

## Biodiversity for All – 2024

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority awarded Huntingdonshire District Council a three-year £1.35 million bid to accelerate the delivery of measurable biodiversity net gain in Huntingdonshire. This will be delivered through five key themes – CPCA Overview, Jobs and Skills, Strategic Open Spaces, Community Driven Delivery and Mapping. Four of these themes have developed into their own work programmes - please see project updates below.

### Project Updates: 16<sup>th</sup> August 2024



#### The Vision:

To increase local green skills to help tackle the biodiversity crisis and facilitate further green jobs, bringing local stakeholders and residents together to support nature, educate and contribute towards a Net Zero Huntingdonshire. Find out more [here](#).

#### What has been achieved this week?

- Work continues at the sixth Green Skills at [Stukeley Meadows](#). The project aims to be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024!
- We also bid a sad farewell to Alex who is moving on from his Graduate Ecologist role at the council, we wish him well in his new position and look forward to seeing him again at the Wild about Huntingdonshire event in September when he will be making a guest appearance to talk about his favourite subject - hedgerows!

**Wild About Huntingdonshire Festival**  
**Hinchingsbrooke Country Park**  
 A celebration of nature in and around Huntingdon  
**September 28th and 29th 12-4pm**  
 Stall info email :- [teresa.fairchild@huntingdonshire.gov.uk](mailto:teresa.fairchild@huntingdonshire.gov.uk)

Chainsaw carving demo	Science experiments	Nature Stalls
Have-a-go Woodturning	Microscopes	Craft stalls
Paddleboarding	Apple pressing	Childrens activities
Fungus foray	Wildlife rescues	Guest speakers
Birds of prey	Give aways	Live music
Yoga by the lake	Inflatables	Food and drink stalls
Have a go fishing	Adaptive bikes	Gardening for wildlife
	Land train	Arts and Crafts



## Strategic Open Spaces

### The Vision:

To prioritise key HDC strategic sites across Huntingdonshire for biodiversity development. The aim is to gather evidence, engage with the community to co-design and deliver on projects to boost biodiversity on these sites.

### What has been achieved this week?

- Having consulted with members of the public and Huntingdonshire District Council's planning team, key deliverables for [Priory Park](#) and [Hill Rise](#) have been highlighted. The past week this information has been shared internally via our organisation's Friday Updates email. You can read more about the biodiversity improvements at these sites in [last week's newsletter here!](#)





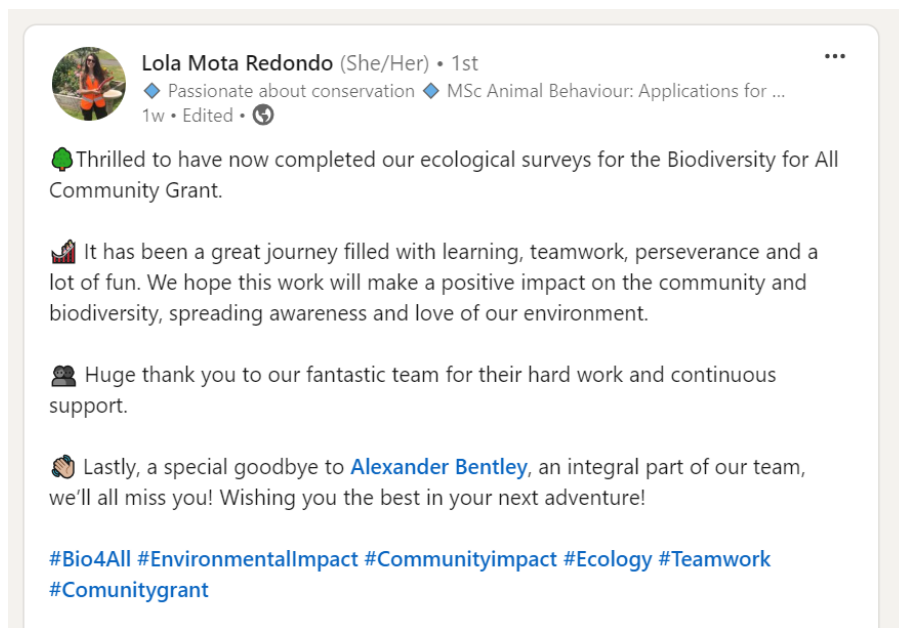
## Community Driven Delivery

### The Vision:

To encourage and enable others within Huntingdonshire to increase biodiversity through community engagement and delivery.

### What has been achieved this week?

- This week, the Graduate Ecologists continue to write their reports and recommendations, which are typically over 10,000+ words each. In the meantime, check out Lola's video about completing the biodiversity site audits across Huntingdonshire [here](#).



## Mapping

### The Vision:

To collate data, collecting observations of species on sites. To inspire and educate future generations to raise awareness of biodiversity and the part they play in the ecosystem.

### What has been achieved this week:

- iNaturalist statistics – In the past two weeks, observations have increased by **134** to an overall total of **13,766** and identified species have increased by **4**, totalling **2,153**. There are currently **1,064** Huntingdonshire residents signed up to log observations through the iNaturalist app.

- This week, observers found (amongst many!):

Common Lizard



Pellucid Hover Fly



Wasp Spider



Barred Grass Snake



- Don't forget to download the iNaturalist app to log your species findings across the district!

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