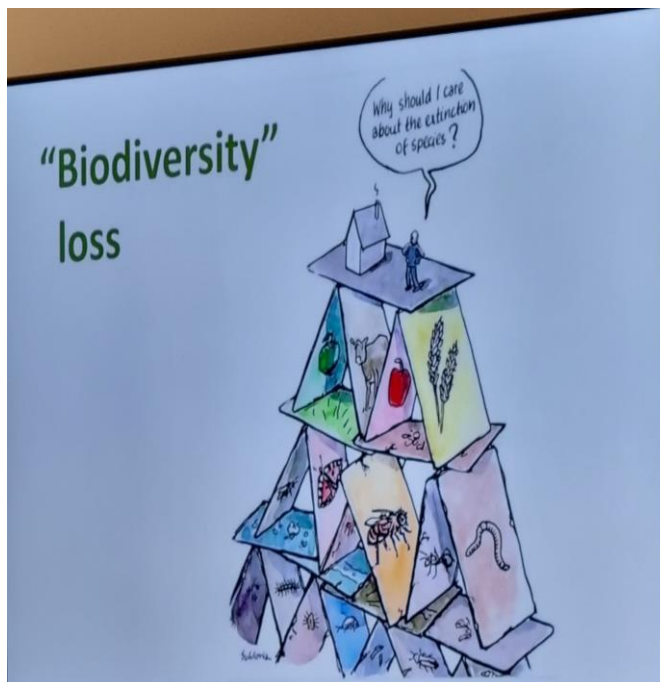


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Cormac cut Hatt Roundabout for the first time this year on 18<sup>th</sup> June. This is in line with Cornwall's Nature Recovery Plan which aims to halt and reverse the decline in biodiversity in Cornwall for the health and wellbeing, and commercial benefits it will bring for the community.

Cormac is now delaying the first cut of roadside verges until the end of May/early June in order to allow wildflowers to bloom and provide habitats for pollinators and wildlife corridors to link up isolated habitats. The only exceptions to this will be where there are safety concerns. BFPC is pleased that Cormac have finally adopted this approach which it advocated back in 2018.

There have been concerns that the village approaches have looked “untidy” and “uncared for.” It is now widely recognised that nature suffers when, with the best of intentions, we try to tidy it up by cutting and strimming everything to bowling green standards. We care for the environment when we allow it to thrive, not by tidying up the rough edges. We would do well to remember that as a species we live precariously on the top floor of a biological house of cards which is supported by invertebrates and micro-organisms. If we neglect or destroy them the whole edifice collapses.



Cllr Malcolm Fletcher, June 2024.