



# Sustainable Development Action Plans as a path to Biodiversity Gains

Experience from Antrim and  
Newtownabbey Borough Council

# Who's Priority?



# Green Flag

A Welcoming Place  
Healthy, Safe and Secure  
Well Maintained and  
Clean  
Sustainable  
Conservation and  
Heritage  
Community Involvement



# River Bank Enhancement

- **Three problems**
- Poor River Bank Structure
- Christmas Trees
- **Solution**
- Christmas Tree used for bank revetment.
- **Results**
- Improved habitat for wildlife
- Saving of £40 per tonne if recycled
- Improved relationships with local angling club
- Staff Capacity Building



# Just Two



# Engaging People



# Sustainable Development

- Sustainable Development
  - Working Group established in 2011
  - Representatives from all sections
  - Provided an opportunity to work together and share resources across departments
  - Highlighted the need for an Environmental Management System

# Opportunities Everywhere!

