



GREAT TORRINGTON TOWN COUNCIL'S ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Start with GTTC: We will consistently consider environmental implications and opportunities of policies, projects, procurement, decisions and working practices. We will endeavour to encourage environmental best practice among employees, volunteers and Members.

Community Leadership: We will set an example by continually seeking to improve the Council's environmental performance. We will endeavour to improve the communities' environmental awareness and encourage individuals and groups to take responsibility for their actions.

Town Tidy: We will consistently work within the town centre and with the community and Torridge District Council to ensure the town centre is kept tidy. Specific "Town Tidies" will be arranged from time to time. We will work with the community with regards to Dog Fouling in particular and endeavour to undertake projects to reduce incidents.

Climate Emergency: We have declared a climate emergency and will work with other agencies to support efforts and work with relevant bodies to make Torridge District zero net carbon by 2030. We will not only heighten awareness of the severity of this situation but with future financial commitments and decisions generally aim to help further reduce carbon emissions.

Plastic Pollution: We will no longer purchase single plastic use products unless there is no other alternative. We will work with suppliers, and aim to help awareness across the town in relation to single use plastic as well as more generalised plastic pollution in our community.

Travel and Transport: We will work to establish bus routes that people want; Focus on a bus route from Taddipport to Hatchmoor; Work on a cyclist route from Tarka Trail to the Town Centre and bus routes from neighbouring villages into the town centre.

The "Natural": We will promote the conservation and enhancement of our natural environment and historic interests working with local groups and drawing on local expertise.

Lobbying: We will lobby appropriate bodies and agents as and when it is considered to be for the good of environmental issues and in relation to the matters in this Policy Statement.

Repair, Re-use & Recycle: We will look to get our own house in order first and endeavour to ensure we are not wasteful and seek to re-use and recycle where appropriate.