TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS IN NATURE RECOVERY

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STATE OF NATURE

13%

decline in average species' abundance.

Our indicator of average species' abundance of 696 terrestrial and freshwater species has fallen by 13% since 1970; the rate of decline was steeper in the last 10 years, although not statistically significantly so.

5%

decline in average species' distribution.

Our indicator of average species' distribution, covering 6,654 terrestrial and freshwater species over a broad range of taxonomic groups, has fallen by 5% since 1970, and is 2% lower than in 2005. 41%

have decreased in abundance.

More species have shown strong or moderate decreases in abundance (41%) than increases (26%) since 1970, and likewise more species have decreased in distribution (27%) than increased (21%) since 1970.

53%

of species show strong changes.

Our wildlife is undergoing rapid change; the proportion of species defined as showing strong changes in abundance, either increasing or decreasing, rose from 33% over the long term to 53% over the short term.

15%

of species are threatened.

Of 8,431 species that have been assessed using regional Red List criteria, 15% have been classified as threatened with extinction from Great Britain, and 2% are already extinct. From the State of Nature 2019 UK report



ECONOMY

A complete subset of the environment

RESILIENCE AND HEALTH

Flooding, heat, food security, clean air, microbiome



NOVEL ENTITIES

Plastics,
pharmaceuticals,
pesticides

BIOGEOCHEMICAL FLOWS

Nitrogen, phosphates, human wastes

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING



Rodington Parish Council held on 3rd November 2021 at 7:30pm held at Rodington

Village Hall

21/22.97 Climate and Nature Action

21/22.97.1 The Chairman asked members to approve a declaration of a Climate and Nature Emergency and implement agreed actions to develop a Climate and Nature Action Plan for the parish. The Chairman noted that we are in the middle of COP26, and we should be taking this issue seriously. It was proposed by Cllr Currie and second by Cllr Gaskin, all in favour, thus RESOLVED to declare a climate and nature emergency for Rodington Parish Council.

Cllr Currie recorded a vote of thanks to the Clerk for bringing this issue to the attention of the Parish Council.

What's next?

- Green space maintenance
- Hedgerow planting
- Water quality project
- Rainwater harvesting
- Community recycling
- Talks programme
- Wildlife-friendly farming

Courtesy of Tom Hayek

- Ask the community what they want
- Tell people what you're doing
- Understand your resource but...
- ... be patient



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