

**IDENTIFY:****TEN TIPS FOR BIODIVERSITY IN YOUR CLUB****1 Set up a Green Team**

See the 'How to Use the Green Club Toolkit' infosheet at <https://learning.gaa.ie/greenclub> for advice on setting up a Green Team.

**2 Carry out a simple baseline audit**

A simple audit or biodiversity survey will help you identify existing biodiversity in your club as well as opportunities for action.

**3 Use the GAA Green Club resources**

Visit <https://learning.gaa.ie/greenclub/biodiversity> for resources to help you plan and implement your actions

**4 Keep up to date with local funding opportunities:**

Clubs in the 26-counties can sign up for their local Public Partnership Network (PPN) newsletter (<https://www.gov.ie/en/policy-information/b59ee9-community-network-groups>) while clubs in the six counties can keep up to date through funding opportunity emails sent out regularly to club secretaries by Ulster GAA and via Live Here Love Here community grants (<https://www.livehereandlovehere.org/cgi-bin/generic?instanceID=30>).

**5 Link in with younger club members**

Engage in biodiversity and community projects through, e.g., Green Schools or Eco Schools, the GAA Future Leaders Programme or the Dermot Earley Youth Leadership Initiative.

**6 Partner locally**

Contact organisations in your local community that might be interested in partnering on biodiversity projects or on shared biodiversity funding applications e.g., local Men's Sheds group, Tidy Towns, local schools.

**7 Communicate with club and community members**

Install signage to highlight the biodiversity and wildlife in your club grounds or organise talks or biodiversity events in the club. Consider including communications as a cost in grant applications or getting local sponsorship for biodiversity signage. Consider designing all signs as bilingual.

**8 Create a mini-pond or micro wetland**

Ponds and wetlands can be really important biodiversity hotspots and can be used to reduce the impact of rainwater runoff on local waterways.

**9 Record your actions**

Showcase your club projects and help the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan track new pollinator-friendly habitats created by GAA clubs by recording your actions at <https://pollinators.biodiversityireland.ie/>

**10 Review your progress**

Bring your Green Team together annually to review your actions and, where possible, measure gains in biodiversity. Key questions could include: Have you increased the area managed for biodiversity? Have the number of species recorded or observed on-site increased? Has awareness of biodiversity in the club improved?

**Clubs in the six counties can register to 'Adopt a Spot' with Keep NI Beautiful and apply for a Wildlife Kit for their Green Team.**

<https://www.keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org/cgi-bin/generic?instanceID=20>