

KINGS HILL PARISH COUNCIL

CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN



OUR AIM

This Climate Action Plan outlines the strategies, goals, and actions that will guide the councils' efforts to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions, improve biodiversity and to create a more sustainable and resilient Kings Hill.

By implementing this Climate Change Action Plan, Kings Hill Parish Council aims to lead the way in creating a happier, more sustainable, and resilient community, as well as setting an example for others and contributing to the global effort to combat climate change. Together, we can build a thriving Kings Hill with a better future for our citizens and residents.

TOP LEVEL OBJECTIVES

- Reduce carbon footprint and improve resilience by reducing reliance on fossil fuels.
- Assess and develop habitats to increase biodiversity.
- The short-term actions are proposed ahead of expected contract tenders.
- The long-term actions are ambitions which will develop based on our assessments.
- With all goals and ambitions, it is important to regularly monitor and report progress. We can then adjust strategies and actions based on monitoring outcomes and changing circumstances.

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SHORT TERM ACTIONS

- Plan for Kings Hill Parish Council to be net carbon neutral by 2030.
- Estimate the current carbon output of KHPC and Kings Hill as a whole.
- Commission a comprehensive assessment to understand sources and magnitude of emissions within Kings Hill.
- Ensure KHPC uses local suppliers for the supply of goods and services, considering the potential carbon emissions not just price when awarding contracts.
- Consider the environmental implications of all council decisions and research carbon literacy training for the KHPC team.
- Engage/learn from other Town/Parish Councils, TMBC, KCC, KHEM and national government and share expertise, experience, and knowledge in the preparation of policies and procedures.
- Regularly report to KHPC on progress towards achievement of this Action Plan.
- Promote sustainable transportation and active travel.
- Reduce waste and increase recycling in the Community Centre and use environmentally friendly cleaning products.
- Parish Office to use stationery manufactured from recycled materials and electronic means of communication.
- Investigate for solar panels to be installed at the Community Centre and Sports Park.
- Support a natural wilding area at the allotments and encourage allotment holders to use peat free compost, natural herbicides/pesticides.
- Support more tree planting on open spaces within Kings Hill and more EV charging points in Kings Hill.
- Support and encourage the formation of Community Climate Action groups and promote practical action by local people.
- Support small and large planning applications for new renewable energy in the area.



LONG TERM ACTIONS

- Aim for Kings Hill to be carbon neutral by 2045.
- Conduct a comprehensive assessment to understand the sources and magnitude of emissions within Kings Hill
- Identify vulnerable areas and assess potential climate change impacts on local infrastructure, ecosystems, and public health.
- Seek to improve energy efficiency by investigating renewable energy sources and moving towards being carbon neutral.
- Protect and enhance biodiversity and investigate and implement water conservation.
- Develop collaborative partnerships with others.
- Support and facilitate the bringing together of groups of people for bulk purchases i.e., solar panels.
- Support and promote lift-sharing schemes.
- Ensure the Community Centre and Parish Office are energy efficient and street lighting uses LED lights.
- Allotments and open spaces to be managed to enhance nature and participate in "No Mow May".
- Encourages it's employees and Councillors to walk, cycle, use public transport or car-share.
- Within our own operations, Kings Hill Parish Council will ensure as far as possible that all our waste is recycled or composted, the Parish Council will also consider setting-up community recycling facilities for hard-to-recycle items when the Borough Council hasn't done so.
- KHPC will ensure that its reserves are invested wisely and sagely in low-risk sustainable banks or investment funds.