



North East
Derbyshire
District Council

Council Plan 2023 - 2027

A summary of progress for a great place that cares for the environment for the period ending 31st March 2024 (Q4)



Progress against our objective:



A great place that cares for the environment



This quarter, the following progress has been made on **increasing biodiversity across the district**

Assist and influence other public partners, residents, and businesses to utilise their assets to improve biodiversity.

- **Biodiversity report** for 2023/24 including an action plan for the next five years published on the website.



- Work underway to **widen scope of Community Action Grants to enable applications for tree planting** across the district. This will help with delivery of the Heartwood Community Forest.



- UKSPF Greener Routes project to complete the Grassmoor County Park circular route.
- Procured Derbyshire Wildlife Trust to deliver District Nature Recovery Strategy.

Where appropriate, utilise Council assets to improve biodiversity.

- A biodiversity plan has been produced for Clay Cross Active and will be implemented towards the end of 2024.



A great place that cares for the environment

This quarter, the following progress has been made on **reducing carbon emissions and pollution across the district**

Assist and influence other public partners, residents, and businesses to reduce their carbon emissions

- Campaigns undertaken for green bin return and food waste action week.

- In 2023/24 295 council properties were improved by **external wall insulation** against a target of 333. The shortfall is within project tolerances. The council is on course to meet its target of 640 properties by September 2025.



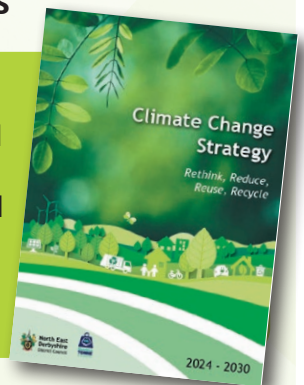
- **Low Carbon Challenge Fund - 11 applications approved** (10 commercial, 1 residential) with total grants of £325,000. To date 14 enterprises supported and improved 6680 sq. m of commercial buildings (exceeding the target of 6000 sq. m).

- Sustainability/Climate Change communications plan agreed for 2024 and linked in with Streetscene's plan.
- Sustainable transport contribution secured through planning permissions e.g., Dark Lane Calow.



Continually reduce the Council's own carbon emissions

- **Climate Change Strategy** now updated to reflect new Council Plan priorities, endorsed by Environment Scrutiny in February, and approved at Cabinet.



- An Expression of interest to the Low Carbon Challenge Fund has been received for energy efficiency measures at Coney Green Business Centre, and additional **240 solar PV installation at Clay Cross Active has been approved.** The latter will generate a carbon saving of 22,802 kg/year.

- Hybrid meeting room equipment installed at Mill Lane meeting rooms to provide greater opportunities for less travel.



Assist and influence other public partners, residents, and businesses to reduce pollution.

- Working with Derbyshire County Council and district partners to introduce **EV charging infrastructure throughout Derbyshire** via the Government's LEVI (Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure) and private sector funding. Shortlist of NEDDC carparks is being finalised for inclusion in the bid including Eckington Swimming Pool, Bridge Street Clay Cross, Dronfield Sports Centre, Greendale Shops, Killamarsh Active and Sharley Active.



- Working with Yorkshire Water to resolve longstanding surface water contamination at Grassmoor, and sewage flooding at Eckington.

Develop policies and plans which require and encourage alternatives to car usage.

- Working with Derbyshire County Council Highways Authority to discuss next steps for Clay Cross Rail Station.
- Collaboration with Killamarsh representatives and Derbyshire County Council to address current transport challenges and opportunities within the town.
- Bus Stop promotional campaign being supported through Visit Peak District and Derbyshire, to encourage residents from across Derbyshire and visitors to use public transport when visiting attractions.

Directly and with partners and residents, reduce litter and pollution from waste.

- Supporting Great British spring clean campaign through publicity, provision of bags and litter pickers for 16 community groups.

