

## LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

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### **CLIMATE EMERGENCY UPDATE**

#### **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with a presentation on “Tackling the Climate Crisis at a Local Level” which was presented to Clerks at the recent Practitioners Conference.

#### **Detailed Information**

Attached are slides from a presentation given to Clerks at the recent Practitioners Conference on ways in which Parish Councils could tackle the climate crisis.

A number of the slides show very simple, effective suggestions such as bio-diversity projects within the town, an audit of cleaning products and other chemicals used by the council, signing up to the Refill Revolution App and encouraging traders in the town to sign up.

Other ideas would involve more work or have significant cost implications but are projects this Council may wish to consider going forward. These could include altering the grants criteria to state that the Council would look favourably on applications that make provision for climate change within their projects, installing water fountains around the town (an alternative to this would be to approach local cafés and ask them to display notices to show they will refill water bottles free).

These are all suggestions that should be considered by the Climate Emergency Working Party once established and should be considered for inclusion in the Council's Corporate Plan.

During the presentation there were interesting discussions around how other councils are tackling the issue of climate change and it would be helpful for the Climate Emergency Working Party to explore other council websites to see what they are doing and how it works.

#### **Recommendation**

That the attached presentation be made available to the inaugural meeting of the Climate Emergency Working Party to enable them to give consideration to the ideas within with a view to implementing them in Ledbury.



# Tackling the Climate Crisis at a Local Level

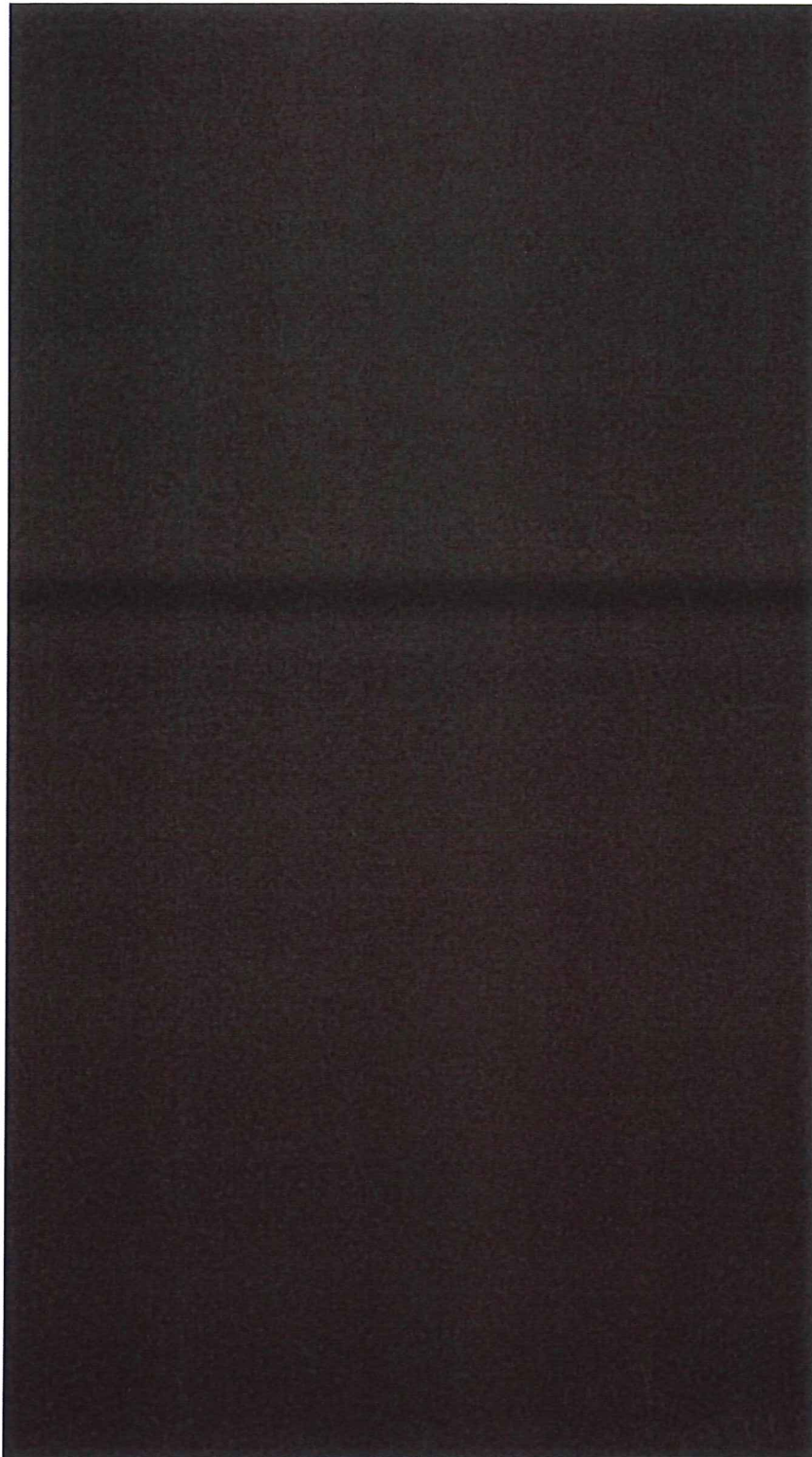
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climate emergency

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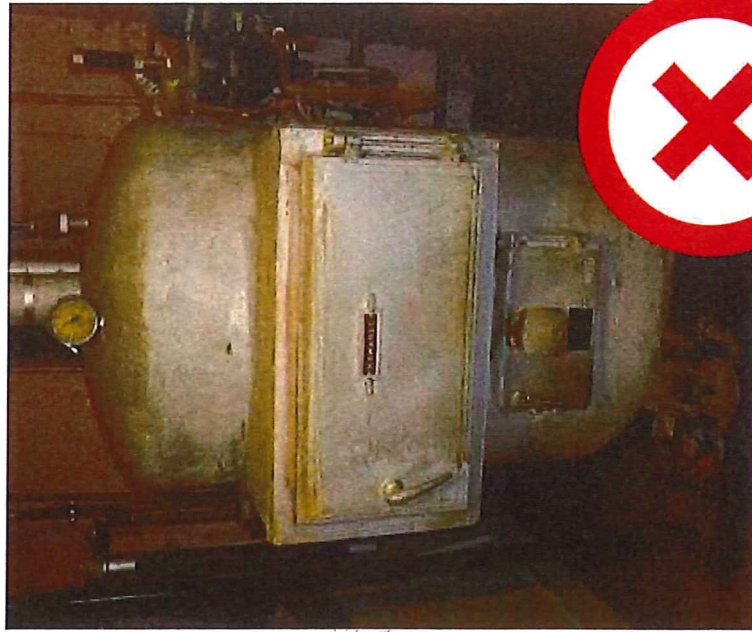
“A situation in which urgent action is required to reduce or halt climate change and avoid potentially irreversible environmental damage resulting from it.” *The Oxford Dictionary 2019*



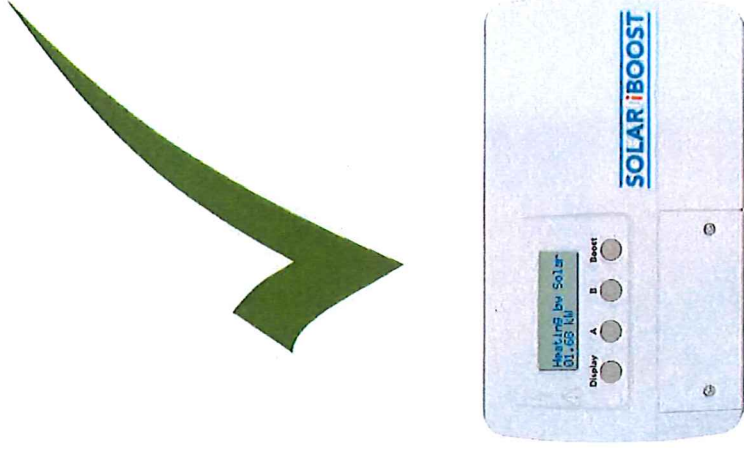
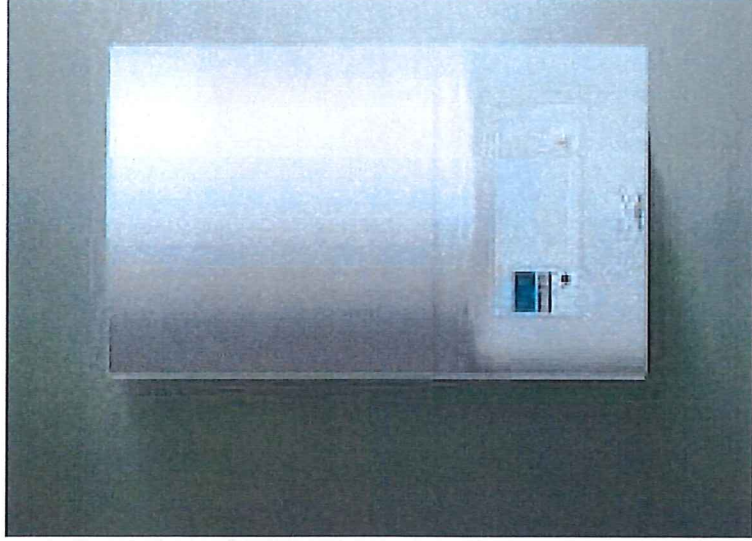
# What can we do to tackle the climate crisis at Parish and Town Council Level...?



# Replace old heating systems



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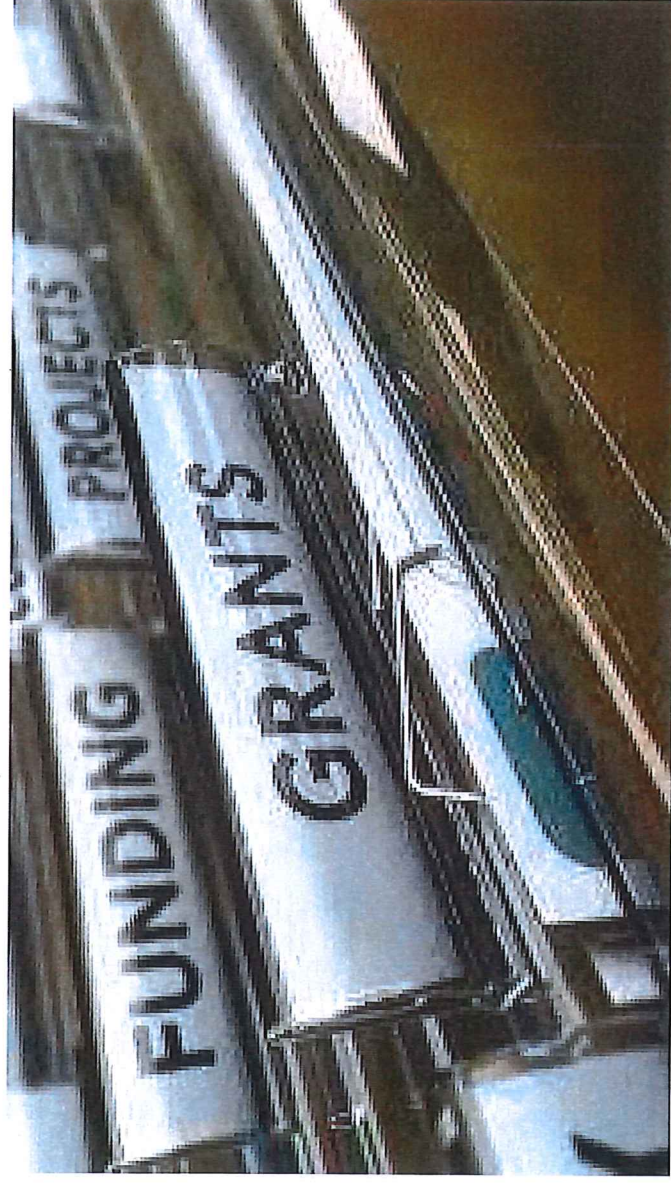


# Install Solar Panels





Award Grant Funding to  
community organisations seeking  
to tackle the climate crisis.



# Biodiversity in your Parish or Town



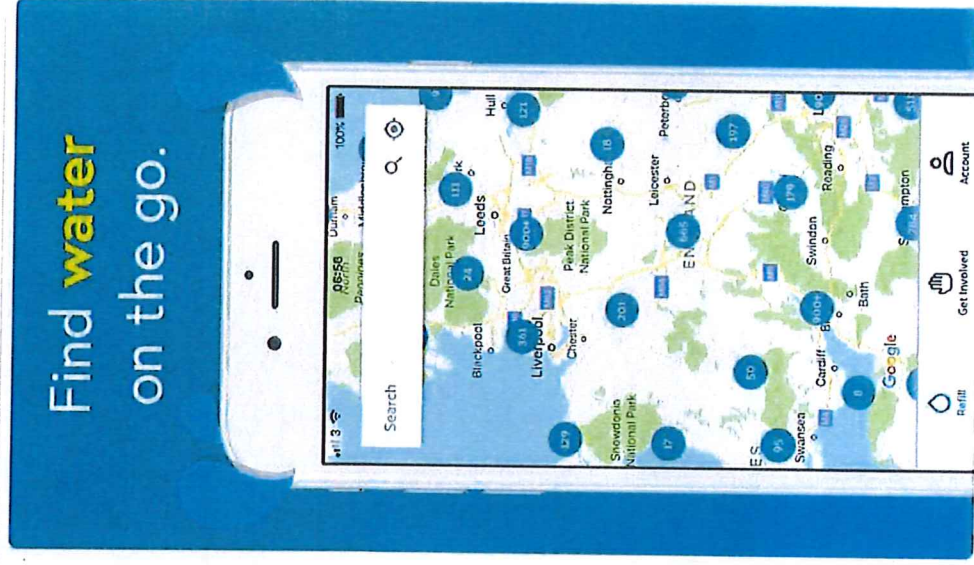
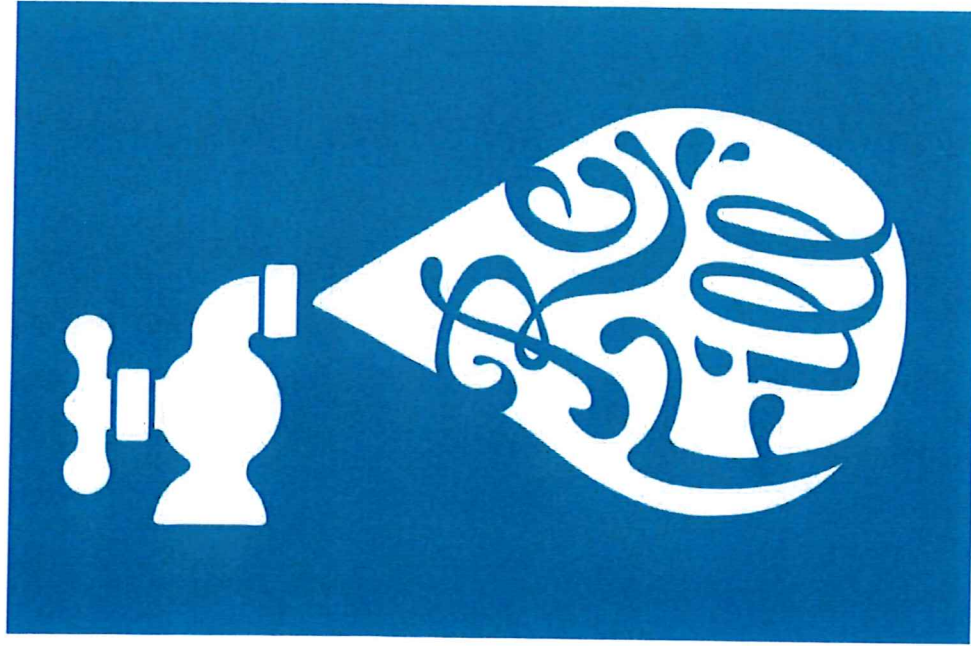
- Carry out Ecology and Biodiversity Reports
- Establish management plans for the future of green spaces
- Hold community workshops for residents, councillors and staff to attend to help everyone recognise native species / wildlife in the area



# Install Water Fountains



# Join up to the Refill Revolution / Download the App





# Carry out an audit of your cleaning products

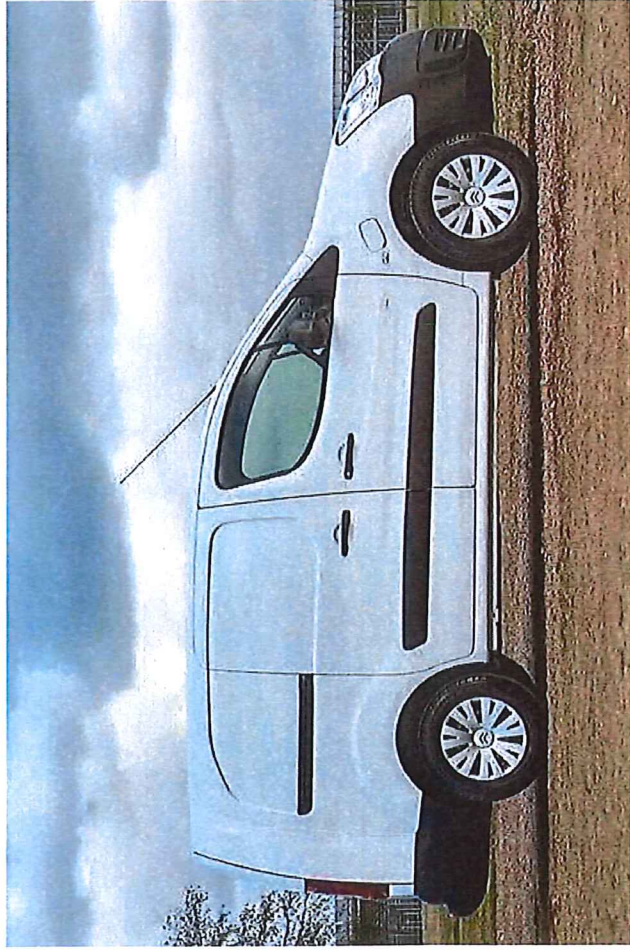


# Commit to going Plastic Free and review your Bookings' Policy

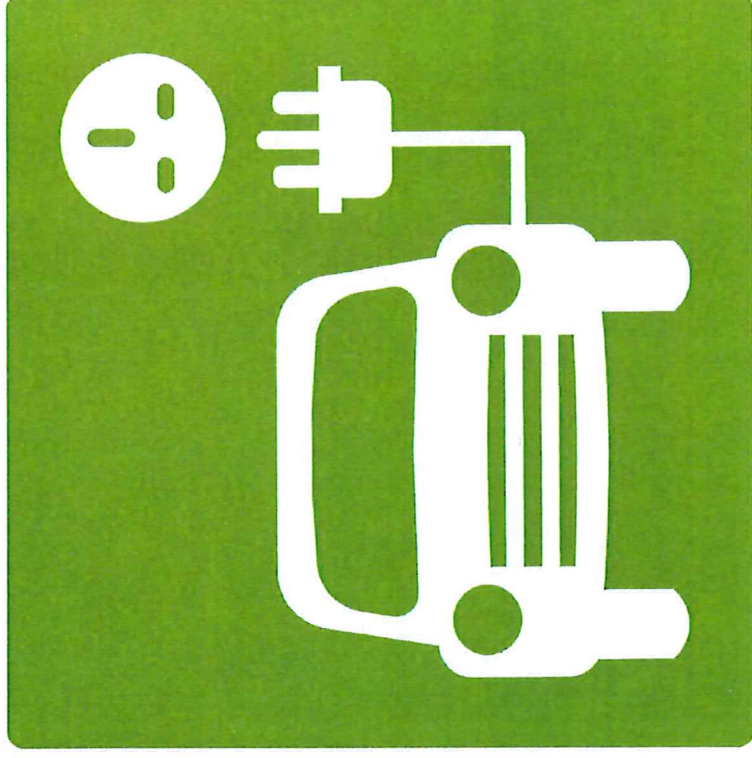




# Go Electric!



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# Could you provide a bus service?




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# Reduce your Carbon Footprint



- Calculate your carbon footprint so you have a benchmark figure
- See where you could make improvements / reductions
- Offset your excess



“It is not about remote science... it is about where we live and work. [And] everyone is going to have to be involved.”

*Dr Debra Roberts, co-chair to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)*