

# Climate Change Quarterly Bulletin for Parish and Town Councils

November 2025

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

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## Update:

New Climate Change Officer in post at TMBC from October, supporting delivery of the Council's climate and sustainability initiatives.

## Current actions:

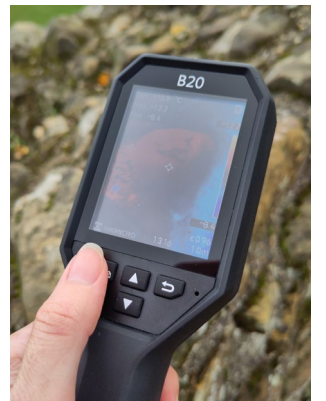
**Recycling:** ongoing promotion of food waste recycling across the borough through leaflets, bin stickers and events such as the Tonbridge Food and Drink Festival to raise awareness.

**Single Use Plastics:** new guidance note developed for event organisers, focusing on waste minimisation and reducing single-use plastics, alongside collaboration with other operators including tactive.

**Waste Contract:** the procurement process for the new waste contract is ongoing, with environmental considerations integrated into the tender documents.

**Community Energy:** an air source heat pump (ASHP) group buying scheme, modelled on the Solar Together scheme, is currently being explored.

**Thermal Imaging Camera:** over 20 residents have requested use of the camera, which shows draughts, cold spots and heat loss in homes helping to identify areas to improve energy efficiency and reduce energy bills.



## Current actions:



**Larkfield Leisure Centre:** air source heat pumps (ASHP) being installed as part of the decarbonisation programme, partly funded by the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS). Completion expected by April 2026.

**Poult Wood Golf Centre:** oil-fired boilers will be replaced with air source heat pumps (ASHP), also part funded by PSDS. Work is scheduled to begin in 2026.

**TMBC Climate Change staff training:** currently being reviewed.

## Completed:

**Larkfield Leisure Centre:** installation of 450 additional solar panels completed, generating approx. 215MWh of solar energy generation per year. Funded through the Sport England Swimming Pool Grant.

**Community Development Fund:** £87,000 has been allocated to support a range of community projects, including heat loss reduction, insulation improvements, pond creation, and a walking bus scheme.

**Solar Together (Spring update):** 38 residents accepted proposals, 8 have withdrawn, 9 installations are complete.

