

MALTON TOWN COUNCIL

STATEMENT

DEMONSTRATING HOW THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETS ITS DUTIES IN RELATION TO BIODIVERSITY AND CRIME AND DISORDER

Crime & Disorder

Malton Town Council acknowledges its duty to consider crime and disorder implications when exercising its various functions and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area, in accordance with Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. One of the Council's strategic objectives is to "improve community safety and lower fear of crime".

The Town Council are responsible for the management and operation of a sophisticated CCTV system operating 24/7 in three towns in Ryedale, namely Malton, Norton and Pickering and work in partnership with the Police and the Multi Agency Problem Solving Task Group (MAPS). The Council attends the fortnightly MAPS meetings and attends drop in sessions at the Civic Office and local secondary school on a monthly basis with the North Yorkshire Police Beat Manager for Malton and Norton.

The Council have signed up to the BE THE CHANGE Charter which has been launched to tackle crimes in public spaces and encourages everyone from individuals, Neighbourhood Watch Groups, businesses and organisations to take an active stance against crime in public spaces, such as harassment, hate crime and antisocial behaviour.

The Council are also signed up to the North Yorkshire Police BE INFORMED text service and receive regular updates on anti-social behaviour incidents in Malton that Police Officers are attending.

The Council support community safety and regularly publish crime prevention information from the Police and Fire & Rescue Authority. The Council consider crime prevention when commenting on planning applications.

Biodiversity

Malton Town Council acknowledges in its Climate and Biodiversity Policy, its duty under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, s40, to consider the conservation of biodiversity when carrying out their functions. One of the Council's strategic objectives is to protect the town and its residents from the impact of environmental change, including climate change. The policy was adopted by Council in March 2022 and will be reviewed again in March 2023.

Link to the Climate & Diversity Policy

https://www.malton-tc.gov.uk/_webedit/uploaded-files/All%20Files/Council%20Policies/Climate%26DiversityPolicy.pdf

Malton Town Council acknowledges the urgent need for global society to reduce carbon emissions. We recognise the part we must play and commit to taking an active role in achieving this through our policy. The Council have purchased a gazebo which will be utilised for community engagement events.

Malton In Bloom (MIB) is our already established and thriving community garden campaign, run entirely by volunteers and managed by Malton Town Council will continue the aim to make Malton look marvellous throughout the year.

Through the Town Councils Malton In Bloom project, Malton Secondary School, St Mary's Primary, Malton Community Primary School and First Malton Scouts have participated in a diverse range of floral competitions, gardening clubs and environmental projects.

They have worked hard on the Royal Horticultural Society Schools Programme which starts young people on a life times journey with plants. Children learn how to grow and harvest vegetables, grow fruit and create planting areas suitable for bees and butterflies. Bug hotels have been installed in all three schools along with raised beds. The students at Malton School have even made their hanging baskets which are displayed beautifully around the school and supply the school kitchen with produce from their garden. Malton In Bloom are delighted that our schools are part of our project, we are keen to share practical knowledge and inspire people of all ages and abilities with an interest in plants and gardening, growing the next generation of horticulturists. MIB also involved the scouts where they planted the seeds for our wildflower garden at Orchard Fields.

The Town Council own, manage or maintain several recreational green space/natural open space, some formal, some less formal. These provide opportunities for natural habitats which the Council is committed to protecting through its Bio Diversity Policy.

There is also a scheme underway to establish some wild flower areas and a wild flower meadow in New Malton Cemetery. These areas offer a diverse and typically exceptional attractive habitat which allows the provision of native or naturalised grasses, wildflowers and flowering plants and of course habitats to a range of insects and smaller mammals.

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