - bee hives and organised sessions for the public to learn about conservation	7/9/2021 8:29 AM
688	Brilliant idea. I think the aesthetic argument is a tricky one (I think it looks beautiful but that's very subjective) but you cannot argue with the benefits for nature and our environment. I also think it's a decision for future generations (so should be selfless)	7/9/2021 8:12 AM
689	I would love to see part of the field at KEVICC turned into a wildlife park rather than housing. I would also like to see the council give incentive for landlords in places like the Totnes industrial estate to improve biodiversity by not mowing and planting instead. I'm mindful that contractors need work and fear that rewilding means doing nothing - the council should ensure that this is about changing job specs to maintaining, planting and caring for green spaces rather than mowing and strimming them to the detriment of wildlife and nobody loses their jobs.	7/9/2021 7:20 AM
690	Thank you for considering this action. Go as far as possible and then go much further! The crisis we are facing is terrifying. Anyone complaining about things looking untidy needs to be deterred by clear information on why it's happening. Torbay's recent planting of wildflower beds instead of formal planting looked beautiful and were very well received.	7/9/2021 5:27 AM
691	Its a great idea, I would just like to see it happen across more of Council land if at all possible.	7/9/2021 3:44 AM
692	It all sounds great. Thank you for supporting this initiative. But please do keep learning and growing and teaching.	7/9/2021 12:22 AM
693	10 % is not a big enough target. We should end this obsession with 'neatness' and where growth does not damage infrastructure it should be encouraged.	7/8/2021 11:25 PM
694	I find it sad that two entire fields at Locks Hill in Kingsbridge which had become a mini nature preserve over time have been completely stripped out for a new development. At the same time, SHDC are talking about rewilding small areas.	7/8/2021 11:13 PM
695	How about introducing some beavers?	7/8/2021 10:21 PM
696	I think it would be wonderful for the council to do more for nature and I thoroughly support its efforts to do so.	7/8/2021 10:18 PM
697	Many of the gardens in the South Hams are lacking any kind of biodiversity due to them being second homes. There needs to be a hike in council tax for second homes and the resulting money should go towards biodiversity projects here.	7/8/2021 9:59 PM
698	Replicating tradition wild flower meadow habitat an annual cut late summer, and using yellow rattle to impoverish the soil.	7/8/2021 9:46 PM

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699	The uncut areas need to include wildflowers. In many places where the grass is uncut, it provides little benefit as there is little for wildlife. Where grass is going to be left to grow, please encourage wildflower growth.	7/8/2021 9:42 PM
700	No spraying of weeds and a lot less grass cutting. Green roofs on bus shelters.	7/8/2021 9:23 PM
701	Plant wild flowers, however council does need to enforce homeowners with hedges along paths to keep them cut back, too many paths are impassable and when long grass verges are wet hard to walk on a path	7/8/2021 9:20 PM
702	Stop allowing developers to plough up beautiful land then SDHC wouldn't have to spend money planting wild flowers. Biodiversity is already there. Locks Hill in Kingsbridge would have been a great start. You are allowing the developers to laugh at you and completely disrespect the community.	7/8/2021 9:10 PM
703	Increase wildflower seeding in suitable areas. Some places need grass to be cut more frequently such as road junctions in rural areas where visibility is a safety issue. Prohibit HGVs using "unsuitable for HGVs" lanes as they damage trees and hedgerows. The proposals are insignificant compared to the extra houses being built without any regard to the loss of grassland, hedgerows and trees.	7/8/2021 9:00 PM
704	Proper wild space does not have signs telling you what to do or where or where you can go. Please don't spoil the "wildness" by horrible signs. The parks and public gardens of my childhood were full of signs telling me to "Keep off the grass". Can we please move forward and create an environment where we trust people to treat it well. Signs do not stop those without respect and ruin the world for those who really appreciate the wildness.	7/8/2021 8:22 PM
705	Must be usable space - so path cutting is a great solution. It will still need management - invasive species removal etc. So cost savings may not come to be realised	7/8/2021 8:17 PM
706	I think this style of rewilding/allowing grass to grow looks really nice when I've seen it in other areas and it would be great to see it here	7/8/2021 8:12 PM
707	Please make sure that the paths cut through the grass are wide and flat enough for a wheelchair user/ those with other mobility aids to safely maneuver through. It would also be good to include benches if the paths are long, so that those who need to rest more frequently can enjoy the wild areas too	7/8/2021 8:09 PM
708	I think the council should push developers of new homes to enhance biodiversity. I live in the Harford mews development in Ivybridge and there are few of the trees planted that are shown on the plans. There are green spaces but they are just short grass where some could easily be wildflowers, community orchards etc. There should be more community green spaces where residents can connect better with nature. Also more walking and cycle paths to connect people with green spaces	7/8/2021 8:03 PM
709	I think verges along roads should continue to be maintained and kept short to ensure visibility and safety of road users and pedestrians. However other than that there's loads of areas of land and parks etc. where improving biodiversity is a great aim. I also think you should consider projects to encourage locals to use the space they own to improve the biodiversity and planting. You don't need much space to install a pond or plant a shrub or some wildflowers. It would be interesting if you conducted wildlife surveys in the local area before, after and 5 years after to see the real impact it has had	7/8/2021 7:43 PM
710	Please incorporate footpaths and traffic free cycle routes in your plans for wild spaces as well desperately need ways to connect with the countryside on foot and by bike. Particularly where I live in Churchstow which does not have a single public footpath running from it and is penned in by roads.	7/8/2021 7:39 PM
711	There are many areas such as grass verges where public do not walk and can be left for wild flowers	7/8/2021 7:23 PM
712	Great plan. Now to turn down plans for housing on green field areas ... (actual meadows).	7/8/2021 7:08 PM
713	Even small spaces can make a big difference to wildlife. In my opinion, allowing spaces to become a little wilder rather than cut formally short is definitely the right choice - it can look so much more beautiful too!	7/8/2021 6:53 PM
714	That Kingsbridge in Bloom be consulted as they do wonders around town too and the Community Garden volunteers. Need ponds too...perhaps raised ones or bog gardens for toads	7/8/2021 6:52 PM

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etc and Hedgehog feeding stations and nestboxes in the Parks wild areas under hedges and trees.

715	I'm so pleased to see the South Hams tackling this issue and leading the way with Plymouth. Please continue to require developers to achieve ambitious net gains on their projects. I have a suggestion for a local project to me in Ivybridge, the long verges on Cornwood Road in Ivybridge could be planted with wildflowers to provide habitat from the a38 to the moor, mirror the lovely Devon hedges and provide a more pleasing look for visitors.	7/8/2021 6:08 PM
716	Please continue to cut areas around junctions as it makes it hard to see oncoming traffic Very excited to see wildflowers growing next spring	7/8/2021 4:57 PM
717	All verges and roundabouts etc should be left uncut and only trimmed when there is a hazard to road users or pedestrians. Cut a path through a verge if required rather than cutting the whole thing. Bring in more wetlands and ponds for wildlife. Take over the "lake" and Filham and let it be used for wildlife as currently its a resource enjoyed by a select few and badly managed as a fishery. Encourage residents to grow their grass long and provide free wildflower seed.	7/8/2021 4:27 PM
718	I would like to see stronger protection for existing trees and hedges.	7/8/2021 4:20 PM
719	Pass spare seeds on to residents who may want some.	7/8/2021 4:15 PM
720	I would welcome the proposals to leave verges uncut unless they provide a safety hazard to road users.	7/8/2021 3:20 PM
721	More hedges: New and existing hedges protected. Wildlife corridors introduced.	7/8/2021 3:16 PM
722	You are not going far enough, it should be rewilding 100% except where it interferes with road junction visibility.	7/8/2021 3:14 PM
723	Having watched the Wild about Devon webinar I'm interested in helping but dont have to skills or knowledge to know where to start, more information of how people can help in individual areas would be good.	7/8/2021 3:01 PM