

TINTWISTLE PARISH COUNCIL



Appendix A

CLIMATE CHANGE & NATURE RECOVERY PLAN

2025 – 2027



INTRODUCTION

Climate change is affecting every country in the world and as climate change accelerates, dangerous weather events are becoming more frequent or severe and the environmental, economic and social costs are increasing. In the UK we are experiencing warmer, wetter winters, hotter and drier summers and more frequent and intense weather extremes. In addition, there is a serious decline in the abundance and distribution of UK species of plant and wildlife. This deterioration in the 'biodiversity' of our natural environment is impacting on our food supplies, effective pollination, stable ecologies and water supply and drainage.

Since 2019 the levels of carbon dioxide (CO₂), and other greenhouse gases in the earth's atmosphere, have risen to new levels. 2024 was the warmest year on record and the end of the warmest decade (2005 -2025) ever recorded. This has highlighted the need for immediate and urgent action and now over 300 Local Authorities across the country have declared a climate change emergency and are committed to becoming carbon neutral.

In 2022 Tintwistle Parish Council (TPC) pledged to contribute to combatting climate change and developed a programme of work to contribute to doing so. This programme now needs to be further developed to comply with new government guidance.

We recognise the limited ability of a small Parish Council to directly affect and change the practice and behaviours of the whole parish population. We have enrolled the support of a voluntary Climate Change Impact Coordinator. Their work has concentrated on the promotion of best practice. To date over 150 suggestions and ideas have been posted on local social media sites, the children of Tintwistle CofE Primary School have created large posters now installed around the Parish alerting us to the dangers of climate change, we are holding a Green Champions Competition, we have embarked on maintaining the biodiversity of the Holybank Quarry, owned by the Parish Council, led by a voluntary Quarry Warden and reviewed and improved the energy costs and efficiency of running the Council offices.

The delivery of the plan will rely not just on the activities of Councillors, but the involvement of all of us living in the Parish. We are fortunate to live in one of the most scenic parts of the country. It is essential we retain and enhance the beauty and biodiversity of our parish, and that we all do our part to combat the impacts of climate change.

APPENDIX 1: CLIMATE CHANGE AND NATURE RECOVERY PLAN – OUR PRIORITIES 2025-27

This plan shows the council's priorities over the next two years under five headings. The plan will be reviewed and updated on a regular basis.

No.	Priority Area	Lead/Partner/ Committee	Activity	Timescale	Funding/Resource Required?	Outputs & Outcomes (tbc)
1.	Building Efficiency	TL	Carry out regular energy and water use audits of the council office building and respond accordingly	Ongoing	Nil	Annual energy & water use reductions
2.		TL	Review and ensure the purchase of ecologically sound products for cleaning and other tasks required to keep the building maintained in good order	Ongoing	Cleaning & building repair budgets	Evidenced by supplier invoices
3.	Transport & Mobility	TL, MS, ES	Promote the benefits of walking, cycling and car sharing through Parish Newsletter articles and social media posts	Ongoing	Nil	4 x newsletter articles p.a., monthly social media posts
4.		TL	Whenever possible, select contractors that are working towards carbon net zero, evidenced in contractor documentation	Ongoing	Nil	Contracts evidencing compliance
5.	Green Spaces & Biodiversity	SG, MB	Plant more trees and replace dead ones on TPC land	Ongoing	Grant funding	No of new trees
6.		MB, MS, SG	Create and maintain more wildflower areas and wildlife habitats	Ongoing	Grant funding	No of new wildflower areas and wildlife habitats
7.		JC, MS, TO	Further develop the biodiversity of Holybank Quarry and install signage	Ongoing	Grant funding	Annual Quarry Warden's Report
8.		Allotment Working Party (AD, DB, SG, PJ)	Strengthen the allotment tenants' guidance to include biodiversity principles	Annual inspections	Nil	Inspection Reports evidencing provision of hedgehog highways, small

						ponds, at least 3 vegetable/flower beds, hedges, fruit trees, wildflower patches, nest boxes & insect hotels
9.	Waste Management	SSR, MS	Public awareness campaign to reduce/recycle and reuse including reducing food waste	Ongoing	Volunteer time	Number of posts
10.		TL, MS	Install a clothes recycling bin in Tintwistle	Dec 2025	Grant funding	1 bin installed and in use
11.	Community Engagement and Information	SSR	Continue with weekly social media posts with advice and ideas to combat climate change	Weekly	Volunteer time	Number of posts
12.		TL, MS, AD	Agree 4 x newsletter articles p.a. with council including subject and authors. Include articles that showcase good practice	Ongoing	Nil	No of articles and evidence of good practice
13.		MS, ES, SSR	Hold an event for the Dame Vivienne Westwood Green Champions Awards	26 April 2025	Climate Change budget	Numbers attending
14.		MS, MB	Liaise with key partners and stakeholders to support the actions in the plan (Peak District National Park, United Utilities, Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and Moorlands for the Future)	Ongoing	Nil	Number of partnership initiatives delivered