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Carbon Reduction Actions for <year>



Buildings		
Action	The commitment we are inviting residents and businesses to make via The Great Collaboration	Supporting Local Council actions <complete this column as far as applicable>
Switch it! (...to renewable electricity)	I will switch my home or business energy provider to a 'green' tariff for electricity	
Swap to LEDS for lighting	I will check out my lighting and replace high energy bulbs with low energy LED bulbs this year	
Timing is everything	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	
The solution is in your underwear	I will wear more clothes and turn down my heating this year	
Bye-bye to standby	I will turn off all of my devices at the wall when they are not being used every day	
Switch it! (...gas)	I will switch my home or business energy provider to a 'green' tariff for gas	
Draught-busting to keep your heat	I will get to know my home or building and seal up at least half of the draughts this year	



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Know your heating controls and turn them down	I will turn down my heating by 1°C, and find out the most efficient way to run my heating system	
Make a whole building plan	I will make a Whole Building Plan for my home (and / or business premises) this year and start to implement it	
Insulate it!	I will review all insulation options available for my home or building and complete at least half	
Buy efficiency and save money	I will buy the most energy efficient appliances that I can afford and make long-term savings	
Make friends with your appliances	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	
Monitor that electricity usage	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	



Transport		
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Zero flights for me!	I will take zero flights for the next year	
Be smart about car travel	I will research, plan and implement at least 5 smart driving initiatives.	
Go on a flight diet	I will fly 30% less than last year	
Join the electric vehicle trend	I will commit to buying a second hand or new electric car or van as my next home/business vehicle	
Choose an efficient vehicle	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	
Make it a car sharing journey	I will share my journeys twice a week for the next year	
Get on board with public transport	I will use public transport at least once a week	
Use your feet (and knees)	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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Join a car club	I will find out about community (electric) car hire / sharing clubs in my area - and if there is one, join it!	
Take the road less travelled	I will reduce my car miles by a fifth this year	



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



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

Land Use		
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No peat for me!	I will check labels and only use peat free compost for my home or business.	
Save your seeds	I will attend a local seed swap this year.	
Ditch the diesel	I will avoid using petrol equipment for at least half of my garden/ workplace/ community space.	
Make your own compost	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.	
Don't dig it	I will use a no-dig approach to successful growing when starting to cultivate the green space around me	
Plant a tree	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	
Grow your own	I will increase my food crop and grow at least 3 different things this year.	



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Avoid fertilisers	I will stop using at least 50% of the chemical fertilisers I currently use at home and in my workplace/ community space	
Water water everywhere	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.	
(Re)-wild and beautiful!	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	
Dig a pond	I will dig a pond (or provide a micro wildlife pond in a pot).	



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



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



Use your voice		
Action	The commitment we are inviting residents and businesses to make via The Great Collaboration	Supporting Local Council actions <complete this column as far as applicable>
Vote for a healthy planet	I will commit to vote for the politicians who will prioritise climate change and the natural world	
Lobby for climate action	I will join a local and/or national group to lobby for change	
Tell your MP what you want	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	
Use your parish/town council power	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	.
Join the Herefordshire Green Network	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	
Hand up for a low carbon workplace pension	I will lobby my employer to opt for a pension fund which makes investments in low carbon industries and boycotts fossil fuel companies	

