



**South Shropshire Climate Action**

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## p1: Parish and Town Council Climate Emergency Action Plan

	S/M/L Term	Time commitment • Low •• Medium ••• High	Cost £ Low ££ Medium £££ High	Notes
<b>Lobbying and Leadership</b>				
Organisational Review of Policies to align with Climate Emergency Commitment				
Publicise commitment				
Join Global Covenant of Mayors				
Request support for carbon neutral status				
Climate Emergency Page on website				
Make reference to Climate Emergency and need for renewable energy measures when commenting on planning applications				
Add Climate Emergency References in all new contract specifications and Tenders and add to the evaluation process				
<b>Carbon Reduction of Assets</b>				
Undertake Carbon Footprint Audit				
Undertake a Buildings Audit to identify any efficiency measures				
Replace Street Light heads with LED				
Consider climate impact on new purchases of plant & machinery				

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Reduce carbon footprint of toilets				
Consider carbon footprint of any buildings to be taken on by the Town Council in the future				
Reduce carbon footprint of Town Council office activities				
<b>Renewable Energy</b>				
Request energy from Town Council's electricity providers is renewable				
Explore potential for installing solar/wind mitigating measures on Council land/buildings				
<b>Transport</b>				
Explore infrastructure requirements and power capacity for electric vehicles				
Improve pathways and encourage walking & cycling				
<b>Waste minimisation</b>				
Paperless Council meetings				
Encourage contractors to have a "Zero to Landfill" policy				
Review litter bin locations				
Litter picking				
Ensure all waste is recycled and reused wherever possible				

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<b>Open Spaces</b>				
Develop Open Space Management Plans				
Any future Public Open Space adoption to include any Climate Emergency Needs				
Develop a long-term approach to tree planting, including, encouraging community tree planting and identifying locations for bulk planting				
Purchase peat-free compost				
Continue replacement of floral planters with built-in water reservoirs to reduce the need for watering				
Verges				
<b>Community Engagement</b>				
Consider amending Town Council's grant application form to request evidence of applicants' commitment to tackling the Climate Emergency				
Establish area forum to encourage the community to embrace the Climate Emergency agenda				
Encourage Councillors to promote Climate Change				

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<b>Community Engagement (cont)</b>				
Publicize and promote achievements in reducing the Council’s carbon footprint if done				
Eco Day				
Investigate the production of reusable “Wem Cups” for use in takeaways and at town events				
<b>Young People</b>				
Include Climate Emergency in any youth activity				
Liaise with schools about Climate Emergency initiatives for young people with appropriate incentives				
<b>Monitoring</b>				
Report quarterly reviews against plan				
Undertake annual carbon footprint audit				