

Climate Change Quarterly Bulletin for Parish and Town Councils

November 2024

This quarterly bulletin provides Parish and Town Councils with a snap-shot of climate change actions by Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council.



Current actions (2024/25)

- Thermal imaging camera loan scheme has launched! The scheme has been a success with the camera now fully booked with a waiting list to April 2025.



Certified Carbon Literate



Coming soon! FREE Carbon literacy training for Parish and Town Councils. The training will take place in **two sessions: the afternoon of Tuesday 28 January and in the morning of Thursday 30 January.** The link to book FREE places will be circulated as soon as the booking form is live.

- TMBC has taken delivery of 2 new electric vehicles as part of our commitment to decarbonising council-owned vehicles. The council now has 3 EVs in its fleet.
- Solar Together is open for households to register their interest in the solar panel and battery group-buying scheme until 15 November. Following which households can decide if they wish to accept the personal recommendation they receive. So far 235 households in Tonbridge and Malling have registered in the Autumn 2024 round! Register today at [Help to save energy – Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council \(tmbc.gov.uk\)](https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/help-to-save-energy)
- TMBC participated in Recycle Week to tackle the 5 common recyclable items that are placed in the refuse bin, including cleaning spray bottles and yogurt pots. [What goes in which bin?](#)



Completed actions (2023/24)



- ✓ 149 solar PV panels were fitted to Tonbridge Swimming Pool roof in April 2024. Since installation 45MWh have been generated on site, saving 9 tonnes of carbon emissions.
- ✓ 190 solar PV panels were fitted to the sports hall roof at Larkfield Leisure Centre in March 2023. Since installation 140MWh have been generated on site, saving 29 tonnes of carbon emissions.

- ✓ £1.5m in grant awarded to further decarbonise Larkfield Leisure Centre. The grant from Sports England will see the installation of LED lighting and additional solar panels. The grant from the Public Sector Decarbonisation Grant, managed by Salix on behalf of the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, will replace gas boilers with air source heat pumps. TMBC contributing its own funds to both schemes.
- ✓ 30 electric vehicle charging points installed in TMBC car parks. In the last quarter, 26.4 MWh of electricity was used to power vehicles from these chargers.
- ✓ Green Business Grants of nearly £40,000 in 2023/24 have funded businesses in the borough to improve insulation, install LED lighting and invest in solar panels. Green Business Grants are part-funded by the UK Government Shared Prosperity Fund.
- ✓ First 'living roof' on a bus shelter installed in Tonbridge, financed by the Government's levelling up fund and delivered in partnership with Clear Channel UK.



TMBC's climate change action plans and progress reports are published annually on the website [here](#).

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