

Castle Cary Town Council

Environmental Policy

Purpose: To define the Environmental Policy for Castle Cary Town Council, it's Committees and Working Groups

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Castle Cary Town Council will set an example of best practice for living & working sustainably as the Town Council & therefore act as a catalyst encouraging & supporting everyone in the local community to do the same, so that we can all embed sustainable living practices into all our everyday decision making and so make living more sustainably the norm & the right way to do things.

We support the many local individuals, groups, organisations, institutions & businesses already taking steps to practice these sustainable lifestyles.

We aim to be carbon neutral by 2030, by developing a strategy, targets & action plans.

We will set measurable targets & review & report progress at regular intervals so that our progress is transparent.

Our Policy will apply to all our buildings & facilities and activities: The Market House, the Town Cemetery, the Fairfield, Catherine's Close & Millbrook toilets and the Roundhouse; and those covered by the Donald Pither Trust- the sports Pavilion & Playing field.

We will work with our contractors & suppliers to embed sustainable working practices.

A Council Working group will work closely with appropriate stakeholders and as wide a participation from the local community as possible, working together to achieve our target.

We believe this is achievable & these actions will provide many benefits besides curbing the dangers of run-away climate change; they will restore some balance for nature, increase our energy security, improve air quality and our health & wellbeing, minimise fuel poverty, boost the local economy and provide jobs & training in the new sustainable business practices & industries.

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We will make calls to National & Local Government to provide the necessary policy changes and funding to ensure changes to our infrastructure & ways of working & living are underpinned at a national & district level.