

Agenda Item 7

For information – Introduction to the work of Resilience Officer Jo Morris & an update on biodiversity and zero waste work

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Jo Morris joined Frome Town Council as Resilience Officer in November 2021.

1. Biodiversity - Community Wildlife Mapping

- Partnership project with Somerset Environmental Record Centre (SERC) to establish a town-wide baseline for biodiversity in our green spaces and in private gardens, in line with Frome Town Council's ecological emergency declaration.
- Encouraging people to get outdoors, connect with nature and take positive actions for wildlife.
- The data gathered will inform our management plans for our parks and green spaces, as well as our climate & ecological emergency strategy and action plan.
- Supporting "The Wild Bunch"- new wildlife friendly gardening group created by Neighbourhood Networks.

[More information about this area of work can be found on the FTC website here:](#)

[Wild about Frome - Frome Town Council](#)

[Join Frome's community wildlife mapping project - Frome Town Council](#)

2. Zero Waste- Plastic Free Communities

- Acting as Plastic Free Communities Ambassador for Frome, working with businesses, schools and other community allies to retain our Surfers Against Sewage (SAS) Plastic Free Community Status
- Two new businesses (I dress Myself and Ganjika Holistics) signed up so far in 2022

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[Plastic Free - Frome Town Council](#)

3. Zero Waste- Plastic Free. Period

- Funded by Mendip's CEE Fund and delivered in partnership with Frome Medical Practice
- Community wide campaign encouraging use of sustainable menstrual products – workshop 3rd February (postponed due to COVID), free period pants distributed via Fair Frome, discounts secured from local shops and online for residents who pledge
- Workshops delivered to the four middle schools in town reaching over 1000 students
- Developed inventory of plastic free products available across town

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