



Basingstoke  
and Deane



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# Climate Emergency

- In 2019, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council declared a climate emergency at full council
- Committed to make the council's own buildings and operations carbon neutral by 2025
- Pledged to work towards net zero carbon for the Borough by 2030.
- A revised Climate Change and Air Quality strategy is being produced to go to committee in September and consultation in the autumn



# Why we want to engage with Parish & Town Councils

- Local knowledge – each area knows what their individual problems/barriers are
- We recognise you have local knowledge and enthusiasm for change in your communities
- Each area is different
- Before lockdown a number of towns and parishes had contacted us wanting to carry out climate emergency actions in their areas
- Despite the current situation, planning can take place now and some actions progressed
- BDBC can offer support in all of this from help to plan actions and delivering them
- Links to other projects such as Neighbourhood Plans or local biodiversity projects



# What schemes are currently available for communities?

- **GREENING CAMPAIGN** – community engagement tool. Getting your residents working together to make carbon reduction changes in their lives.
- **OVERTON CASE STUDY** – Parish Council has declared their own climate emergency and established groups to focus on sector. Currently working on a Whole Village Energy Plan
- **ANNUAL GREEN WEEK**
  - a borough wide programme of events/activities providing Information on how to live more sustainably and have fun
  - Now 8<sup>th</sup> year; smaller programme of events this year but to include local directory of environmentally friendly shops/services



# How to engage with us?

- Questionnaire
- Comments on strategy during consultation
- Direct approach to team

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# Questionnaire ...

## TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL AND CLIMATE EMERGENCY PLANNING

In 2019, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council declared a climate emergency at full council with the commitment to make the council's own buildings and operations carbon neutral by 2025 and the borough net zero carbon by 2030.

Since then, and following on from a 7<sup>th</sup> successful Basingstoke Green Week in 2019, a number of residents and Town/Parish Councilors have approached council officers expressing an interest to continue actions throughout the year, in some cases declaring their own climate emergencies.

The borough council would like to offer support for climate change actions being taken by Town and Parish Councils and it would be useful for us to understand what help we can give you to continue your climate change actions under lockdown or as restrictions are lifted. If you have decided to focus on the more pressing needs of the pandemic situation for the time being, please let us know if and when you would like to hear more about what climate change emergency actions you could be setting up.

Climate change officers at the council are still working, albeit from home at the moment, so are available to answer any questions. Please also return your completed questionnaire to: [lucy.martins@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:lucy.martins@basingstoke.gov.uk) or [sam.taylor@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:sam.taylor@basingstoke.gov.uk)

Question	Response
Were you aware that BDBC has declared a climate emergency?	
Before the lockdown did you make any commitment at your council meetings to develop a climate emergency action plan?	
What, if any, activities are being planned or carried out.	

Do you have a contact or group leading/co-ordinating this activity?	
If you are currently focussing on the pandemic situation, please give an idea of date when you would like us to contact you about climate change.	
Please let us know what support would be helpful <i>Your work will be guided by the needs and ideas of your parish and town councils, however BDBC can support and enable/facilitate.</i>	



Do you have ...

Any questions?



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# Final thought ...

