

Buckingham Town Council's Climate Emergency: What has been achieved so far

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Climate Emergency Action Plan (CEAP)

- ▶ Buckingham Town Council declared a Climate Emergency in July 2019, since then created a plan that sets out the practical steps and timelines to enable the Town Council to meet its climate emergency targets of net-zero by 2030.
- ▶ The Action identified the following priority five areas of change to be addressed within specific, measurable, actions.



The following measures have already been implemented

Energy

- Installation of Solar Panels at Lace Hill Community Centre
- Renewable Energy Contracts in place on all sites
- Annual Tree Planting sessions



Transport

- Council owned Electric Vans
- Purchase of electric powered machinery for new cemetery
- Town's walking and cycle routes regularly promoted
- Buxplore app created to promote healthy walking routes
- Refurbishment of town/park benches and installation of additional street furniture from sustainable materials



Food & Land

- Community Flood Plan in place
- Installation of Wildflower information Boards in Bourton Park
- Native woodland bulb planting
- Plans for 50 new allotment site on Tingewick Rd and signposting to existing sites
- Promotion of Community Gardening Scheme
- Greenspaces cut later in the year to support and promote biodiversity.
- Wildflower meadows across Bourton Park and new cemetery
- Hosts of the Buckingham Tree Wardens Scheme
- Key partners in the creation of the Buckingham River Warden Scheme
- Financial support and promotion of the Railway Walk conservation group



Economy, Housing Waste

- Recycling bins at all Town Council offices and public events
- Implementation of Town Council's Sustainable Procurement Strategy
- Redesign of the Buckingham Neighbourhood Development Plan to encompass Climate mitigations
- Schools' Litter Competitions
- Low flushing toilets in Cornwall's Meadow and Lace Hill
- Recycled plastic litter bins at Brackley Rd Cemetery
- Recycled plastic picnic bench at Lace Hill
- Water Bottle Refill station at Chandos Park
- Grant applicants to state environmental impact of their project

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Community Engagement

- Climate Emergency Webpage
- Regular programmed social media campaigns and initiatives
- Public Meeting on Climate Change took place on 24th March 2022
- Annual Spring Green Fairs in April
- Consultation with local schools
- Annual River Rinses and litter picks
- Partner in Buckingham Wildlife Group

