

Environmental Achievements in 2022

	From Environmental Policy	Action
1.	measure the Council's carbon footprint each year to assess the environmental effects of the Council's activities and strive to continually reduce its carbon emissions. An annual report will be made to Full Council to demonstrate the progress in complying with the environmental policy.	Carbon footprint scopes 1 and 2 were calculated in late 2021/early 2022 to be presented at 3 March meeting of Environmental Panel but meeting was postponed and then EP disbanded in May 2022. Calculations attached at appendix A.
2.	uphold the Council's declaration of a climate emergency and consider the environmental impact of the Council's operations by taking action to reduce carbon emissions and greenhouse gases where practical.	An electric strimmer was purchased and trialled for suitability with a view to converting other hand tools to electric. Electric replacement vehicle purchased for diesel vehicle.
3.	integrate environmental concerns and impacts into all decision making and activities.	Ongoing.
4.	seek to protect and, where possible, enhance the quality of the natural environment of Malvern and its open spaces.	Woodland plantation autumn 2021 at Greenfield Road and Yates Hay Road. Establishment of fruit orchard at Greenfield Road autumn 2022.
5.	promote the efficient use of materials and resources throughout the Council, re-use or recycle where possible and seek to minimise waste, including water, electricity, raw materials and other resources.	Ongoing.
6.	use electronic/paperless means of communication wherever possible in all Town Council operations.	Council reviewed dispatch methods in February 2020. Council dispatches are by electronic means only, but paper copies of certain large documents such as quarterly accounts, budget paperwork and grants scheme papers are made available to those on the relevant committee, on request.
7.	purchase recyclable, recycled and environmentally responsible products and materials when available and economically suitable.	Office: stationery is from recycled sources where possible. Operations: 50% reduction in weed chemicals achieved.
8.	ensure sustainable procurement where possible and require suppliers to provide environmental	Ongoing.

	assessments of their environmental activities where appropriate.	
9.	train, educate and inform all employees and councillors about environmental issues that may affect their work and encourage employees, councillors, contractors and members of the public to support and promote the Town Council's Environmental Policy.	Ongoing.
10.	use local contractors whenever possible and viable, to support the local economy and reduce the impact on the environment.	Ongoing.
11.	supply all tendering contractors with the current environmental policy to inform them of the Council's commitment.	Ongoing.
12.	work with and support other agencies, projects and the wider community to promote best practice in environmental management and encourage the same in the community; support and initiate projects which contribute towards meeting national environmental objectives across the wider community.	Currently working with Malvern Forest. Met with Liz Etheridge, Wetlands for All project officer at Wychavon District Council to discuss suitable areas for rewilding and possible wetlands schemes in the future.
13.	avoid unnecessary use of hazardous products and materials and seek suitable substitution or alternative solutions. The Council will take all reasonable steps to ensure human health and the protection of the environment when such materials are used to include transport, storage, use and disposal.	Ongoing.
14.	where required by legislation or where health, safety or environmental hazards may occur, develop and maintain appropriate emergency responses.	Ongoing.
15.	continue to investigate technology for greater overall efficiency, to include machinery, IT equipment, vehicles, buildings and any other areas the Council is responsible for.	Purchase of electric hand tools and agreement to purchase electric vehicle in 2023/24 budget.
16.	to consider and use wherever possible, energy saving and efficient practices in the development of new Town Council buildings and the refurbishment of current buildings.	LED light bulbs used.

17.	to continue to manage and rewild suitable areas of Town Council-owned land with appropriate planting and design – including trees, permanent planting, insect friendly planting, wetland areas, ponds, waterways/streams, wildlife corridors, hedgerows and continue to replace trees with a two-for-one policy to support biodiversity.	Planting schemes that were 20% perennial and 80% biannual, now reversed. Any new planting areas are considered for perennial planting potential. Plants chosen for drought resistance. Hanging baskets have water reservoir to reduce evaporation.
18.	to use wherever possible, green energy suppliers for Town Council contracts.	Use Octopus for electricity supply.
19.	respond positively to new initiatives regarding combatting climate change and incorporate these into day to day operations where practical.	Ongoing.
20.	develop and implement a plan to minimise usage and consider further alternatives of pesticides/herbicides on all Town Council land.	Usage of herbicides reduced by 50% with better use of timing in spraying weeds, alternatives have been considered but a suitable one has yet to be found. Pesticides not used by MTC.
21.	not permit the release of balloons or sky lanterns on its land.	Full Council approved new signage for MTC green spaces, which will include this clause.
22.	be peat-free in its horticultural activities.	Bedding tenderers are required to use peat-free compost, this is written into the specification.
23.	promote and support the use of public transport, cycling and walking, and support initiatives to improve sustainable transport options.	Bikes racks now installed at several locations throughout Malvern area.
24.	procure machinery, vehicles, and tools with low emissions where possible.	See 2 and 15.
25.	This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis by the Operations and Planning Committee.	Next review due November 2023.
26.	Other	Photocopier toner cartridges are recycled using free post service. All wastepaper is recycled using bagged collection service. If paperwork contains confidential information, there is an extra service available whereby all paper is shredded. Stopped using single use plastic cups compatible with water fountains in 2018. All

		<p>members of staff bring their own refillable water bottles to work and councillors are requested to do the same at meetings.</p> <p>Lights and heating at BVT switched off when not in use.</p> <p>Environmentally-friendly alternatives investigated and sought for events.</p>
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To be reviewed in January 2024