Agenda Item: Parish Council 8th July 2025

Sutton-on-Trent Parish Council

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| **Subject:** | **To update the council on the progression of biodiversity initiatives across the Parish** |
| **Report by:** | **Cllr Tyers** |

**1. Background**

At the meeting in March 2025 the Members will recall we adopted a Biodiversity Plan as required by the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.

**2. Present Position**

**No Mow May** – Cannot be directly influenced by this Council however, the local community can be encouraged via local publications (Unity) to limit their own mowing of certain areas to encourage invertebrates and other wildlife.

**Churchyard** – Following the vote by the Parochial Church Council against the Biodiversity Plans, in direct disagreement with the General Synod's requirements we will be focusing our efforts on the Sports Centre in the Short-Term.

**Sports Club** – Designated biodiversity area has not been cut this year. The Chair of the Sports Club Committee is happy with the aesthetics at this stage. Organised cut for end of September. Tornadoes children to throw flower bombs following the cut. Spoken to Sutton on Trent Primary School Headteacher about educational involvement and enrichment and organised donation of wood for breakdown and habitats from Specialist Forestry Services (local tree surgeon).

Cllr S. Tyers
Councillor