

KENILWORTH CLIMATE ROADMAP
NEWSLETTER #8 WINTER 2022

This is Kenilworth Town Council's Climate Emergency Newsletter.

It provides advice, tips, contacts and short articles on helping yourself and the community to deal with energy and climate change.

The newsletter represents part of the town council's Roadmap towards reducing carbon emissions.

It is compiled by the Climate Emergency group: volunteers that include councillors of the three represented parties and local residents. See pages 29 and 30 for more information about the group and its activities, and how you could get involved.

**In this edition... we focus on saving energy
...support through the winter...and much more!**

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Grants to help pay off your energy debts

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Online <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/energy/energy-supply/get-help-paying-your-bills/grants-and-benefits-to-help-you-pay-your-energy-bills/>

Tips for saving energy at home

As heating and hot water make up three-quarters of household energy needs, there are lots of potential savings here. And these steps are all a win, win, because if you save on your energy bills, you improve your carbon footprint too. 😊

Turn off radiators in unused rooms saves fuel and money.

Take a shorter shower going from the average 8 minute shower to under 5 minutes every day makes a difference.

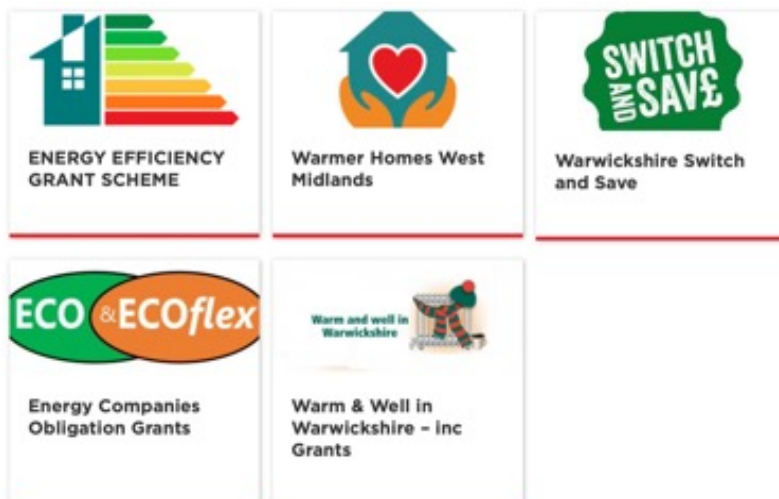
If you always need to add some cold, just heat the water to a slightly lower temperature and save even more energy.

Turn down heating even by just 1 degree.

Smart heating helps you heat your home as efficiently as possible.

And nothing beats a hot water bottle for keeping warm, day or night, when you're at home! Even with much higher electricity prices it costs just 4p in the UK to boil a kettle.

If you try all these steps you can cut over 10% of your total energy use. ❤️



Act on Energy is a non-profit organisation and a registered environmental charity based in Warwickshire.

Act on Energy encourages energy conservation by providing free and impartial advice to householders and small businesses in Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Birmingham, Coventry, Solihull and surrounding local areas.

Free call line 0800 988 2881

Online <https://actonenergy.org.uk>

Housewarming Guides

If you are considering how you can reduce the energy consumption of your home the series of six 'Housewarming' guides written by independent experts and published by a community group in North Oxford might be helpful.

The guides available so far are:

H1: Taking Stock (cutting energy use in our homes);

H2: Insulation;

H3: Draughts and Ventilation;

H4: Windows and Doors

H5: Heating and Controls

H6: Whole House Plan

These are all free and downloadable from:

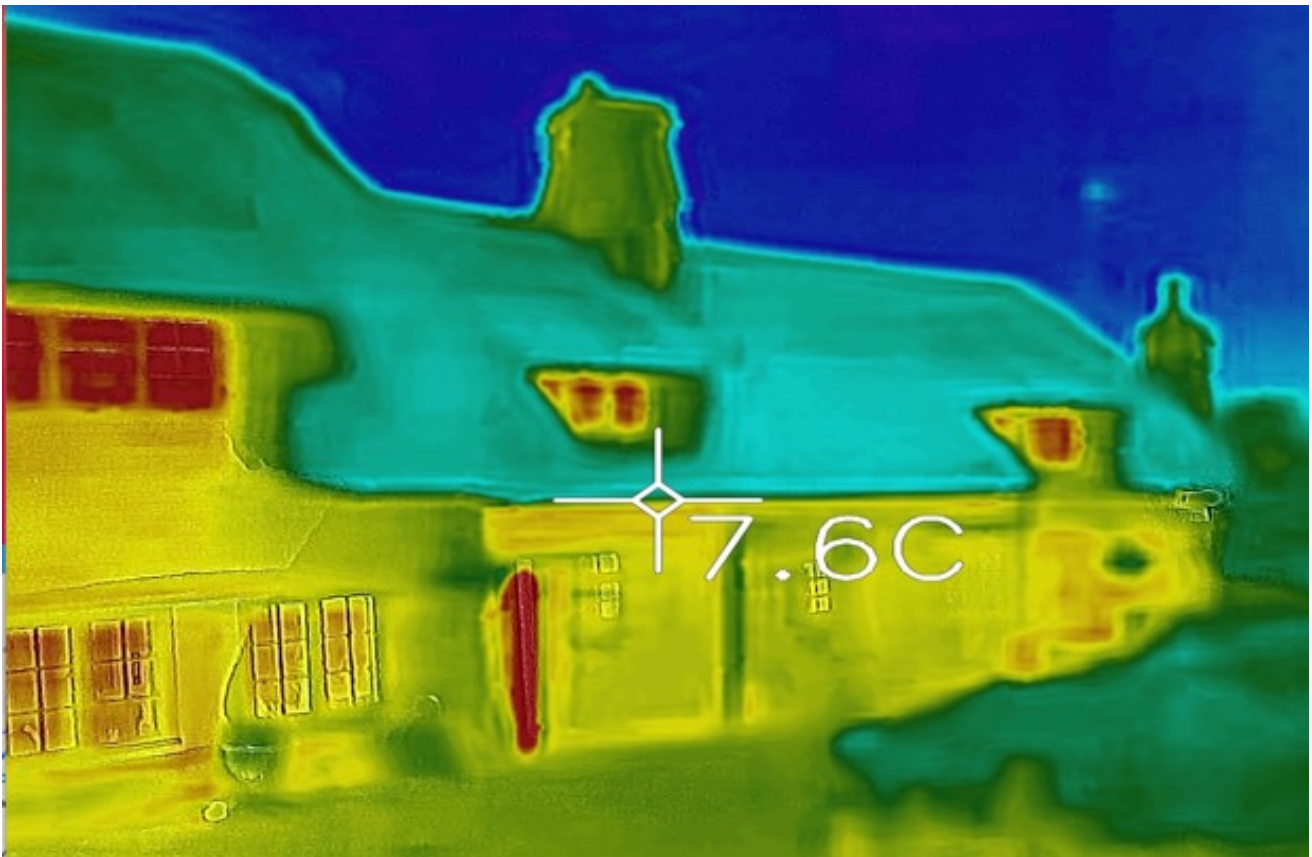
<https://lcon.org.uk/energy/housewarming/>



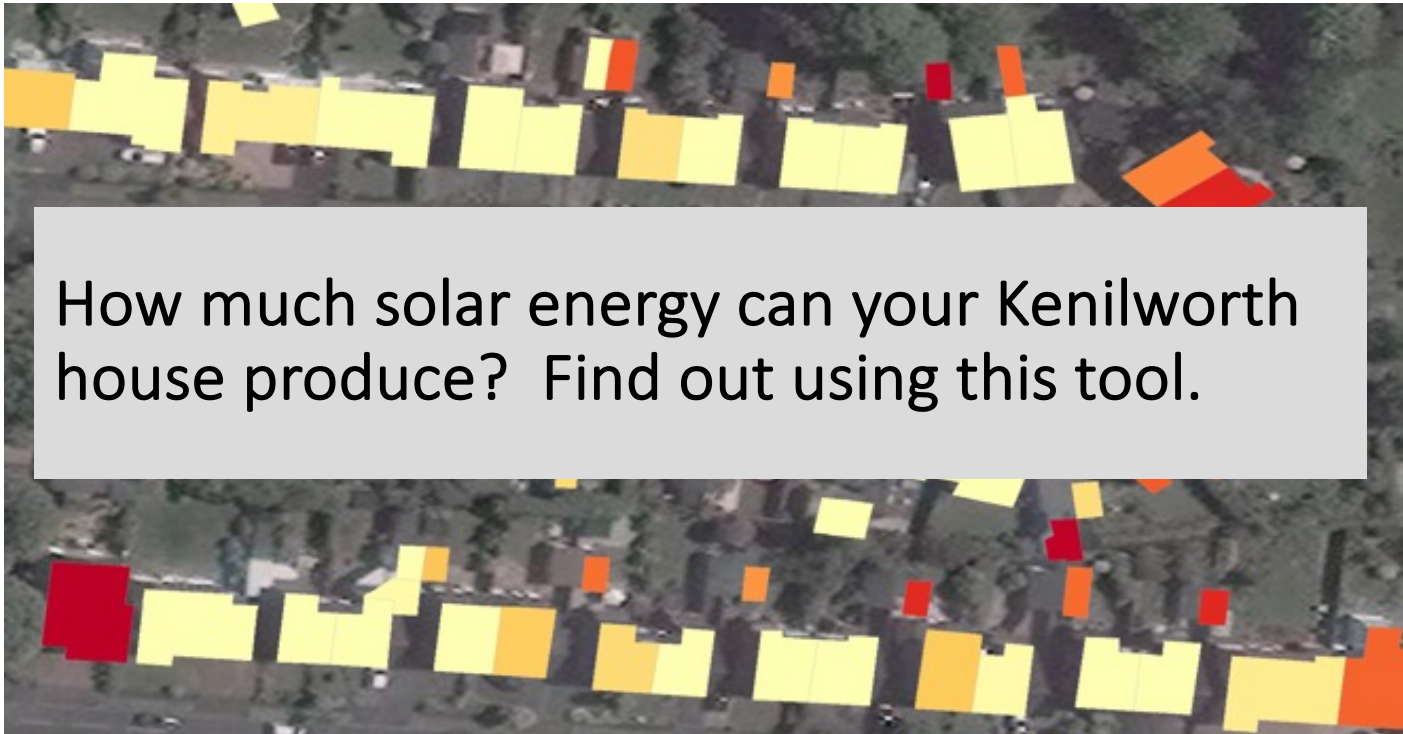
Tackling the climate crisis together through practical action

Where does your home lose heat?

British houses are notoriously draughty but it's not always easy to know where the biggest losses of heat are coming from. A thermal image survey which shows where heat is lost may help. The thermal picture below shows most heat coming from the red-coloured upper single-glazed windows, front door and the walls at the far end of the house. The less red coloured windows show the effect of secondary glazing and the yellow walls show the benefit of cavity wall insulation. The green thatched roof shows little heat loss.



This picture was taken using a FLIR ONE Thermal Camera attachment to an iPhone. You can also find surveyors on the web who will do this. See also Bristol's not-for-profit project called Cold Homes Energy Efficiency Survey Experts (CHEESE) thermal imaging service for useful information https://bristolenergy.coop/insulate-your-home-the-smart-way-with-cheese/?mc_cid=7947d75a7e&mc_eid=59b465a8e2

An aerial photograph of a residential area in Kenilworth, with numerous houses. Overlaid on the map are numerous colored polygons representing the potential solar energy production of individual roofs. The colors range from yellow (low potential) to orange and red (higher potential). A semi-transparent grey box with white text is centered over the map.

How much solar energy can your Kenilworth house produce? Find out using this tool.

A recent MSc research project has made a first stab at estimating the potential for solar energy production from roof installations of photovoltaic panels across Kenilworth.

You can find out the potential for your roof to generate solar power from this interactive web tool:

<https://arcg.is/1rXi8r1>

It shows the potential energy generation of each roof taking account roof size, shape and aspect. The hard bit is finding your house from the Google images used to make the map!

The study estimates that the average house can generate ~3500 kWh per year meaning that all the CO₂ emissions from electricity used across Kenilworth could be offset through residential solar panels.

These results are from a student project. They should be used only as a guide to solar panel potential. Please seek professional advice before making any decisions about actual installations.

COST OF LIVING

- Help
- Advice
- Grants
- Support

With spiralling energy bills, food prices and other essential costs we know that many households in our district will be struggling.



www.warwickdc.gov.uk



We would like to signpost you to the government and local support packages available, as well as professional organisations who are able to offer advice and assistance during these difficult times.

Further contacts and useful tools for calculating benefit entitlement, budgeting and details of advice and support are available at www.warwickdc.gov.uk/costofliving

Government support

The government has announced the following packages of payments

to help most households claiming benefits. The payments will be made automatically to those who are eligible, where possible, directly into their bank accounts.

£650 cost of living payment

- to be made to households on a low income who are receiving any one of the following benefits: Universal Credit, Job Seekers Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support

Allowance, Income Support, Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, Pension Credit.

Winter Fuel Payment up to

£300 - for people born on or before 26 September 1956. This is in addition the original Winter Fuel Payment of £250 to £600 for over 65s who are eligible for support.

£150 Disability Cost-of-Living Payment - if you are entitled, you should receive this by end October 2022.

A £150 non-repayable council tax rebate

- for all households that are liable for council tax in bands A to D in England. The rebate has been made directly by Warwick District Council from by September 2022.

Government Energy Bill Support Scheme - all households with

an electricity supply in England (Scotland and Wales), will have **£400 taken off their energy bills between October 2022 and March 2023 regardless of their income.** Metered users will receive a monthly discount (with redeemable discount vouchers for those with old-style meters).

Warwick District Council Support

Council Tax Reduction

Scheme - Households on a low income including the self-employed may be entitled to a reduction in their Council Tax.

Discretionary Housing

Payments - These are payments to help pay your rent if you get housing benefit or the housing element of universal credit and the amount you receive does not cover your full rent.

Housing Benefit - Housing benefit was replaced by Universal Credit in 2018, however you may still get benefit to help you to pay your rent if you are state pension age or are living in temporary accommodation or accommodation where care and support is being provided.

Financial Inclusion Team

The Council's team can provide a variety of support to our customers living in our council homes, this includes advice on rent payments, benefits, budgeting, charity applications, foodbank vouchers and fuel poverty.

Further information is available by visiting **www.warwickdc.gov.uk/costofliving** or calling the following numbers:

Council tax and benefits

01926 456760

Housing and homelessness support

01926 456129

Help with your finances (Council tenants)

01926 456454/456336

The Council offices at Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Leamington Spa CV32 5HZ are open Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 4.30pm for walk-ins and appointments.

KENILWORTH WINTER WARM HUB

Free pop up community event for everyone!
Tuesdays from 9.00 am - 1.00 pm
St Francis of Assisi RC Church, Warwick Rd, CV8 1HL



Board games, books & crafts



Free refreshments!

Bring a friend or make a new friend, have a cuppa and a chat, join in activities or just relax. And get useful energy saving tips!

FREE bacon rolls for launch on 15th NOVEMBER



**Energy saving
tips & advice**

Please note: this event will be held at **Kenilworth Methodist Church**, Priory Road CV8 1LQ on the following Tuesdays:
29th November, 13th December and 14th February 2023

www.wrccrural.org.uk/wrcc-warm-hubs



This event is run in
partnership by



Kenilworth SVP



community project
supported by



<https://www.facebook.com/CompassionateKenilworth/>

Other community centres and support schemes for Kenilworth residents

Citizens Advice South Warwickshire offer a range of advice and information relating to benefits, debt, housing, employment, family, consumer, education, tax, law and rights issues.

Tel: 0300 330 1183

or Email us using our web form on
www.casouthwarwickshire.org.uk

Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme helps our most vulnerable residents at times of unavoidable crisis when they have no other means of help.

To enquire or to apply for support,

Tel: 0800 408 1448 or 01926 359182.

Monday to Thursday 9am-5pm

Friday 9am - 4.30pm

Kenilworth Advice Hub

Kenilworth Library, Smalley Place,

Kenilworth CV8 1QG

Open Thursdays 9.15am to 4pm

for those living in CV8 appointments only

Tel: 0300 330 1183

Your local Food bank is:

The Kenilworth Centre

Abbey End Car Park,

Kenilworth CV8 1QJ

Open Fridays 9.30am to 11.30am

Wellbeing for Warwickshire can help you get information, advice, and the support you need. Able to help if you are feeling low, anxious, or stressed, the phone line is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. 365 days a year. Tel: 0800 616171

Section 2. New items



Kenilworth Lions Club

John Price House,
Farmer Ward Road,
Kenilworth CV8 2DH

We're open every Saturday
morning from 9.00 to 12.30



WE ♥ RECYCLING!

We've been recycling spectacles for many years, helping people with eye problems in third world countries.

NOW WE'VE ADDED MORE BINS JUST INSIDE THE FRONT DOOR OF OUR STORE (ADDRESS ABOVE) TO COLLECT CLEAN CRISP PACKETS, CORKS AND EMPTY BLISTER PACKS.

The crisp packets are used to make thermal blankets for the homeless, corks are used by Cancer Research UK for fundraising and the aluminium backing is removed from blister packs for recycling.

Help us to help others!



Recycle NOW!



...read more about this amazing recycling hub on next page

KENILWORTH LIONS FURNITURE STORE

Your local Recycling Hub.... the story so far

Kenilworth Lions Furniture Store in Farmer Ward Road raises funds for the community and reduces **furniture and other household items** going to landfill as waste. It has been calculated (nationally) that 30% of household items thrown out could have been reused. During the first six months of 2022, the total number of items saved by Kenilworth Lions from going to landfill was 1,627 pieces. The total tonnage saved from landfill for this half year was 22.41 tonnes.

The store has also long been a community hub for recycling **spectacles and hearing aids**. Spectacles and hearing aids are collected at our furniture store and also from Boots and Specsavers in town. Kenilworth Lions collect around 3,000 pairs of glasses each year. Lions (nationally) have now become the Number One Spectacle recycler in the UK. In the first 6 months of this year Lions UK have donated 1 million pairs of spectacles. The spectacles are sent to Medico in France (owned by Lions of France) where they are checked, assessed and then sent to Third World Countries.

Over the past year we have added the collection of empty **tablet blister packs, corks and clean crisp packets**. There has been a massive response to Lions collecting blister packs to reclaim the aluminium. Arrangements are now progressing for the collection of used laptops and possibly mobile phones.

The collection of **used laptops/PCs (and chargers)** for recycling through www.Laptops4Learning.co.uk would help to reduce digital inequality and the negative impact on our environment of sending laptops to landfill. This company will erase all data and provide the donor with a certificate.

Although the store has never been a massive user of electricity, a major step was taken to greatly reduce our electricity use by changing to LED lighting. Diesel consumption by the two store vans is kept to a minimum with planned delivery/collection routes.

Last year we provided eco-books to primary schools to help shape future behaviour/culture with respect to climate change. A link has been set up with Kenilworth school to support their recycling efforts. Lions provided red boxes for paper recycling in the classrooms. At all Club events we encourage walking to events (or using public transport), not using 'single use' plastics and provide recycling bins.

Kenilworth Lions: kenilworthlionsclub.co.uk

Kenilworth Lions Furniture Store: <https://kenilworthlionsclub.co.uk/furniture-store>

Specialist recycling opportunities in and around Kenilworth

Item	Scheme run by:	Local collection points	Notes
Biscuit wrappers	Terracycle	Morrisons Leamington Spa?	
Candles and wax	Recycled Candle Co. Exeter	Box inside St John's church	2 kg box costs to £3.35 to post
Coffee pods	Dolce Gusto podback	Shell garage	Look on product website
Contact lens products	Terracycle	Boots opticians	
Corks	Lions Furniture Store	Box at Farmer Ward Rd site	Recycled in aid of Cancer Research
Cosmetic containers	Boots	Local branch, opposite entrance	Can obtain Boots points for each item
Crisp packets	Terracycle	Clinton School box by bike racks	
Low energy light bulbs	Robert Dyas	Local branch	NOT strip lights
Mobile phones – old	Council recycling centre	Special bin at Cherry Orchard	
Plastic bags	Larger supermarkets	Sainsbury's and Waitrose	
Plastic flower pots	Dobbies Garden Centres	Dobbies Stratford or Rugby	
Printer cartridges	Empties Please Terracycle	Box in entrance hall of Kenilworth Methodist Church Waitrose bin collecting for Clinton School	Proceeds to Uyogo Friendship Group
Spectacles	Spec Savers Boots Opticians Lions Furniture Store	Local branches Farmer Ward Road	Open Saturday mornings only
Tablet blister packs	Superdrug Leamington Lions Furniture Store	Box inside St John's church Box at Farmer Ward Rd site	Open Saturday mornings only
Tools, sewing machines	Tools With A Mission	TWAM Kabin, back of St John's	
Inhalers (e.g. asthma)		Dudley Taylor chemist	

**Kenilworth, Say hiya
to the car next door**



Rent cars & vans from local owners

Starting from £25 a day + Insurance

Sign up here for free

www.hiyacar.co.uk



Kenilworth Community Car Club

The new Kenilworth Community Car Club could save you money and reduce the number of cars on the road. It uses a peer2peer arrangement offered by Hiyacar, the online carsharing platform which provides the booking, payment and insurance services to enable people to lend and borrow cars from each other.

The Kenilworth Community Car Club is a closed loop group within Hiyacar. It limits membership to Kenilworth (CV8) residents, ensuring that all cars and borrowers are locally based.

To join:

1. Sign up to Hiyacar at hiyacar.co.uk
2. Email your name and address to kenilworthcarclub@gmail.com asking to join the Kenilworth Community Car Club and we'll get you added to the group.

We're on Facebook at: [Kenilworth Community Car Club](https://www.facebook.com/KenilworthCommunityCarClub).



The latest newsletter from the LCWN includes:

- The Pleasance Heat Resilient Edible Garden in Rugby,
- NEAT News - Energy and Towards Net Zero and a blog from a first-time electric car user
- Cllr Dr Susan Juned tells us something about her low carbon journey.
- We show the carbon footprint of Warwickshire County Council area from the Impact Parish and Town Council carbon foot-printing tool.
- Ted's Tech is about a hydrogen powered car
- News is included from Act on Energy, Warwickshire County Council, Warwick District Council and Warwickshire Climate Alliance

Access the newsletter here:

<https://www.harburyenergy.co.uk/warwickshire-low-carbon-network/>

Section 3. Other Items

Understanding food labels saves food and reduces waste



USE BY labels refer to safety. **Don't eat food after the 'use by' date.** You can't always smell the bacteria that causes food to spoil, so it could still lead to food poisoning.

Top tip: you can freeze food right up to and including the 'use by' date. If you're not sure you will eat it in time, freeze it for another day!

BEST BEFORE labels refer to quality - not safety. After this date, your food might not be at its best, but it will still be safe to eat. Use your senses to make a judgement.

If stored correctly, it may still be good to eat a long time after this date. Here are some examples:

- Crisps – one month
- Biscuits and cereals – six months
- Cereals – six months
- Canned food, confectionery, pasta sauce – 12 months
- Dried pasta – three years!

DISPLAY UNTIL / SELL BY labels are dates for the retailers – not for us at all. They just enable the shop to rotate stock.

More info at:

<https://lovefoodhatewaste.com/article/date-labels-%E2%80%93-what-do-they-mean>



Repair Café Kenilworth is a free meeting space that's all about repairing things together, be that clothes, toys, furniture, electrical appliances, bicycles ... there's very little that can't be repaired by the team of expert volunteers.

Repair Café meets at the United Reformed Church every third Saturday in the month, between 2PM and 5PM.

There is free parking outside the Church, but it can get quite busy. If your item is particularly heavy or large, the team will always try to assist you as best as possible. Look at the website to see how it works.

<https://www.repaircafe-kenilworth.org>

Kenilworth Electric Vehicles Group



Whether you're an EV owner or not, why not join the Kenilworth Electric Vehicles Group on facebook? The purpose of the group is to promote EVs and to lobby for improved public charging infrastructure.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/783019822439538>

Find out more about how we can
rise to the challenge of climate
change...

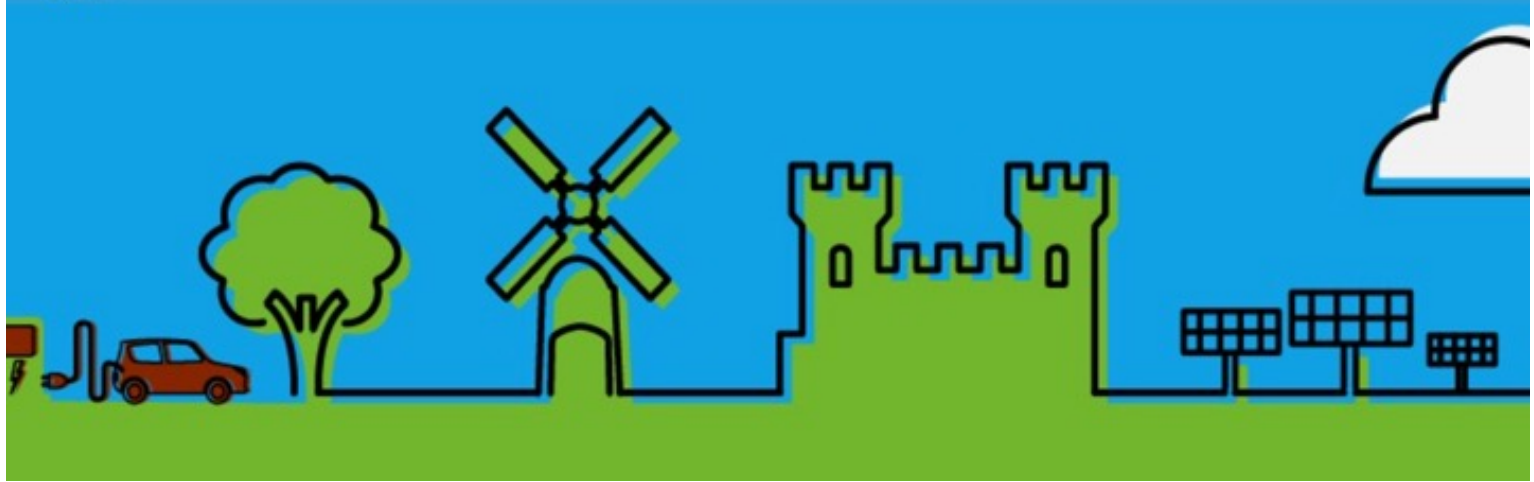


Written and narrated by university scientists, this 40 minute film exposes the shocking assumptions that lie at the heart of all governments' plans to avoid climate breakdown. With contributions from experts and change makers, it tells how humanity can rise to the challenge, and ensure a flourishing future.

Free to watch on YouTube [here](#)



Warwickshire
Climate Emergency



Warwickshire County Council's Climate Emergency

For latest news see the website

www.warwickshireclimateemergency.org.uk

The website is a place to bring together organisations and individuals from across Warwickshire, all working towards the same goal of achieving net zero emissions.

Together, we are finding solutions and taking action to overcome the threat of climate change.

It has lots of information about WCC actions and plans to fight climate change, but also features a range of case studies from around Warwickshire for inspiration.

For promoting events and news, send details to

climateemergency@warwickshire.gov.uk



Warwick District Council

WDC has a website devoted to climate change
<https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/climatechange/>

There you can find out about:

Climate Change Action Programme

Work so far on the Climate Emergency

How to reduce your carbon footprint – a handy quiz

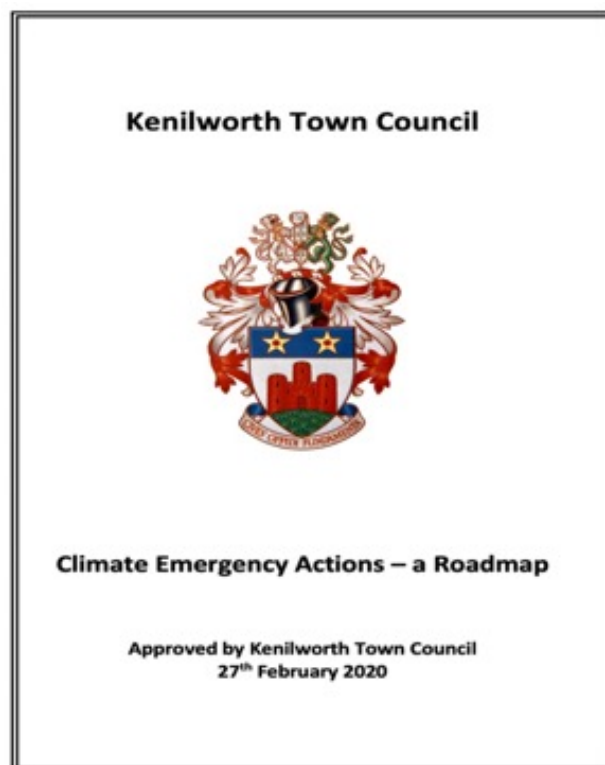
Kenilworth Climate Emergency - a Roadmap for Action

Kenilworth Town Council declared a Climate Emergency on 1st August 2019.

The Kenilworth Climate Action Roadmap explains how residents, organisations, businesses and institutions in Kenilworth can help contribute to the international effort to reduce the levels of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, especially carbon dioxide, that are heating-up the world.

Download the Kenilworth Climate Action Roadmap [here](#)

The Kenilworth Climate Roadmap Newsletters describe forthcoming events and activities, news items, and give advice on how you can reduce your carbon footprint.



Linked Community Groups

[Kenilworth All Together Greener](#)

[Bee Friendly Kenilworth](#)

[Kenilworth Chamber of Trade](#)

[Kenilworth Electric Vehicles Group](#)

[Kenilworth Lions Club](#)

[Plastic Free Kenilworth](#)

Please let us know if we can add your group's contact details here.

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Disclaimer: In general, Kenilworth Town Council supports events and actions that contribute to tackling the climate change. But the Council does not necessarily agree with or endorse all the views expressed at external events or by named groups and individuals in social media and websites that the Council may organize or refer to.

Contact: kentc@kenilworth.org or call 01926 859155