

**BROADWINDSOR GROUP PARISH COUNCIL  
C&EE ACTION PLAN**

<b>1. Planning: Seek to apply conditions to the approval of planning applications that such that they do not increase carbon emissions and/or cause damage to ecology</b>		
	<b>Parish Council Actions</b>	<b>Community Actions</b>
A	Liaise with Dorset Council to ensure that BGPC and the Council collaborate effectively so that all planning applications are considered from an environmental and climate impact perspective.	Run community events to explain the Parish Council's approach to considering planning applications
B	Where planning applications, including those for change of use, have implications for the countryside and/or land of importance to nature, promote either the retention or reinstatement of important woodland and wildlife habitat areas.	
C	Consider commercial renewable energy schemes based on the overall impact on the local community considering the provision of local energy as well as the visual effect on the AONB.	Support domestic planning applications that utilise sources of renewable energy.
D	Liaise with Dorset Council to understand the approach to renewable energy installations for listed buildings.	Support owners of listed buildings in their attempts to be more energy efficient
<b>2. Transport: Promote public transport, reduce car journeys, enable cycling / walking and support the provision of more electric vehicle charging points</b>		
	<b>Parish Council Actions</b>	<b>Community Actions</b>
A	Evaluate current transport use by the Parish Council and reduce car mileage for council business	Investigate possible parish-based car sharing schemes.
B	Work with Dorset Council footpath team, other local parishes and Sustrans to develop non-road routes for cyclists	Develop non-road routes if they have support from the local community
C	Assess the feasibility of electric car charging points in the parish	Identify suitable possible sites for electric charging points.
D	Actively support local initiatives to improve public transport	Investigate and publicise any public transport proposals

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<b>3. Community: Strengthen local community links by fostering projects that contribute to our environmental aims</b>		
	<b>Parish Council Actions</b>	<b>Community Actions</b>
A	Hold regular community consultation events such as Climate Cafes around the parish area to understand peoples' views and gain community support for Parish Council actions	
B	Monitor Dorset Council's Funder Finder to understand if there are grants available to support projects that contribute to meeting our environmental aims.	Consider the feasibility of conducting a survey of parishioners to to understand the C&EE issues that concern them most
C	Review retrofit grant schemes that are available to subsidise the cost of installing loft insulation, focussing on those within the parish who are most in need of help	Share details of the various schemes available with those for whom they are most appropriate.
D	Investigate the possibility of working with local residential landlords, encouraging them to upgrade levels of insulation in their properties to help reduce energy costs for the tenants.	
E	Agree on strategy to ensure that BGPC communications to the Group Parish are seen by as many parishioners as possible, particularly those who are not active on-line	<p>Discuss with other local community groups to agree on best-practice for an 'all inclusive' method of communication to parishioners.</p> <p>Establish a hard copy of a regular Parish Council Newsletter delivered to all households in the parish area.</p> <p>Parish Councillors and other volunteers to attend the Dorset Council CE&amp;E Support Group monthly Zoom sessions, and report back to BGPC.</p>
E	Kerbside recycling will be standardised across all counties in England in 2025. Once it is clear what this means for Dorset, work with Dorset Council to publicise the changes.	Publicise how items that are not collected kerbside can still be recycled locally, particularly post standardisation.
F	Assess the viability of establishing a Repair Shop in terms of possible location and availability of skilled tradespeople. Initially Investigate how the Repair Cafe operates in Netherbury.	

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<b>4. Farming Landowners: Actively support local farmers and Landowners in their efforts to adapt to climate change</b>		
	<b>Parish Council Actions</b>	<b>Community Actions</b>
A	Liaise with Dorset Councillors to fully understand Government initiatives available to farmers	Engage with farming groups to understand how collaboration can enable BGPC to assist in promoting potential solutions to farmers' climate change issues.
B	Support liaison between farmers/landowners and local voluntary groups to discuss areas of mutual benefit such as hedge/tree planting and hedge laying	Host annual meeting of farmers/landowners and organisations such as DorsetCAN, local Eco Groups to discuss areas of common concern.
C	Liaise with Dorset Councillors to ensure that farmers receive the financial support they need to counter the impacts of climate change, in particular the extremes of weather including flooding and drought.	
D	Liaise with the NFU to understand how the Parish Council can support their efforts to protect farming from the extremes of weather	
<b>5. The natural environment: Promote projects that connect and enhance the wider ecological network</b>		
	<b>Parish Council Actions</b>	<b>Community Actions</b>
A	Work with interested members of the community to establish a 5-year Work Plan for all Compartments of Hursey Common (SNCI)	Produce a simple Work Plan based on the most recent iteration of the HC Management Plan, produced by DWT. Maintain the regular seasonal working party at Hursey Common - winter and Autumn and ensure that the wildflower areas are cut/collected or scythed and raked at appropriate times.
B	Facilitate community projects which enhance the natural environment	Encourage community volunteer involvement in organised tree/hedge planting activities
C	Respond and contribute to strategic policy consultations that protect the environment	Involve local community volunteers in identifying publicly accessible places where tree/hedgerow saplings can be planted and managed.
D	Consider the protection of wildlife habitats when reviewing all planning applications	Involve local community volunteers in assessing the location of local wildlife habitats and seek advice on how they are best protected.
E	Work with other neighbouring Parish and Town Councils to gain an understanding of water quality of our river catchments	In conjunction with appropriate organisations (Dorset Wildlife Trust, West Dorset Wilding, River Axe Catchment project etc) establish a group of community volunteers to monitor local river water quality.