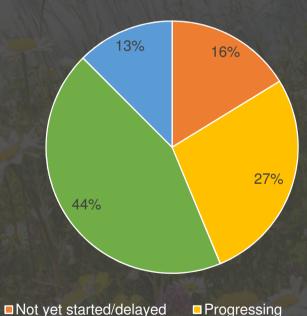
## WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN UPDATE JULY 2023



## **BAP ACTIONS 2023**



■ Completed

■Progessing well

- Gained approval for the Technical Advice Note on Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) and expect this to be published on our website shortly. This provides interim guidance for developers and planners on BNG prior to it becoming mandatory in November.
- The Management Plan for St Giles Hill was approved and work is underway by both our Tree Team and the Friends of Group.
- The Hampshire and Isle of White Amphibian and Reptile Group (HIWARG) spotted an adder up at Whiteshute Ridge in Badger Farm. Our first record for this site.
- Our species-rich chalk grasslands are looking fantastic and teeming with life. Take a walk at West Hill Cemetery or Whiteshute Ridge and you will see a variety of wildflowers including pyramidal orchid, field scabious, lady's bedstraw and black knapweed.
- 46 swift boxes have been installed at Trussell Crescent, Weeke to support the population already nesting in this area. Excitingly one of the boxes is already in use!