



**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 July to September 2025 (Q2)





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.

- **Between July and September, a series of sustainability-focused campaigns were promoted to encourage positive environmental behaviours.**

These included Plastic Free July, which aimed to reduce single-use plastics; the Big Butterfly Count, which supported biodiversity awareness; Second Hand September, promoting reuse and sustainable consumption; Organic September, featuring an interview-style piece on organic practices; and Forest Week, which highlighted carbon sequestration and biodiversity. Across these initiatives, the organisation promoted actions such as reducing waste and composting, helping to lower carbon emissions and support long-term environmental goals.

- Encouraging new members at Clay Cross Active to be paperless. Introduction of the Just Do More App has replaced the need for plastic membership cards across all leisure sites.
- Warm Homes Local Grant scheme now live. Governance assurance assessment is still underway but the scheme can progress. Our local delivery partners, SBS, is managing the customer journey with staff and Environmental Health involved in the assessment and approval process. 136

enquiries received with 104 applications in progress and no grants awarded during this quarter. Total scheme allocation is £5.2m between April 25 to March 2028.

- Following national reviews of Government-funded insulation schemes, the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero carried out sample audits using independent surveyors. Twelve of our completed homes were inspected in April and May 2025. We've received feedback for five properties so far, with no major concerns reported. The remaining seven reports are expected soon, and no issues were raised during site visits. Work has now started on Wave 3 of the Social Housing Decarbonisation Scheme, with 111 homes identified for improvement. Progress updates will be shared from Quarter 3 onwards.
- Derbyshire County Council (DCC) is progressing with the rollout of on-street residential electric vehicle (EV) charging following the approval of £6.6 million LEVI (Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure) funding. While planning is underway, the specific rollout schedule across Derbyshire has not yet been agreed, and therefore no confirmed figures are available for provision in North East Derbyshire at this stage.





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

Continually reduce the Council's own carbon emissions.

- Temporary vehicle storage for Streetscene refuse collection vehicles has been approved at Mill Lane. This initiative will reduce travel distances for service delivery, helping to lower emissions and improve operational efficiency.

- **The new Air Source Heat Pump system at Eckington Active Leisure Centre is now fully operational.** Work is underway to connect a new electrical cable that will allow enhanced monitoring of energy usage. This will help fine-tune the system for maximum efficiency, supporting our commitment to reducing carbon emissions and improving sustainability.

- Solar panels to units at Baileys Square, Clay Cross installed.
- Two electric pool cars have been ordered to support low-emission travel. In parallel, work is underway to assess the cost implications of expanding the use of Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) fuel across the fleet.

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

- Planning approval has been granted for the installation of solar panels at Clee Hill Plant Ltd (Ref: 25/00592/FL), supporting the transition to cleaner energy.

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

- Planning permission has been granted for the expansion of the coach and bus repair facility in Killamarsh (Ref: 25/00264/FL). This

development supports local employment and sustainable transport infrastructure.

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

- Climate Change Action NED has received funding to support attendance at outdoor events such as galas, where they'll engage residents with practical advice and national campaigns on climate action. Their focus is on promoting everyday actions that contribute to sustainability, in partnership with organisations like Marches Energy Agency, aligning with the Council's commitment to informed and active community involvement.

- **Delivered a community litter pick at Clay Cross social centre** to support the work of the Active neighbourhood Pilot scheme around the theme of taking pride in the community.



- We successfully prosecuted one individual for tipping resulting in offender receiving a custodial sentence.



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

- A series of articles were published to support seasonal sustainability themes, including Sustainable Holidays (25 July), Gardening for Wildlife (August and September), Sustainable Halloween (25 September), and a joint piece with Streetscene for Second Hand September (25 September). These articles aimed to raise awareness and encourage practical actions around reuse, biodiversity, and environmentally conscious celebrations.

- The proposal to promote Wingerworth Lido as a biodiversity hub is currently undergoing a full review by the Environment Scrutiny Committee.
- Organic September encouraged residents to support organic practices at home.
- As part of the development approved off Deerlands Road, Wingerworth (Planning Ref: 25/00592/FL), adjacent land has been secured for biodiversity offsetting. This supports environmental sustainability and enhancing local ecological value.



Where appropriate, utilise Council assets to improve biodiversity

- As part of the 2025-2028 Biodiversity Net Gain delivery plan, three-quarters of the hedgerow whip planting targets have already been achieved.