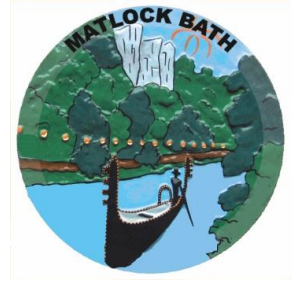


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Actions Matlock Bath Parish Council Will Take on Climate and Nature Emergency

The following are actions which Matlock Bath Parish Council will take on Climate and Nature Emergency. This is not an exhaustive list. Some of the actions are taken from the Friends of the Earth 20 actions Parish and Town Councils can take on the climate and nature emergency’.

Encourage the formation of a Climate Group – Matlock Bath Parish Council will form a Climate Advisory Group – namely Matlock Bath Climate Advisory Group:

- to advise the Parish Council on the actions Matlock Bath Parish Council need to take to make it carbon neutral at the earliest possible date;
- how Matlock Bath Parish Council can advise and encourage residents, businesses and visitors to be climate change aware and on the actions they can take to reduce their carbon footprint;
- on effective and meaningful lobbying of local and national government on this important international issue;
- how we can work with local, regional, national and international partners to achieve the ‘2030 goal’.

Actively support small and large planning applications for new renewable energy in the area – Matlock Bath Parish Council will support applications for new renewable energy in the area provided they do not contravene any Conservation Area regulations or any other regulation pertaining to Matlock Bath.

Provide information material – Matlock Bath Parish Council will share on the website a short film which summarises the climate emergency in animated form. Climate emergency information and energy saving advice leaflets will be made available to every household in Matlock Bath through inclusion in the newsletter and/or on the website.

Bring together groups of people for bulk purchases – Matlock Bath Parish Council will encourage residents/businesses to bulk purchase solar panels or other renewable technologies through advertisement in our newsletter and on our website.

Encourage and promote lift-sharing scheme – Matlock Bath Parish Council will encourage and promote lift share to help residents reduce the carbon pollution from car use and to save money through advertisement in our newsletter and on our website.

Encourage local businesses to reduce waste – Matlock Bath Parish Council will encourage businesses to reduce waste and use sustainable packaging where possible.

Encourage free water refills – Matlock Bath Parish Council will encourage local businesses to offer free water refills.

Use your voice – Matlock Bath Parish Council will lobby DCC and DDDC to oppose high carbon developments and to promote sustainable alternatives. We will also lobby DDDC for low cost or free car parking to electric vehicles and dedicated spaces with electric charging points should there be a demand.

Save Energy – Matlock Bath Parish Council will lobby DCC to change all street lighting to LED lighting.

Manage land for Nature – Matlock Bath Parish Council will manage and maintain the Nature Reserve to increase nature.

Buy Green – Matlock Bath Parish Council will encourage residents to buy local to support the local economy and to help protect the planet through advertisement in our Newsletter and on our website.

Ensure money is invested wisely – Matlock Bath Parish Council will use an ethical bank.

Designate sites within the Neighbourhood Plan for trees, renewable energy and nature restoration – Matlock Bath Parish Council will produce a Neighbourhood Plan if sufficient resources are available. Consideration will be given to new homes to be energy efficient, nature friendly in conjunction with the Local Authority's Local Plan as well as designating safe walking and cycle routes.

Organisational Support – Matlock Bath Parish Council will consider the joining of Community Energy England and/or Marches Energy Agency for advice on the delivery of community renewables, energy efficiency, demand reduction and energy supply projects.

Exhibitions – Matlock Bath Parish Council will arrange a “Fantastic Home Energy Efficiency Exhibition” to inform residents about energy saving measures and living in an eco-friendly way provided sufficient resources are available and subject to restrictions with Covid 19.

Recycling and Waste Arrangements – Matlock Bath Parish Council will lobby DDDC to introduce recycling bins in the village to minimise waste to landfill.

Parish Office will use double sided copying as default, separate office waste through recycled waste bin and reduce the amount of printing for Council meetings. The Parish Council will also look at schemes for recycling toner cartridges.

Share Best Practice – Matlock Bath Parish Council will share best practice with peer Parish Councils through membership of ‘Climate Champion’ hosted by Derbyshire Association of Local Councils.

Parish Council Newsletter – Matlock Bath Parish Council will use FSC certified sources paper in the production of its quarterly newsletter. The Parish Council will also consider using an electronic method for the newsletter.