

<Local Council Name>

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# Carbon Reduction Actions for <year>

<b>Buildings</b>		
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<b>Switch it! (...to renewable electricity)</b>	I will switch my home or business energy provider to a 'green' tariff for electricity	
<b>Swap to LEDS for lighting</b>	I will check out my lighting and replace high energy bulbs with low energy LED bulbs this year	
<b>Timing is everything</b>	I will get to know the best time of day to turn on my appliances and switch my usage to the time with the least emissions from energy generation	
<b>The solution is in your underwear</b>	I will wear more clothes and turn down my heating this year	
<b>Bye-bye to standby</b>	I will turn off all of my devices at the wall when they are not being used every day	
<b>Switch it! (...gas)</b>	I will switch my home or business energy provider to a 'green' tariff for gas	
<b>Draught-busting to keep your heat</b>	I will get to know my home or building and seal up at least half of the draughts this year	

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<b>Know your heating controls and turn them down</b>	I will turn down my heating by 1°C, and find out the most efficient way to run my heating system	
<b>Make a whole building plan</b>	I will make a Whole Building Plan for my home (and / or business premises) this year and start to implement it	
<b>Insulate it!</b>	I will review all insulation options available for my home or building and complete at least half	
<b>Buy efficiency and save money</b>	I will buy the most energy efficient appliances that I can afford and make long-term savings	
<b>Make friends with your appliances</b>	I will check out the most energy efficient setting for all of my appliances and make sure that they are all working to their maximum efficiency	
<b>Monitor that electricity usage</b>	I will buy or borrow an electricity monitor and actively monitor and manage my usage of every appliance I have at home/workplace this year	

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<b>Zero flights for me!</b>	I will take zero flights for the next year	
<b>Be smart about car travel</b>	I will research, plan and implement at least 5 smart driving initiatives.	
<b>Go on a flight diet</b>	I will fly 30% less than last year	
<b>Join the electric vehicle trend</b>	I will commit to buying a second hand or new electric car or van as my next home/business vehicle	
<b>Choose an efficient vehicle</b>	I will commit to buying a smaller/ less polluting vehicle that uses the least energy per mile driven when I next change my home/business vehicle	
<b>Make it a car sharing journey</b>	I will share my journeys twice a week for the next year	
<b>Get on board with public transport</b>	I will use public transport at least once a week	
<b>Use your feet (and knees)</b>	I will make half of my usual short car journeys (up to 2 miles) by walking or cycling for the next year	

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<b>Join a car club</b>	I will find out about community (electric) car hire / sharing clubs in my area - and if there is one, join it!	
<b>Take the road less travelled</b>	I will reduce my car miles by a fifth this year	

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<b>Reduce reduce reduce</b>	I will make at least 1 less major purchase this year	
<b>Do you really need it...?</b>	I will read about the impact of buying things and will wait 24 hours before buying anything new	
<b>Choose second hand for best value</b>	I will only buy secondhand items or those made from recycled materials for the next year	
<b>Save water</b>	I will reduce my water consumption by 20% this year	
<b>Meat-free Mondays</b>	I will have meat, poultry, fish or dairy free Mondays for the coming year.	
<b>Buy less/share more!</b>	I will offer rarely used equipment or tools to my friends and neighbours (or businesses)	
<b>Ditch the fast fashion</b>	I will take the 30-wear pledge and reduce my purchases of new clothes by at least a half this year (or make sure that business uniforms are returned when employees leave).	
<b>Reduce your food waste</b>	I will organise my meals and fridge so that I throw away at least 50% less unused food each week	

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<b>Get creative with leftovers</b>	I will only buy food that I know that I will use.	
<b>Eat seasonal fruit &amp; veg</b>	I will stop buying air freighted 'short shelf-life' foods at home or for my workplace/community space	
<b>Make things last</b>	I will use my local repair cafe or repair shops at least 3 times this year.	
<b>Keep electronic stuff</b>	I will keep my phone and laptop for at least a year longer than I would have done previously	

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<b>No peat for me!</b>	I will check labels and only use peat free compost for my home or business.	
<b>Save your seeds</b>	I will attend a local seed swap this year.	
<b>Ditch the diesel</b>	I will avoid using petrol equipment for at least half of my garden/ workplace/ community space.	
<b>Make your own compost</b>	I will stop at least 50% of my food waste going to landfill by putting it into a compost or the council food waste bin.	
<b>Don't dig it</b>	I will use a no-dig approach to successful growing when starting to cultivate the green space around me	
<b>Plant a tree</b>	I will plant at least 1 tree at home or in my community space/workplace following the 'Right Tree in the Right Place' guidance and make sure that it is looked after	
<b>Grow your own</b>	I will increase my food crop and grow at least 3 different things this year.	

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<b>Avoid fertilisers</b>	I will stop using at least 50% of the chemical fertilisers I currently use at home and in my workplace/ community space	
<b>Water water everywhere</b>	I will install a water butt to collect rainwater for watering the garden and find out who to talk to about water waste at my workplace/ community space.	
<b>(Re)-wild and beautiful!</b>	I will leave 20% of my green space at home, workplace or community space to nature, and let my lawn grow longer so that flowers have time to set seed	
<b>Dig a pond</b>	I will dig a pond (or provide a micro wildlife pond in a pot).	

<b>Energy</b>		
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<b>Work smarter</b>	I will convince my workplace to get an energy/carbon audit and act on it this year	
<b>Workplace electric vehicle charging</b>	I will convince my workplace to install electric car charging point(s) for company, employee or visitor vehicles	
<b>Energised communities</b>	I will support a local community energy project	
<b>Community switching</b>	I will get together with my neighbours and we will switch together to a provider of renewable electricity	
<b>Solar PV electricity generation</b>	I will install solar photovoltaic panels on my house/building this year	
<b>Solar thermal hot water</b>	I will install solar thermal water heating in my house/building this year	
<b>Heat pumps - low emission heating</b>	I will install a Heat Pump to replace my inefficient heating system this year	

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<b>It's a low emissions personal pension for me</b>	When I choose a pension, I will choose funds which have "decarbonised" their investments	
<b>Making my savings work for a better future!</b>	I will invest my money with carbon reduction as a priority (companies which report on their carbon emissions, set targets in line with international agreements and do not invest in fossil fuels)	
<b>A sustainable bank account is possible</b>	I will switch accounts to a bank that invests in sustainability and doesn't support fossil fuels	
<b>Low carbon mortgage lenders</b>	I will use a mortgage lender that looks after the planet	
<b>Cheaper money for home improvements</b>	I will find out more about how I can borrow money more cheaply to make energy efficiency savings in my building	
<b>Insurance companies with low emission aims</b>	I will buy my insurance from companies that are working to reduce carbon emissions	

<b>Use your voice</b>		
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<b>Vote for a healthy planet</b>	I will commit to vote for the politicians who will prioritise climate change and the natural world	
<b>Lobby for climate action</b>	I will join a local and/or national group to lobby for change	
<b>Tell your MP what you want</b>	I will send a message to my local MP to let them know how important it is for climate change to be included in every decision	
<b>Use your parish/town council power</b>	I will contact my parish/town Council to find out if they have declared a Climate (and Ecological) Emergency and have a Carbon Reduction Plan and ask them to join the Great Collaboration towards a Zero Carbon Herefordshire	
<b>Join the Herefordshire Green Network</b>	I will join HGN and encourage my parish council and any groups that I work with to be part of their growing and thriving network	
<b>Hand up for a low carbon workplace pension</b>	I will lobby my employer to opt for a pension fund which makes investments in low carbon industries and boycotts fossil fuel companies	