

CARBON REDUCTION PLAN

Powick Action on Climate Emergency (PACE) is a sub-group of Powick Parish Council, formed after the council voted to declare a climate emergency in 2019. Since our inception we have worked to deliver a number of measures, initiatives, and information aimed at carbon reduction across the parish.

Recently, with assistance from Parish Council colleagues and MHDC we formulated our ideas into a Carbon Reduction Plan, which was adopted at our Parish Council meeting in December 2022.

It's available as a PDF through the Powick PCC website:

tinyurl.com/PowickCarbonReductionPlan

POWICK E-BIKE LOAN SCHEME

We are delighted to announce that with help from Transition Malvern Hills and MHDC, we have launched an E-Bike Loan Scheme for Powick residents. Based on the trials we carried out previously and the support we received, we have a high quality e-bike available for free two week loans within the community.



Quality e-bikes aren't cheap but we believe in their transformative power, in offering a viable alternative to the car in many cases. The environmental benefits are clear: reducing emissions, noise, and traffic volumes. Additional benefits in terms of health and wellbeing are also well documented and you'll recoup money on journeys too!

With a two week loan, you will be able to test, or even try-before-you-buy, an e-bike for journeys you might otherwise hop in the car for. Maybe you'll get the bug. Maybe you'll reconsider the second car on your drive. Why not give it a go?

Contact us for more information: **ebike@powickclimateaction.org**

BOOSTING BIODIVERSITY

Following our successful crowdfunding bid we have been busy carrying out the work to improve the wildlife habitat at Callow End playing field.

With the help of a few willing volunteers we planted 250 wild daffodil bulbs into the grass between the running track and the roadside hedge. The daffs, along with the 150 bluebell bulbs planted in the wooded area behind the pavilion will offer a food source to insects and the plants should increase in number over time. Two Mountain ash and three crab apple bare rooted saplings have been planted with the intention of providing food for pollinators and birds. We have also installed 2 bird boxes and a bat box in the established trees and will be eager to see if they will be used. In the coming weeks we will plant dog roses to grow in the boundary hedgerows, develop a wildflower area and install planters and a bug hotel.

Similar planting at Powick football pitch has had to be postponed until the landscaping work is completed but all the purchased saplings and bulbs have been temporarily planted in secured areas and will be placed in their permanent setting in the autumn. Two bat boxes and two bird boxes have been installed in the surrounding trees and dog roses will be planted in the hedgerows in the coming weeks.

Thank you to all who donated to the crowdfunder and especially to all those who volunteered! We hope the community will enjoy seeing an increase in wildlife around them. **We couldn't have done it without you!**



CAR CLUB UPDATE

With new platforms becoming available we are reviewing the best way to proceed with this. We have contacted those who expressed an interest but we welcome anyone else interested in being part of a future Powick car club. If this is you, please get in touch: contact@powickclimateaction.org

E-BIKE TO WORK SCHEME

Transport options are often more limited for people living or working in rural areas as bus services may be patchy, and not everyone can afford to own and run a car.

This is a particularly difficult issue for young people starting apprenticeships, work or training. The cost of cars and car insurance can be out of reach in those first few years. So, if you feel you are limiting your work or education choices because of transport problems, check out this E-bike to Work Scheme!

ebike-to-work.malvern hills-carclubs.org.uk

We are pleased to hear this scheme has been of help locally with two people in our community taking it up so far...

ACTIVE TRAVEL FUNDING

PACE and Powick Parish Council are keen to see active travel (making journeys in physically active ways) form a greater part of how we move. 'Modal shift' to active travel needs to be underpinned by planning and investment.

Due to Worcestershire's 'zero rating' by Active Travel England—one of only four areas with this rating—the authority was excluded from bidding in a recent £200m active travel funding round. They have since secured around £160k to improve skills and draw up Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans in an effort to improve on this rating and deliver future schemes.

Come and join us!

PACE has projects that we'd like to develop in the community. Could you help? We need volunteers for individual initiatives, as well as people willing to join PACE. Are you interested in...

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| Rewilding | - Tree planting, wildflower / bulb planting |
| Managing waste | - Reduction of food waste, recycling, upcycling |
| Energy efficiency | - Reducing heating costs, insulation, alternative sources |
| Carbon Reduction | - Target setting, planning and management |
| Transport | - Electric bike loan, car share, car club |
| Fundraising | - Designing and running initiatives, grants, crowdfunding |

We'd welcome your help or suggestions: contact@powickclimateaction.org

ACT NOW

I pledge to:

Tick
them
off!



Check the ways I can *Reduce Reuse Recycle Repair* at letswasteless.com and take The Black Bin Challenge!



Do a 'home energy check' to find out how I can save energy in my home – see: Energy Saving Trust



Walk, cycle, use public transport or lift share.
Have a “No Car Day”



Create a wildlife friendly garden: encourage bees, birds and other wildlife – see: RSBP “Giving Nature a Home”



Visit a Repair Café. Find your nearest one and take something to be fixed! www.repaircafe.org



Amend my diet; eat less meat, buy more local produce, use what's in season



Educate myself about the science and impacts of Climate Change



Talk about Climate Change with family friends and work colleagues. Exchange thoughts and ideas



Contact my MP and representatives to encourage them to take action on this issue



Take action in your community. To join PACE, please get in touch: contact@powickclimateaction.org