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Urchfont Parish Council

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Urchfont Parish Environment Group  
UPEG

Aim, Objectives and Milestones  
for a

**Carbon Neutral Urchfont Parish by 2030**

# Introduction

On 12 February 2020, Urchfont Parish Council (UPC) unanimously agreed to set up an environmental policy in response to the global Climate Emergency and in doing so help Wiltshire Council achieve its aspiration for a Carbon Neutral Wiltshire by 2030. A policy was presented by Councillor Kinnaird on 11 March 2020 and agreed, again unanimously by the council. A Working Group, Urchfont Parish Environment Group (UPEG) was formed shortly after. The aim of UPEG, on behalf of UPC is stated as:

Acknowledging that the World faces a climate emergency of direct concern to all of us, Urchfont Parish Council, in support of Wiltshire Council and working with others, pledges to seek to make the Parish including Lydeaway and Wedhampton carbon neutral by 2030.

This document sets out objectives and milestones (to be) accepted by UPC as the community's pathway to achieving the aim. The means of delivering the objectives and milestones will vary, and will not be the sole preserve of UPC or UPEG; it is expected that subgroups of volunteers and specialists will be set up and may be required until the objectives are achieved or are amended in the light of experience or changed requirement.

## Quick Guide

**Aim**



What we want to achieve

**Objectives**



How the overall aim will be achieved

**Enabling Objectives**



Components of each objective

**Milestones**



Things to be done to deliver the objectives

## Aim

Acknowledging that the world faces a climate emergency of direct concern to all of us, Urchfont Parish Council, in support of Wiltshire Council and working with others, pledges to seek to make the Parish including Lydeaway and Wedhampton carbon neutral by 2030.

# UPEG Objectives

## **Objective 1 A Carbon Neutral Parish Council by 2030**

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### **Enabling Objectives**

- 1.1 Urchfont Parish Council decisions, contracts and operation within its own control are carbon neutral.
- 1.2 Funds are awarded to local groups on proof of carbon neutrality or with binding carbon neutrality targets.
- 1.3 Funds are ring-fenced for climate emergency mitigation.

## **Objective 2 A climate-aware community by 2022**

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### **Enabling Objectives**

- 2.1 The community has a comprehensive directory of Carbon footprint reduction measures, supported by up to date Parish Carbon Footprint data.
- 2.2 Climate friendly choices (eg. shop, community bus, public transport) in the parish are fully utilised.
- 2.3 At least 90% of Households adopt Wiltshire Council's Green Pledge

## **Objective 3 A climate-active community by 2022**

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### **Enabling Objectives**

- 3.1 An active tree and hedge planting partnership between landowners and the community.
- 3.2 The Parish Council, in partnership with community groups, external organisations and specialists, implement and encourage carbon reduction measures.

# Objective 1: A Carbon Neutral Parish Council by 2030

**1.1 Urchfont Parish Council decisions, contracts and operation within its own control are carbon neutral.**

## **Milestone 1**

Contractors and suppliers to UPC under current arrangements are formally notified that UPC will require them demonstrate energy efficiency, waste limitation and climate-friendly choices in any new or renewed contracts by 30 November 2020.

## **Milestone 2**

All potential suppliers for new and renewed contracts are required to demonstrate energy efficiency, waste limitation and climate-friendly choices which shall be key bid criteria from 31 January 2021

**1.2 Funds are awarded to local groups on proof of carbon neutrality or with binding carbon neutrality targets.**

## **Milestone 1**

Carbon neutrality targets for community groups who do not operate carbon neutral agreed by UPC for any application for public funding by 31 August 2020.

## **Milestone 2**

Carbon neutrality criteria agreed by UPC for any application for public funding by 31 August 2022.

**1.3 Funds are ring-fenced for climate emergency mitigation.**

## **Milestone 1**

In recognition of Climate Emergency and Wiltshire Council's own targets, ring-fenced funds approved from Financial Year 21/22.

## **Milestone 2**

UPC invites proposals for disbursement of climate emergency mitigation funds (e.g. purchase of trees or conducting energy audits) from April 2021.

## Objective 2: A climate-aware community by 2022

**2.1 The community has a comprehensive directory of carbon footprint reduction measures.**

### **Milestone 1**

A simple list of carbon reduction steps and encouragement to sign up to the Wiltshire Council Green Pledge into Redhorn News and by flyer into every home and business by 30 June 2020.

### **Milestone 2**

A Carbon Footprint survey of the parish is undertaken and results analysed and published by 30 November 2020.

### **Milestone 3**

Consultation, leading to a plan published by 31 Mar 2021, updating UPEG objectives where appropriate.

### **Milestone 4**

A comprehensive directory, tailored to the Parish, agreed by 31 May 2021.

**2.2 Climate friendly choices (eg. Shop, community bus, public transport, car sharing, Dr surgery) in the parish are fully utilised .**

### **Milestone 1**

UPEG is engaged with the Village Shop and Urchfont Community Bus committees by 31 December 2020.

### **Milestone 2**

Through advertising and other 'corporate communication' UPC actively encourages use of climate-friendly community facilities by 31 December 2020.

### **Milestone 3**

First annual review of usage of community facilities 31 May 2021.

## **Objective 3: A climate-active community by 2022**

**3.1 An active tree and hedge planting partnership between landowners and the community.**

**Milestone 1**

Phase 1 tree and hedge planting sites agreed with landowners by 31 July 2020.

**Milestone 2**

Trees and hedges (whips) on order (from Woodland Trust) for winter 2020/2021 by 31 August 2020.

**Milestone 3**

Phase 1 multi-generation planting team recruited, trained and with planting and maintenance plan by 30 November 2020.

**Milestone 4**

Phase 1 planting completed 15 March 2021.

**Milestone 5**

Milestones 1-4 repeated annually.

**3.2 Urchfont Parish Council (UPC), in partnership with community groups, external organisations and specialists, implement carbon reduction measures.**

**Milestone 1**

UPC commits to lead and enable community carbon reduction measures within its means by 30 June 2020.

**Milestone 2**

UPC-led Community Energy Plan agreed by 30 June 2021

**Milestone 3**

UPC-led Sustainable Travel Plan agreed by 30 June 2021