



**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 October to December 2025 (Q3)





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



- Recycle Week was promoted across the district, providing clear guidance to help residents recycle correctly and reduce waste contamination.
- A Sustainable Christmas campaign was delivered, encouraging residents to reuse materials, reduce waste and adopt environmentally responsible choices during the festive period.

• Approval was granted for rooftop solar panel installations at housing developments at Upperthorpe Road, Killamarsh (ref. 25/00834/DISCON) and Dark Lane, Calow (ref. 25/00591/DISCON), supporting renewable energy generation.

- Approval was also granted for a fifty megawatt battery storage facility at Hallgate Lane, Pilsley reference 25/00703/MFL which will support local energy resilience.
- The Derbyshire County Council led Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure project focused on street residential charging continues to progress. Detailed locations and charge point numbers will be confirmed as the project develops. Work on rapid charging provision is under review following a change in the County Council's approach, with further updates to be provided once plans are clarified.

• Warm Homes Wave Three has delivered forty two completed homes within the 2025/26 programme. Two former empty council properties in Clay Cross have undergone full renovation to a high specification and were completed in December 2025. These properties will form part of the new supported housing service. Both properties are fitted with external heat pumps and are expected to achieve a Standard Assessment Procedure rating of either A or B, supporting improved energy efficiency across the housing stock.

- As part of a North East Derbyshire District Council pilot initiative, a mini tender is being arranged through the Highland Council Hydrogen Dynamic Purchasing System, Category Two, which covers electric vehicle charging infrastructure. If successful, this will enable installation of six electric vehicle charge points at Mill Lane offices to support both fleet and staff charging. A subsequent mini project is planned to install public electric vehicle charge points at Clay Cross Active.



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- The Warm Homes Local Grant Scheme continues to generate strong interest from residents and is delivering practical energy-efficiency improvements that help reduce household carbon emissions. During Quarter 3, 183 enquiries were received, with 5 homes completing installations and £459k of funding committed, supporting warmer homes and lower energy use across the district.
- Work is underway to assess the feasibility of installing electric vehicle charge points across the commercial estate. This would support businesses in transitioning to electric vehicles and contribute to wider decarbonisation objectives.

Continually reduce the Council's own carbon emissions

- Two electric pool cars have been ordered alongside a hybrid Transit van as part of the transition toward lower emission fleet operations. Environmental Health is assessing alternative fuel options within the vehicle replacement programme to support longer term sustainability objectives.
- Work continues to assess the cost implications of expanding the use of Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil fuel across the wider fleet. The use of Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil has ceased on the southern fleet following the move out of the Doe Lea depot, as these vehicles no longer operate on bunkered fuel.

- **Mileage for the southern Streetscene fleet has reduced following relocation to the southern hub.** Derbyshire County Council has also reduced the requirement for travel to transfer stations, contributing to lower emissions and improved operational efficiency.

- The diesel pool car used by the joint ICT (Information and Communications Technology) service is being replaced with a new electric vehicle. This change will contribute to reduced emissions and support alignment with organisational decarbonisation priorities.

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

- Publicity was delivered to highlight recent enforcement actions for fly tipping and littering. This aimed to deter offending behaviour and increase public awareness of the consequences of environmental crime.
- A winter dog fouling campaign was implemented, emphasising responsible dog ownership during darker evenings.

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

- Hybrid working adopted by some Streetscene support staff.

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

- **A schedule of appointments with schools and community groups began in October 2025 and remains ongoing.** This engagement activity aims to educate participants on reducing food waste, preventing littering and protecting the local environment.



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- The Environment Scrutiny Committee received an overview of fly tipping, including the key challenges faced by the Council and the actions being taken to address the issue. This supported improved awareness and informed future scrutiny of environmental crime enforcement.
- **A closure order was obtained in relation to land being used without permission for waste dumping and as a scrap yard. This action strengthens regulatory compliance and reduces environmental risk.**
- Support was provided to the Community Action Group to promote messages encouraging community led litter picking, helping to foster civic pride and positive environmental behaviour.
- Christmas waste and recycling collection changes were promoted through the Council website, email updates and social media channels to ensure residents were informed and able to plan appropriately.





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 Net Gain enhancements have been confirmed for the schemes at Grange Farm in Wessington and Ivy Cottage Farm in Wadshelf. These measures will contribute to improved ecological outcomes and support long term habitat development.

Where appropriate, utilise Council assets to improve biodiversity

- **The Biodiversity Net Gain programme for Streetscene is ongoing, with three quarters of the hedgerow whip planting targets for the 2025 to 2028 programme already achieved.**

- Landscape works were carried out at Clay Cross Active during November to meet the Biodiversity Net Gain targets identified for the site.

- The recommendations of the Scrutiny Review relating to the Wingerworth Lido were endorsed by Cabinet on 18 December 2025. A delivery and action plan has now been developed, including defined timescales, to address all identified issues. A key milestone will be completion of the Biodiversity Recovery Plan being undertaken by the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, with findings expected by September 2026. While this work progresses, the Council continues to work with specialist partners, including the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and the Angling Trust, to balance environmental recovery with safe and appropriate use of the lido as a valued community asset.

