

## 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: 30<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?

- This week the Green Skills project has finished at [Stukeley Meadows](#). The pond is complete and a celebration ceremony was held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> to recognise all of the participant's hard work and award 4 participants with their Level 1 City & Guilds qualification in Practical Horticulture. You can read more about the Green Skills project [here](#).
- The seventh Green Skills course has been confirmed for October 2024 at our newest park, [Berman Park](#)!



Want to help improve your local green space, work on your mental health, and achieve a **City & Guilds Level 1 Award in Practical Horticulture?**

- > Start date: 2nd October 2024
- > Gain careers advice and support
- > 10am-3pm Wed - Fri, for 8 weeks, Age 19+
- > Engage with nature and increase your conservation knowledge
- > £50 voucher upon course completion and PPE provided!
- > Improve your confidence, motivation, and well-being

If you are interested in finding out more: drop by Huntingdon Jobcentre on the 2nd, 17th, 19th, 23rd of September!

Or call, text, email Eve: T: 07736132497 E: [eve.lucas@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:eve.lucas@groundwork.org.uk)

Or apply 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, our Graduate Ecologist, Lola, continues to write the Community Biodiversity Grant Scheme 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 **45** to an overall total of **14,061** and identified species have increased by **9**, totalling **2,189**. There are currently **1,078** Huntingdonshire residents signed up to log observations through the iNaturalist app.
- This week, observers found (amongst many!):

Marsh Woundwort



Red Kite





Chicken of the Woods



Dryad's Saddle



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

A promotional graphic for iNaturalist. The background is a soft-focus green with a butterfly in the center. The text 'What is iNaturalist?' is in a large, bold font. Below it, 'Citizen Science' is written in a smaller font. A paragraph of text explains that every observation can contribute to biodiversity science. Three QR codes are present: one for 'seek by iNaturalist' and two for downloading the app from the App Store and Google Play. The iNaturalist logo is prominently displayed in the lower right.

**What is iNaturalist?**

**Citizen Science**

Every observation can contribute to biodiversity science, from the rarest butterfly to the most common backyard weed.

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