

The newsletter focus this week is:

### **Biodiversity**

Our targets for biodiversity are:

- Establish a beehive, sell the honey locally.
- Refurbish the current bird houses.
- Maintain current bug hotel

Exciting news...The bee hive has arrived! We need to paint it and get it ready to receive the bees. Watch this space for further updates.

Five ways to protect biodiversity at home:

1. **Eat more organically grown produce items.** These are fruits and vegetables that were grown without the use of harmful fertilizers that are often made from a vast array of chemicals and components.
2. **Select times to walk to work or play activities instead of driving your vehicle.** This healthy option reduces emissions in the air which negatively or harmfully impacts both plants and animals.
3. **Use batteries that are rechargeable and buy related kits.** This practice not only cuts your cost of purchasing batteries but reduces lead and other metals utilized in their production.
4. **Turn lights off after leaving a room.** This is a practice that promotes the use of less electricity overall and it also can have a budget-friendly impact on your household or office utilities.
5. **Plant a variety of flowers in gardens outside the home.** This is a way to promote our immune systems, pollination and to maintain bee populations and the making of local honey products.