

Merton Climate Change Update

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A framework to meet net-zero targets....

Since the Declaration of a climate emergency, we have developed a sound strategic approach and a framework for delivery.

**Merton's Climate Strategy and
Action Plan** was adopted in
November 2020.

Climate Delivery Plan – Year 1
adopted in January 2021



Merton Climate Action Plan

19%
of borough emissions

Transport

What you can do:

Reduce car use in favour of walking and cycling

Switch to ultra-low emission vehicles such as electric

Schools and businesses adopt travel plans

Avoid flying

What the Council will do:

Support new cycle paths and wider pavements

Work with TfL for faster transport decarbonisation and vehicle share schemes

Consult on emission-based parking charges

81%
of borough emissions

Buildings & Energy

What the Council will do: What you can do:

Require new buildings to be low carbon and resilient to the impacts of climate change

Lobby for tighter regulations and further funding for low carbon buildings

Save energy by switching off appliances and turning down the heating

Use green electricity

Avoid gas by buying a low carbon heating system (e.g. a heat pump)

Invest in insulation and renewable energy

-0.1%
of borough emissions

Green spaces

What you can do:

Grow vegetation around your home

Remove paving from your front garden to plant trees

Join or sponsor a community planting group

What the Council will do:

Maintain existing green spaces and plant more trees

Major contributor of emissions

Green Economy

What the Council will do:

Encourage waste reduction

Help build low carbon skills

Encourage green businesses

What you can do:

Buy green and local products

Eat less meat, fish and dairy

Reuse items and buy products with less packaging



Actions in 2020

We continued to reduce emissions from the Council's estate.

Shift to 100% **renewable electricity.**

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Completed LED **streetlight programme.**

Bid for £0.5 M grant to **decarbonise children's centres** and community buildings.



Actions in 2020

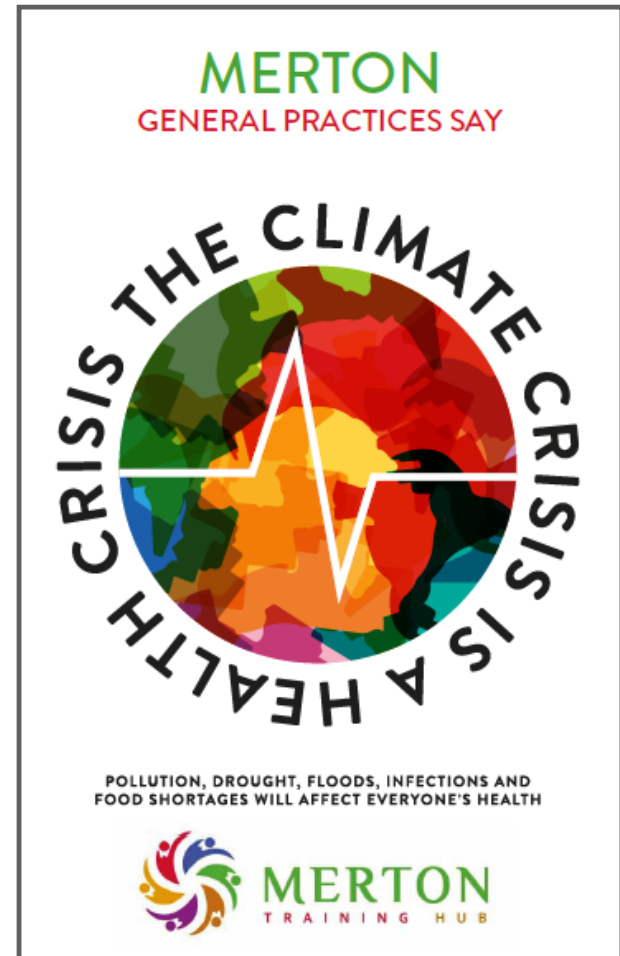
We continued to support emissions reductions within the borough

£400,000 of **Neighbourhood Fund** allocated to climate reduction projects

More funding for **Warmer Homes** Project

Draft **Local Plan** policies consistent with Climate targets

Campaigns to support change, such as Climate Champions in GP practices.



Coming up in 2021

Register for new **email updates**

Google “Merton climate emergency”

Sign up to receive future updates on
Merton's Climate Strategy and Action Plan

Make a climate change pledge

Pledge to make Merton a net-zero carbon borough by 2050.

Make your climate change pledge

Make a **pledge**

Google “Merton climate pledge”

The Big Pedal – register your school!

www.bigpedal.org.uk



Join the **Climate Action Group**

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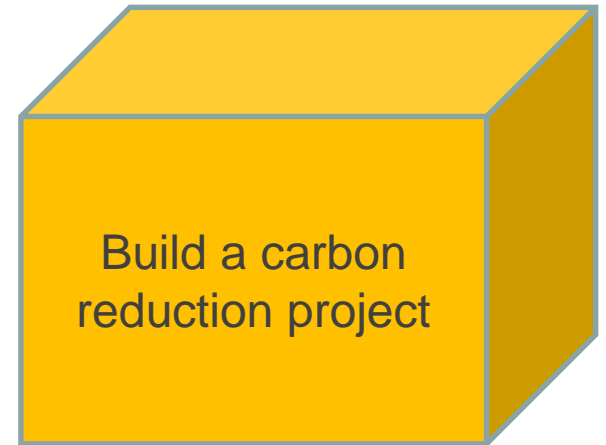
How the Climate Action Group will work

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Want to take action?
Have an idea?

Come to a meeting

Build a carbon reduction project



Climate Action Group Structure

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Next Steps

Meeting dates

Wednesday 31st March – Greening Merton

Wednesday 28th April – Building & Energy

Wednesday 26th May – Transport

Wednesday 30th June – Progress Meeting

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Keep in touch

- Check the Climate Action Group website or sign up for climate updates
- Contact a community lead or climate change officer

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