

Environment and Climate Crisis Working Party Report 2022-23

Members; Trudy Reynolds, Parish Councillor; Nigel Chatterjee and Pat Smith, members of the public.

At the start of the year the Parish Council discussed the Carbon Footprint Report on the parish which was based on data provided by the University of Exeter and the Centre for Sustainable Energy based in Bristol. Whilst our figures are high it was felt that this was due to the rural nature of the parish together with a relatively elderly population and a large proportion of holiday homes. This data will be reviewed annually.

All planning applications are considered with energy efficiency and carbon reduction prioritised using our Neighbourhood Plan, the Climate Crisis Action Plan and the Planning Checklist,

The group has produced posters for the parish noticeboards, the parish website and other local social media channels to highlight relevant topics such as water saving measures, sensible shopping habits, hidden plastics, dealing with the summer heat etc. We have also produced a "Green Guide" of local businesses which promote green consumerism.

Suppliers are checked for their environmental credentials. Special purchases for the Platinum Jubilee excluded any single use plastics. The benches purchased for Porthpean Beach were made from plastics recycled in the UK.

The Parish Council successfully applied for a Tree Preservation Order for trees near the Church Road Playing Fields and was active in ensuring that the correct procedures were followed when trees on Charlestown Road were felled.

The Parish Council continues to support the work of Charlestown Chums in their litter picking sessions and the Two Minute Beach Clean boards. The Diggers and Doers group has continued work to improve the environment of the parish by tree planting, bulb planting, creating wildflower areas and general tidying of hedgerows and footpaths. There are ongoing projects at The Battery, the Regatta Field and Carrickowel Point. We have a small core of volunteers who I would like to sincerely thank for their efforts. New members are more than welcome.