

## ACTION

<b>1. Policy &amp; Legislation:</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>Meets Objective</b>
1.1 Produce development control policy guidelines for biodiversity planting on new housing developments (trees in particular).	SC			*	*		1
1.2 Protect urban trees and woodland within existing gardens through planning conditions and tree preservation orders.	SC		*	*	*	*	1
1.3. To protect Stirling's allotments through the local plan policies.	SC		*	*	*	*	1
<b>2. Site and Species Safeguard &amp; Management</b>							
2.1. Provide composting facilities within communities and promote home composting of green waste and leaves.	SC	Landfill Trust.	*	*	*	*	2,3
2.2 To discourage bonfires, landfill of green waste and illegal dumping of garden waste.	SC		*	*	*	*	2,3
2.3. To provide biodiversity friendly management of gardens through the Council garden services to the elderly or disabled and on Council managed gardens.	SC		*	*	*	*	2
2.4. To support the peat free campaign and encourage gardeners to use alternatives and for garden centres to support peat free products and to phase out peat products.	U&CW G		*	*	*	*	2,3
2.5 To provide demonstration gardens accessible to the general public (Smith Museum, Plean Country Park)	Friends of the Smith, SC		*	*	*	*	3

2.6. To support habitat creation initiatives (subsidised ventures supported by local businesses) such as a Garden Ponds and Trees scheme to encourage people to create more biodiversity friendly gardens.	SC		*	*	*	*	2,3
2.7. To provide a Christmas tree mulching service through the council.	SC		*	*	*	*	2
2.8. To encourage positive garden management advice for water vole, tree sparrows, thrushes and other priority species using gardens.	Rangers	CARSE, RSPB	*	*	*	*	2
2.9. To encourage organic gardening through the Food Futures initiative.	SC		*	*	*	*	2,3
2.10 To support community garden biodiversity projects through the Community Environment Grant Scheme.	SC		*	*	*	*	2,3
<b>3. Advisory</b>							
3.1. To offer a wildlife gardening advisory service to the public, to encourage positive management.	Rangers	NTS, RSPB	*	*	*	*	3
3.2 Protect urban trees and woodland within gardens, through the provision of a development advisory note on trees in the urban environment.	SC		*	*	*	*	1
3.3 To produce a bibliography of books and leaflets available on wildlife gardening and to have these accessible to the public.	CARSE	FEL, Rangers	*				3
3.4. To produce an advisory leaflet on biodiversity friendly/unfriendly plants for your garden and the need to control invasive species e.g. giant hogweed.	SC			*			3
3.5. To provide advice on organic pest control as an alternative to chemical use.	SC		*	*	*	*	3
3.6. To provide wildlife gardening advice to schools through the Grounds for Learning initiative.	GFL SG	NTS	*	*	*	*	3
<b>4. Research &amp; Monitoring</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>Meets Objective</b>

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4.1 To promote and collate the CARSE ‘The Natural Garden’ survey which will identify valued wildlife gardens in the Stirling area, local support and wildlife that these gardens sustain and will provide a means of monitoring them in the future.	CARSE	Rangers, Public	*	*	*	*	1
4.2. Investigate number, distribution and condition of urban trees and woodland within gardens. Link to the urban corridors greenspace strategy. Monitor their condition over the years.	SC		*	*	*	*	1
4.3. Survey residents through the Citizens panel (Stirling’s Sounding Board) and obtain baseline statistics on composting, wildlife gardening and organic gardening as performance indicators of sustainability.	SC		*	*	*	*	1,2
4.4.To support the RSPB in bird initiatives such as Gardens Bird Watch on 26/27 <sup>th</sup> January each year.	RSPB	Rangers	*	*	*	*	1,2
<b>5. Communications &amp; Publicity</b>							
5.1. Garden for Life initiative – a national partnership project from 2001 to 2004.	SNH	SC, NTS	*	*			1,2,3
5.2. Promote wildlife gardening through a series of events on different issues such as peat, ponds, nectar stations, trees/shrubs, long grass nettles, composting, etc, to be run by the Ranger Service in partnership with other agencies such as the Mid Scotland Environmental Education Forum.	Rangers	FEL, SC, NTS	*	*	*	*	3
<b>6. Plan Monitoring</b>							
6.1. Monitor and review this plan in general annually and in depth every 5 years.	U&CW G		*	*	*	*	All

**Abbreviations.**

CARSE	Central Area Recording Systems for the Environment.
FEL	Forth Environment Link.
GFL SG	Grounds for Learning Steering Group.
Rangers	Stirling Council and Loch Lomond and Trossachs Ranger Service.
RSPB	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.
SC	Stirling Council.
SNH	Scottish Natural Heritage.
U&CWG	Urban and Communities Working Group.

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