

The Actions

Theme 1: Education and Awareness

No.	Action	Potential partners	Links to Draft Heritage Plan
1	Develop a biodiversity awareness-raising campaign focusing in particular on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General awareness of biodiversity and natural heritage in Kilkenny. • The impact of climate change on biodiversity. • The problem of invasive species. • Protected species and habitats. 	CCCK, NHWG, NPWS, SRFB, Teagasc, BirdWatch , BSBI, Tidy Towns Groups, An Taisce	
2	Raise awareness of urban biodiversity, in particular on the wildlife that occurs in urban areas and urban wildlife habitats. Identify opportunities for greening Kilkenny City.	CCCK, NHWG, BirdWatch, BSBI, NPWS, Tidy Towns Groups, An Taisce	
3	Develop and promote a Kilkenny biodiversity webpage.	CCCK, NHWG, NPWS, BSBI, BirdWatch, Teagasc, Forest Service	Action 29
4	Select species for flagship projects that encourage public participation in recording important and easily identifiable species.	CCCK, NHWG, BirdWatch, BSBI, NPWS, NBDC	
5	Highlight the biodiversity and environmental value of the River Nore in Kilkenny.	CCCK, NHWG, SRFB, NPWS, Angling Groups, BNS LEADER	Action 8
6	Promote awareness of the value of wetlands and riparian habitats for wildlife and water quality, and in relation to climate change and flood mitigation.	CCCK, NHWG, NPWS, SRFB	

7	Raise awareness of the importance of hedgerows for wildlife, landscapes and the environment, and promote their conservation and management.	CCCK, NHWG, Crann, Teagasc, NPWS	Action 23, Action 59
8	Support & promote the training and certification of contractors in hedgerow management.	CCCK, NHWG, Teagasc, PACI	Action 23
9	Identify and support the options to facilitate the teaching of biodiversity in the county, in partnership with education providers.	CCCK, NHWG, KEC, NHWG	Action 15, Action 17

Theme 2: Information

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10	Identify areas of local ecological interest in the county. Include sites identified in Local Area Plans. Explore options for protecting these areas.	CCCK, NHWG, NPWS, BSBI, BirdWatch, Tidy Towns Groups, An Taisce	
11	Conduct surveys of important but often overlooked habitats in the county.	CCCK, NHWG, NPWS, BSBI,	
12	Promote the survey of bridges for bats prior to any development works.	CCCK, NHWG, NPWS, Bat Conservation Ireland, An Taisce	
13	Conduct a survey of significant trees in the county.	CCCK, NHWG, Crann, Forest Service, Coillte	
14	Support the collection of biological data and the lodging of these data in the National Biodiversity Data Centre.	CCCK, NHWG, NBDC, NHWG	
15	Support and develop links with national biodiversity events and	CCCK, NHWG, BirdWatch, BCI,	

	surveys e.g. Annual Dawn Chorus and European Bat Night.	NPWS	
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Theme 3: Enjoyment of Heritage

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16	Support the development of walking trails that highlight natural heritage.	CCCK, NHWG, BNS LEADER, NPWS, SRFB, Tidy Towns Groups, An Taisce, Fáilte Ireland	Action 42, Action 43
17	Publish and promote information on sites of nature conservation interest open to the public throughout the county.	CCCK, NHWG, NPWS, Coillte, BNS LEADER	Action 44

Theme 4: Managing Heritage

No.	Action	Potential partners	Links to Draft Heritage Plan
18	Seek the appointment of a Biodiversity Officer.	CCCK, NHWG, Heritage Council	
19	Support implementation of national Habitat and Species Action Plans.	CCCK, NHWG, NPWS	
20	Support and promote the creation of a network of local natural heritage groups and interested individuals	CCCK, NHWG, BirdWatch, Community Groups, An Taisce	Action 56
21	Support the development of biodiversity guidelines and a biodiversity training programme for Kilkenny local authority staff with particular emphasis on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The management of hedgerows and trees. 	CCCK, NHWG, NPWS, BSBI, SRFB, BirdWatch, Bat Conservation Ireland, Teagasc, Crann, An Taisce	Action 52, Action 53, Action 23, Action 59

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carrying out works in or near watercourses. • The protection of bat roosts and bird habitats. • The control of invasive species. • The retention of natural habitats in new developments. 		
22	Support initiatives that promote the conservation of biodiversity on farms.	CCCK, NHWG, Teagasc	
23	Support efforts to protect river banks in order to maintain water quality and aquatic biodiversity.	CCCK, NHWG, SRFB, NPWS, Teagasc, Farming Organisations	
24	Support efforts to improve river passage for spawning fish such as salmon and lamprey.	CCCK, NHWG, SRFB, NPWS	
25	Monitor implementation of the biodiversity plan and publish an annual review with a view to developing the subsequent 5-year plan.	CCCK, NHWG	

SRFB – Southern Regional Fisheries Board
 NPWS – National Parks and Wildlife Service
 BSBI – Botanical Society of the British Isles
 KEC – Kilkenny Education Centre
 CCCK – The Council’s of the City & County of Kilkenny
 PACI – Professional Agricultural Contractors of Ireland
 NBDC – National Biodiversity Data Centre
 BNS LEADER – Barrow Nore Suir LEADER