

## Morston Biodiversity Plan

Areas within the village: -

- Blakeney Downs – Gravel Pit
- Church
- Pond / ditch
- Evergreen oak / bench
- Hedges to the quay / verges
- Caravan Site

NB Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) bordering the village. Marshes and Esker.

Morston Parish Council will endeavour to encourage: -

1. Awareness of environmental matters within the community, particularly those due to the climate crisis.
2. Where possible ensure grass is not cut too short thus allowing native flowers to grow for bees. Also to encourage the sowing of native flower seed wherever possible.
3. Less hedge cutting and grass cutting to improve habitat for wildlife where it is safe to do so.
4. Management of the pond area especially to support action to encourage native fauna and Flora and to remove invasive non-native species that are growing. (Action plan is in place by SWAMP to create a healthy pond and surrounding area.)
5. Water saving awareness should be considered at all times. In particular, the use of water butts and other forms of water harvesting.
6. Dark skies policy to reduce nighttime light emissions and promote less use of continuous lighting, except where safety and security are important where the appropriate type of lighting is encouraged. Raising awareness where properties and landowners might be able to make improvements.
7. The creation of wildlife corridors, areas of land that bridge the gap between habitats, joining them together. Wildlife corridors can be large, or small, which means that anyone can help in their creation. This helps to restore and preserve biodiversity allowing movement between important habitats to maintain genetic diversity in wildlife populations.
8. Neighbouring countryside owners to be made aware of the Biodiversity Plan and encouraged to support us in this plan.