

Skirlaugh Parish Council:

Climate Emergency Action Plan

The following Climate Emergency Action Plan (CEAP) has been put together following the decision by the Skirlaugh Parish Council (The Council) to declare a climate emergency in March 2021. The full Climate Emergency Declaration (CED) can be viewed on the Council's website. Simplified down, the CED has two goals which are to reduce the carbon footprint of the Council and increase the biodiversity of the Parish. The CEAP is split into three stages: Short, Medium and Long term. Each stage states what action/s the Council will take to achieve the goals set out in the CED. Whilst the CEAP should be viewed as a structure to work alongside it should also be noted that the CEAP is a fluid document and will evolve over time as more information is gathered.

Short Term (0-6months):

- + This stage is all about raising awareness and gathering data to better inform the CEAP.
- + Publicize the CED using both traditional media (Hull Live, Holderness Gazette, Humberside Radio) and more modern social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Website).
- + Contact the ERYC, Graham Stuart MP and all appropriate Ward Councilors with a copy of the CED and a covering letter imploring them to use their influence to secure additional funding for Town and Parish Councils who have made a CED and wish to make their Parishes greener.
- + Commission an Ecological audit of the whole Parish. This will produce a report that will show where we are presently and how to get to where we want to be.
- + Commission a Carbon footprint audit for the Parish. This will show how much CO2 the Council is producing and will highlight where and how we can make changes to reduce this figure.
- + Hold a public consultation within the Parish to get ideas and feedback from the local community on what they would like to see included in the action plan.

Medium Term (6-24months):

- + This is very much the action stage. The information has been gathered and now it is time to start implementing the suggested changes.
- + Convert any existing street lighting to energy efficient LED lighting and lobby the ERYC to make the commitment that any new street lighting, both in the Parish and County wide, will be energy efficient.
- + Continue the development of the Jubilee Wood. The Jubilee Wood is the jewel in the crown of our ecological efforts. It is already a haven for wildlife and with the suggestions from the Ecological Survey directing the way forward the Jubilee Wood will thrive.
- + Begin to investigate the formation of a Neighborhood Plan which will allow the Skirlaugh Parish Council, in partnership with the local community and the ERYC, to provide additional planning considerations when development occurs within the parish. For example, all developments should use the latest green technology and practices, the inclusion of hedgehog highways in fences, etc.
- + Increasing biodiversity in the form of wild areas, hedgerows, new planting areas and tree planting around the Parish. This will be led by the results of the Ecological Survey.

Long Term (24-60months):

- + This is when we will start to see some of the benefits of the CEAP.
- + By this stage we will be living in a greener, more ecologically diverse Parish.
- + There will be LED street lighting providing more light to the right areas so providing a safer environment whilst not intruding on people's personal property.