



Chalford Parish Nature & Climate Framework

Protecting, restoring and connecting
nature to support climate resilience
and community wellbeing –
through local community action!

Building on our progress, knowledge, and partnerships



The **Chalford Parish Nature & Climate Framework** brings together existing policies, information and planning to guide practical action.

The framework complements wider work to reduce emissions and support renewable energy in the Parish.



Chalford Parish Biodiversity Policy



Chalford Parish Local Nature Action Plan



Ecological surveys & local knowledge



Chalford Natural Capital Report



Stroud Climate and Nature Strategy



Other local nature initiatives

Our Approach:

These priorities work together to protect nature, improve biodiversity and support climate resilience



Protect

Look after our valued wildlife and habitats.



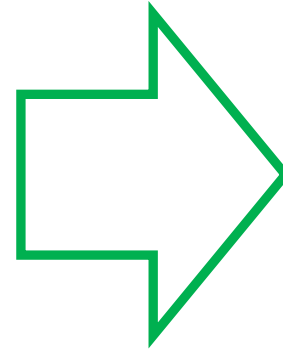
Improve

Improving and restoring more land for nature and climate resilience.



Connect

Connecting green spaces so wildlife can move and spread through the Parish.



Climate benefits



Supporting climate resilience by storing carbon and using nature to respond to impacts such as hotter, drier summers and wetter winters.

How we deliver:



Understanding and monitoring nature

Recording, mapping and monitoring local biodiversity to understand its value and check our progress.



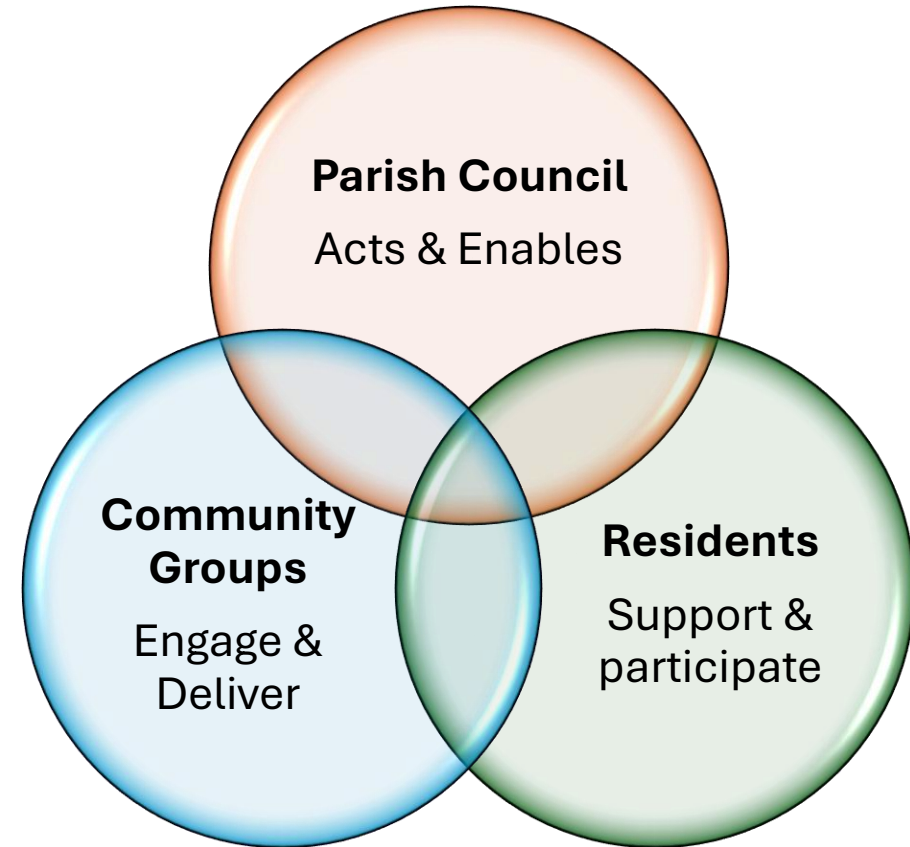
Community action

Nature conservation and recovery happens with our residents and because of our community.

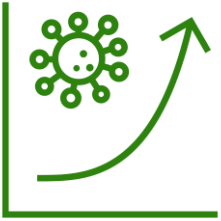
Roles:



Coordinated and effective local action.



Success:



- ✓ **No net loss of biodiversity**
- ✓ **More land managed for nature**
- ✓ **Better connected habitats**
- ✓ **Strong community participation**

Our focus:

To do

- ✓ Look after and expand woodlands and wildflower areas.
- ✓ Plant more trees and hedgerows.
- ✓ Continue low impact mowing of biodiverse roadside verges.
- ✓ Avoid pesticides.
- ✓ Protect habitats in planning responses.

To do

- ✓ Share clear and consistent messages about nature and climate.
- ✓ Encourage connection with nature.
- ✓ Support community groups and volunteer action.
- ✓ Work with landowners, schools and residents.
- ✓ Deliver practical, achievable projects.

Remember

- ✓ Carbon is locked up in trees, grasslands and healthy soil.
- ✓ Trees protect from heat, give shade and intercept flood water.
- ✓ Long grass can help slow flood water, retain moisture, and improve spoil health.
- ✓ Nature provides important services like crop pollination, clean air and water.