



A CARBON PLAN FOR MORETONHAMPSTEAD

In 2019, Moretonhampstead Parish Council (PC) and Moretonhampstead Development Trust (MDT) both signed climate emergency declarations, agreeing to take urgent action on climate change. We are working on this Plan -together and with other local organisations - with the aim of reducing carbon emissions, boosting biodiversity and making Moreton a more sustainable town. **GET INVOLVED! GIVE US YOUR IDEAS!** See the contact details below. September 2022

REDUCING EMISSIONS GENERALLY	ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDINGS
<p>Green Tip of the Month. Witten by the Parish Council and posted on the Hub and published in monthly News in Moreton.</p> <p>Carbon Calculator for Moreton. This simple sheet devised specifically for Moreton and area to enable individuals or households to calculate their annual carbon footprint in tons of CO2. Can be downloaded from MDT website (see below)</p>	<p>Energy Audits. In the past, the Trust has carried out energy audits. It is our priority now to help households access advice and funds to improve insulation and install renewable energy. Our Centre at Green Hill (converted from the old primary school) has achieved level B on its Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) in 2021. The solar panels on the roof generate about £1,700 pa. The Trust also organised Certificates for the Parish Hall and the Community Club, though any building improvements will depend on new funding.</p>
REDUCING WASTE	TRANSPORT
<p>Food Waste. In Sept 2022 a Community Fridge was installed under the shelter of the Community Club. The idea is to share excess or unwanted food and is open to everyone to use.</p> <p>Community Shed. We are seeking for a suitable site or building to convert to a community workshop along the lines of “Men in Sheds”. Plans to run repair workshops and offer repair of tools.</p>	<p>Electric Cars. We are working with Co-Cars to base a shared electric car in Court Street as part of the County Council scheme for on-street charging facilities.</p> <p>Bicycles. The PC has put up signs from our Wray Valley Trail to centre of Moreton and bike racks in various locations. We would like to support better cycle links on and around Dartmoor.</p>
BIODIVERSITY	HABITAT AND WILDLIFE
<p>Moreton Biodiversity Group is one of the active groups we work with. This is some of their recent work:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Wildlife Surveys done for Dartmoor National Park ecologist 2 Swifts – instalment of nest boxes 3 Species-rich grassland in corner of Sentry – with Scouts. 4 Establishing a tree nursery at Blackingstone 5 Wildlife Project on Community Allotment 6 Talks - show what individuals can do in their own gardens 	<p>The Trust now owns a wet meadow between the Wray Valley Trail and the new Hingston View housing estate. We plan for it to be a wildlife reserve with a small public area.</p> <p>Wildlife Wardens Set up by Action for Climate in Teignbridge (ACT). Each parish in Teignbridge should have 2 Volunteer Wardens, and more are needed. Training is offered with a wide range of valuable work to monitor and help wildlife. Information from flavio@actionclimateteignbridge.org</p>
PLASTIC-FREE MORETON	SINGLE-USE PLASTICS IN RURAL AREAS
<p>In 2018 a group, inspired by David Attenborough’s “Blue Planet”, set up to reduce unnecessary single-use plastics in Moreton. Called Moreton Action on Plastics (MAPs). The PC and MDT, along with 13 businesses and 19 clubs/societies in the town, have signed a commitment to MAPs to reduce or eliminate where possible use of this type of plastic.</p>	<p>Silage wrap waste in the countryside. Early in 2022 Teignbridge District Council initiated its “Tidy Teignbridge” project and, through the Parish Council, made a grant to allow us to investigate the rural problem of waste plastic silage wrap. This work is ongoing and progress regularly reported the PC/MDT Carbon Reduction Group.</p>
COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT	COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
<p>Wellmoor is a Moreton organisation that grew from MDT. It focuses on health and wellbeing and has established a Community Allotment. Although “green prescribing” has not evolved as hoped nevertheless many people in the community enjoy working on and being part of the Allotment.</p>	<p>Our primary school runs many environmental activities with the children, and we will support them where possible.</p> <p>We lobby our MP and work with our local authorities to encourage greater climate action.</p> <p>At the recent “Flourish” event all the Climate and Environment groups in Moreton came together to showcase what they were doing. A list of these organisations is on the PC website.</p>

For more information see www.moretonhampsteadtrust.org.uk and <https://moretonhampstead-pc.gov.uk/>
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