

Brixton Parish Council Environmental Policy



Brixton Parish Council acknowledges their privileged role as guardians of the environment for their community with landscapes heavily dominated by the ecologically important Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and a Special Area of Conservation.

In all its involvement the Council will seek to:

- Reduce its carbon and environmental footprint to ensure its impact is kept to a minimum.
- Encourage renewable energy schemes that the community can benefit from.
- Ensure any existing community assets are as energy efficient as possible and any new assets are constructed to the highest energy savings ratings.
- Increase the movement around the parish by sustainable means such as public transport, walking and cycling by influencing new development.
- Minimise environmental pollution and waste in all of its own activities and encourage the conservation, reuse and appropriate recycling of resources.
- To work in partnership with other organisations to maintain and improve the health of the South Hams both ecologically and physically.
- Progressively build environmental concerns and sustainability into all its policies.
- Promote understanding and participation in environmental issues throughout the Parish through education, information and consultation.

In order to achieve this, the Parish Council will:

- Ensure any community assets have been considered for hosting basic recycling facilities
- Ensure an annual energy survey is carried out in any community buildings to identify any areas that energy can be saved
- Report activities that are suspected to be causing environmental harm (air, water and noise pollution) to the relevant regulatory body.
- Review local environmental indicators, such as water quality and waste recycling
- Become a Surfers Against Sewage Plastic Free Community, by encouraging our plastic free allies (local businesses, Brixton St. Marys School and the community as a whole) to avoid using single use plastic and reduce their consumption of other plastics and ensuring it is disposed of responsibly.

- Sign up to the Year of Green Action 2019 to celebrate the existing achievements of protecting the environment.
- Continue to spread the sense of pride in our community by organising monthly village cleans.
- Encourage pollinating insects by designating set areas of wild flowers and considering other verges suitable for reducing maintenance to increase these natural feeding areas.
- Take every opportunity to attend community events to promote the environmental values we are committed to.

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