



Engaging with the community on issues relating to the environment and climate change.

At the recent elections in 2023 the following commitments were made by various political parties within our town:

- Travel: To pursue implementation of '20 is Plenty' as communicated by our Unitary Authority, the provision of more EV charging points and support of active-travel and bus services.
- Environment: To protect and enhance green spaces and encourage biodiversity.
- Development: To target sustainability through building standards and our adopted Neighbourhood Plan 2018.

The Council plans to be carbon neutral by 2030 and aims to substantially reduce the community's carbon footprint year on year.

A 'Green Champion' has been appointed to develop and implement plans to drive sustainability in the community. This includes liaising with community activists such as Transition Bollington, Bollington Borrowers, Bolly Bikes, Bollington Growers. In addition, environmental improvement plans are incorporated into the 3-year Corporate Plan for the Council and all Committee terms of reference require all decisions to take account of Environmental Impact.

Bollington Town Council is networking with our neighbouring Town Councils to share best practice and methods of improvement. We will engage with initiatives such as 'Plant a tree in '23' in conjunction with a Community Tree Nursery, which will be rolled out via the Council's regular newsletter, social media and the Council's website.

We will plan a series of 'Hot Tips' which will be communicated via social media on a regular basis.

The Town Council's Green Bollington website page is being enhanced with links to helpful/educational sites to increase understanding of carbon footprint and possible actions to reduce.

A forum for schools and industry is planned for best practice sharing and the Council is an active participant in 'Great Big Green Week' with fantastic engagement through

Art displays from each of the local schools in the current year. This process will be budgeted for every year to continue to share education with the community.

The Town Council has made a commitment to ensure we look at all options to improve our own carbon footprint within our own assets, the Town Hall, the Civic Hall and a rentable asset Brookbank House. Within our assets we look for ensuring all users are aware of the impact of their decision in relation to photo copying to recycling all our waste and the use of compost bins.

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