



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 April to June 2025 (Q1)





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.

- Derbyshire Accelerator business support service commissioned for 2025/26 using UK Shared Prosperity Fund. This will no longer include specific business de-carbonisation plans, instead focusing on the introduction of new technologies or processes which may include reducing impact on climate change.

- **Work underway to deploy the £5.1m Warm Homes Local Grant scheme to fund energy performance upgrades,** low carbon heating installations and solar panels to privately owned or privately rented households in targeted priority areas.

- We've begun a monitoring exercise on the Council's Climate Change Action Plan. Progress on delivering actions during this period was limited due to capacity challenges - previously unsuccessful in appointing a dedicated Sustainability Officer and the need to prioritise the setup of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund programme for 2025/26.
- Communication campaigns around Earth Day and Food Waste Action Week promoted sustainable behaviours such as reducing waste and composting, helping to lower carbon emissions.



- Three Council-owned car parks have been shortlisted for new rapid electric vehicle chargers, as part of a county-wide rollout funded by Derbyshire County Council through the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure scheme. This will provide residents and visitors with more EV charging options within the district.

- **Initial findings from the Carbon Disclosure Project regarding the Council's emissions have been published.** These results are currently being analysed to identify opportunities for improved efficiency and further emissions reductions.

Continually reduce the Council's own carbon emissions.

- Removal of unnecessary hardware phones in council offices completed and staff transferred to softphone to reduce power consumption and provide consistent remote working tools.



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

- One Community Action Grants awarded to support Eckington Litter Pickers, grant total £463.



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

- No outcomes to report this quarter.

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

- A notable enforcement action was publicised in June 2025, where a Morton resident was issued a £100 fixed penalty notice for discarding a cigarette butt from a vehicle.

- **Our new Community Recycling Officer is now in post and actively forging links with schools and community groups.** Bookings are already confirmed for the upcoming academic year, supporting greater awareness and engagement around recycling and sustainability.



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

- **Communication campaigns around Community Garden Week**

and No Mow May supported local biodiversity by promoting green space use and creating habitats for pollinators. Great Big Green Week celebrated community-led environmental action, including initiatives that protect and enhance local ecosystems.

- No Mow May has now concluded, with over 30 new sites added to support pollinators and promote biodiversity. However, due to extremely dry conditions, the growth of wildflowers and other species was limited this year. Residents can continue to support the initiative by nominating future sites through our online form.



Where appropriate, utilise Council assets to improve biodiversity.

- Biodiversity plans are in place for Clay Cross Active facility and 3G pitch. Tree planting and other associated grounds works won't be undertaken until October when conditions are more suitable.