

TOWN AND CINQUE PORT OF HYTHE



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Statement on Engaging with the Community on Issues Related to the Environment and Climate Change.

Climate Emergency Declaration

Hythe Town Council declared a Climate and Ecological Emergency in mid-2019.

This set a zero-carbon date for the council of 2025 at the latest.

HTC has set about measuring and monitoring the council's carbon footprint and has committed to report annually on progress.

Switching Energy Providers

An easy and effective first step was to switch energy suppliers.

After analysing the options, we moved from EDF to Bulb.

Bulb provides 100% renewable electricity

Tree planting

We have planted approximately 2000 trees in Hythe.

Becoming a Plant-Based Council

We are environmentally friendly and voted 2 years ago to cater to vegan food only.

Building Resilience against Climate Change

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collaborate with partners in ensuring a clean, attractive, and safe environment for residents, visitors and businesses. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognise the connection between environmental quality and health and well-being (both mental and physical). |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take positive measures to encourage biodiversity |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve the Council's energy and resource efficiency. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support higher sustainability standards in new developments, including solar power, rainwater harvesting and electric vehicle charging points. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seek to drive up recycling rates and will collaborate with partners to increase the reuse of materials. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collaborate with partners such as the Bumblebee Trust, Hythe Environmental Community Group, schools and community groups to raise awareness of the many environmental challenges. |