

13/4/22 To Cllr Jeffrey

You asked me to email you again with my question.

I think it was over a year ago that I first asked.

"What is TVBC carbon footprint?" and you said you would find out.

I've done some digging on the TVBC website and found this -

"The Council declared a climate emergency in September 2019 and committed to identify steps we can take to achieve carbon-neutrality as soon as possible.

In June 2020 the Council approved its climate emergency action plan. It concentrates on what the Council can do to make a difference.

The Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee is updated about the Climate Emergency Action Plan every 6 months, with the papers available on the Council's website. The most recent reports were in September 2020, March 2021, and October 2021."

Here -

<https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/aboutyourcouncil/corporatedirection/environmentandsustainability/climate-emergency-action-plan>

Which says -

"The Council declared a climate emergency on 4 September 2019 and committed to 'investigating clear and effective options to become a carbon-neutral organisation'" and "There needs to be more engagement from Parish Councils and with local businesses." Looking at the data table for tonnes CO2 equivalent. The reductions for 2020/21 compared to 2018/19 don't seem to reflect any urgency. How will the planet survive on this showing? However...

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was Last Updated: 19 November 2021 Is this really the latest update?

Much more urgency and effort needs to be included?

Further digging found the Annual Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Report 2020/21

<https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/assets/attach/15596/Test-Valley-Borough-Council-Annual-GHG-report-202021.pdf>

Tables show GHG emissions (tCO2e) for the past year against the base year of 2018/19 using the Environmental Reporting Guidelines 2019 methodology.

It also mentions 154.3 Carbon credits but says-

11.1 The council has not purchased or delivered any carbon offset projects.
and

13.1 The Council has a 49.6 kWp solar PV system at Portway Depot

That's a start. Of the buildings under TVBC control, why don't others have solar PV? Why none on Beech Hurst still?

The Climate Change Act 2008 sets out legally binding targets for reducing carbon emissions, processes for setting carbon budgets, and reporting in relation to adaptation to climate change among other matters. The legislation was amended in

2019 to commit the UK to a legally binding target of net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

I also mentioned another source of information for all your parishes. The Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE) has published a tool called Impact. Which allows you to select your area and see how the carbon footprint compares to others. NWPC has had a link to the Impact tool for a couple of years. here - called

The Community Carbon Calculator

<https://impact-tool.org.uk/>

You should try it. It's quite helpful.

Nether Wallop is 27.3 t CO₂e/

Over Wallop is 19.7t CO₂e

Kings Somborne is 24.5t CO₂e.

Test Valley is 18.9t CO₂e

Why is that?

CSE is an independent national charity that was initiated in 1979. Their Vision is a world where sustainability is second nature, carbon emissions have been cut to safe levels and fuel poverty has been replaced by energy justice. Their mission is to share their knowledge and practical experience to empower people to change the way they think and act about energy.

Cheers

Jon