

## Climate and Nature Action Plan

**Key to table:** NL = Newsletter WS = Website NB = Notice Boards PC = Parish Council

A one-off 'Quick Win' action for an individual or group. It might be a straightforward job like writing an Information piece for the Newsletter, or a group task like clearing invasive plants on the riverbanks. Some 'quick wins' might become regular actions or an on-going project, but there's no commitment to keep doing it if you volunteer to get things started.	We have volunteers for this action, but more might be needed.
A longer term action. Could require planning, research, or consultation with other agencies.	
A long term project requiring significant planning, probably also community consultation and contact with other agencies.	

### 1. Wildlife and landscape: nature and the natural environment

Wildlife		
	Project/Action	Volunteers
<b>Bees and pollinators</b>	Planting native pollinator-friendly species: 'wildflower meadows' in gardens and on verges; <b>Newsletter &amp; Website information</b> , and residents willing to share knowledge and experience.	
<b>The Rec</b>	Make more use of the Rec as a community green space; e.g leave areas unmown, encourage wildflowers; community garden/vegetables.	
<b>Gardens</b>	Information/workshops on organic/wildlife gardening/composting etc	
<b>Birds and Bats</b>	Put up bat boxes and nest boxes <b>Information NL/WS and practical help</b>	
	Hold a garden bird watch weekend	
<b>Wildlife Mapping</b>	Using social science apps, map habitats and species to discover what we have, and also to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• raise awareness of rare species, e.g. oil beetles and glow worms</li> <li>• monitor health and numbers</li> <li>• identify and improve wildlife corridors</li> <li>• identify appropriate sites for planting of native species.</li> </ul>	
	Involve the school in mapping	
<b>River</b>	Identify aquatic and semi-aquatic species	
	Clear litter / monitor water quality (Rivers Authority)	
	Clear invasive plant species from river banks	
<b>Trees</b>	Continue to plant trees.	Tree Club
	Care for the mature trees we have. Identify who is responsible for/who is permitted to carry out maintenance of trees in public spaces e.g the apple trees on the cycle way.	
<b>Enjoying the local landscape and wildlife</b>		
	<b>Map of local walks.</b> Liaise with History Group and Wildlife mapping volunteers to identify points of interest on the walks.	
<b>Education</b>		
<b>Talks, events, information</b>	A 'festival feel' Community event on local Wildlife and Nature	
	Resident/local experts or wildlife organisations e.g. Somerset Wildlife Trust invited to talk on: e.g	

in the Newsletter, on the Website and Notice Boards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enjoying the night sky. The importance to wildlife of darkness/minimal exterior lighting and the effects of light pollution. <b>NL/WS</b></li> <li>• The causes and the effects of air pollution.</li> <li>• Caring for trees (should ivy be removed or not?)</li> </ul>	
	Wildlife or climate 'top tips' in the Newsletter	Ongoing
	Residents to research and write Nature information/action suggestions on issues relevant to Shoscombe	

## 2. Energy: transport, home/buildings insulation, renewable energy

Transport		
Cycle Track	National Cycle Network 'Route 24' runs through Shoscombe and is a potential link to Bath. Could it be more than a health/leisure facility and become a commuting route?	
	Improve safety and condition. 20m.p.h speed limit. Improve signage. Report surface damage to BaNES	
	Look at increasing off-road stretches	
Electric bikes	BaNES Electric Bike loan/trial scheme. <b>Newsletter/Website</b>	
	Provision of secure parking in Peasedown to access public transport.	
	Investigate residents' interest in discounts for multiple purchase of bikes. <b>Newsletter/Notice Boards</b>	
	Investigate making local lanes more bike-safe. Make Shoscombe Parish a 20m.p.h area.	
Cars	Investigate provision of more parking in Peasedown for access to bus routes	
	Prepare for coming switch to electric vehicles: local charging points e.g Rec Car Park, Montague Road, Hamilton Terrace.	
	<b>Car Club</b> Investigate sharing lifts. <b>NL/Notice Boards</b>	
	<b>Community Car</b> Investigate a community-owned (electric?) car.	
Public Transport	<b>Bus Lobby</b> BaNES to improve bus service.	
	<b>Car Fare</b> It was thought this scheme was no longer being run, but it is still active and BaNES is in the process of updating the webpage. <b>Information: NL/WS/NB</b>	July N/L
Insulation: Home & Public/Community Buildings: Village Hall, School, Church, Pub		
Energy efficiency	BaNES and Govt finance schemes <b>Information NL/WS/NB</b>	
	Help to improve energy efficiency of 'community' buildings.	
	Insulation materials <b>Information NL/WS</b>	
	Energy Efficiency Presentation: BaNES or knowledgeable residents.	
Renewable Energy		
Carbon reduction	A group of residents has investigated local energy generation and established that this isn't feasible for Shoscombe. A joint project with a neighbouring community would perhaps be possible in the future.	
	Alternative energy systems suitable for older houses, e.g Heating Network, Ground Source Heat Pump, Solar Panels. <b>Information NL/WS/Presentation event.</b>	
	Switching to a Green Energy provider: <b>Information NL/WS</b>	
	<b>Bath &amp; West Community Energy</b> is looking for roofs (domestic, agricultural, commercial) as sites for solar panels. This is a shareholder scheme not	

	commercial, i.e owners are invited to become shareholders in BWCE rather than being paid for providing the site. <b>Investigate possible sites in Shoscombe.</b>	
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### 3. Consumer issues: food, shopping, recycling, banking/finance

<b>Food</b>	Allotments – The PC to continue its efforts to find a suitable site	PC
	Investigate support for a Community allotment/garden	
	‘Where does your food come from?’ <b>Information NL/WS</b>	
	‘Buying locally produced food’ <b>Information NL/WS</b>	
<b>Recycling, Reuse and Repair</b>		
<b>Recycling</b>	‘What happens to our recycling and waste?’ <b>NL/WS</b>	
	Recycle-more.com <b>Newsletter/Website</b>	
	Terracycle facility in Peasedown: non-recyclable plastics can be deposited on Thursdays 10 to 12 noon (other times available). <b>NL/WS/NB</b>	July N/L
<b>Re-use</b>	Clothes bank locations (there is one at the School) <b>Newsletter/Website</b>	
	‘Only buy what you need’ <b>Article: Newsletter/Website</b>	
<b>Repair</b>	Repair Shops/Cafes: dates and locations. <b>Information NL/WS</b>	
	Buy less, re-use, and repair’ <b>Article: Newsletter/Website</b>	
<b>Plastics Packaging</b>	Zero plastic shopping e.g Scoops, Bath; Fillerup, Radstock. <b>Information Newsletter/Website</b>	July N/L
<b>Shopping and Home</b>		
<b>Home</b>	Ideas for small lifestyle changes. <b>Newsletter or presentation.</b>	
<b>Consumer goods</b>	Ethical shopping (household goods, banking, electricals, clothing, toiletries etc). Residents can request information from The Climate and Nature Group on specific items sold by ethical/sustainable retail companies. Source: ‘Ethical Consumer’ magazine. <b>NL/WS/NB</b>	
<b>Banking and Finance</b>		
<b>Money</b>	‘Ethical banking: who’s using your money and for what?’ <b>Article/Information for Newsletter/Website</b>	

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