

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 7th successful Basingstoke Green Week in 2019, a number of residents and Town/Parish Councillors 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 or 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?	

<p>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.</p>	
<p>Please let us know what support would be helpful <i>This work will be guided by the needs and ideas of parish and town councils, however BDBC can support and enable/facilitate.</i></p>	