



# ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACTION PLAN

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This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis

Next Review – January 2026

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<b>Plans</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Review</b>
1.Maintain a Brixton Parish Environment Working Group to implement the actions listed in the adopted Environmental Policy.	To review BPC’s Environmental Policy and report if any changes are needed. To agree and review the terms of reference for the Brixton Parish Environment Working Group and annual action plan and progress	Liz Hitchins	Ongoing	Terms of Reference, Environmental Policy and Action Plan – reviewed and updated at BPC meeting January 2025
2.Ensuring that BPC is represented on Sustainable South Hams, Yealm Estuary to Moor, River Yealm Water Quality Working Group and Friends of Sherford Country Park	To identify nominated representatives	Liz Hitchins & Tony Carson (Sustainable South Hams) Tony Carson (YEM) Alex Whish (YEM) Liz Hitchins & Tony Carson (River Yealm) Prem MacLennan (Friends of Sherford Country Park)	Ongoing	
3.Ensuring that any community assets are considered for hosting basic recycling facilities.		Liz Hitchins – Brixton Prem MacLennan - Sherford	Ongoing	Composting club
4. Encourage and support the patrons of any community buildings to identify areas that energy can be saved or generated with renewables.	Liase with St Mary’s Church, St Mary’s School and Sherford School.	Liz Hitchins to follow up with Head teachers		
5. Assess all planning applications against the criteria for renewable and affordable clean energy and for all new developments to have sustainable drainage plans. Consider the impact on air quality and emissions	BPC Planning Sub Committee River Yealm Water Quality Working Group	Ian Martin	Ongoing	

6. Reporting activities that are suspected to be causing environmental harm (air, water, noise pollution and volume of traffic) to the relevant regulatory body e.g. Community Speedwatch and traffic statistics from the Sherford Consortium.	Opportunity for Considerate Neighbourhood Schemes River Yealm Water Quality Group Poor air quality in Sherford (traffic)	All group members Traffic Management Group	Ongoing	
7. Contribute to the review of local environmental indicators, such as water quality and waste recycling.	River Yealm Water Quality Group YEM	Liz Hitchins Alex and Tony (YEM)	Ongoing	
8. Becoming 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	Art Projects at St. Marys School and Sherford School.	Liz Hitchins / Kirstie Aldridge	Delayed due to COVID 19	Sherford Vale Primary School have completed their 'Plankton' Project  St Mary's received funds October 2024
9. Continuing to spread the sense of pride in our community by organising monthly village cleans in Brixton village and informal litter picking.	Monthly sweeps in Brixton village	Liz Hitchins	Ongoing	
10. Encouraging pollinating insects by designating set areas of wild flowers and consider verges suitable for reducing maintenance to increase these natural feeding areas.	Flower bed at Chittleburn planted with pollinators, specimen wild flowers planted in suitable locations.  Grass cutting contract agreed to ensure that the appearance of the village continues to improve and at the same time providing uncut areas for wildlife habitat e.g. along the fence between Combe Lane and Fordbrook Lane.	BPC	Ongoing  Annual review	Add to January 2025 agenda to discuss the future of this area at Chittleburn

	Promoting Brixton as a 'bee friendly' parish	Bee Wild Group – Liz Hitchins and Heather Compton	Ongoing	
	To work in collaboration with St Mary's PCC and SHDC to improve the bio-diversity of the churchyard	Liz Hitchins Alex Whish	Ongoing	
11. Engaging with householders, businesses and the wider community e.g. school & churches, Brixton Composters, Brixton Feoffee Trust to improve the environment and biodiversity e.g. increasing rainwater storage facilities, providing suitable conditions for pollinating insects, or garden areas suitable for wildlife	Representation from the Church, Schools, Brixton Composters and Brixton Feoffee Trust needed.	Bee Wild Group River Yealm Water Quality Group Brixton Composters		Invite to be sent to the individual groups to be represented at these meetings Advertise on Facebook
12. Promoting tree planting wherever possible and take steps to protect existing trees, woodland and hedgerows.	12 trees have been planted in Brixton along and adjacent to A379 and Feoffee Park and St Marys School	Bee Wild Group & Alex Whish		
13. Contributing to the improvement of the mental and physical well being of parishioners	Maintenance and access of Public Rights of Way (PROWs) All met in the Brixton Parish Environment Working Group terms of reference. Improving walking and cycling routes Development of The Sherford Country Park Monkey Lane connecting Brixton and Sherford	BPC P3 Group  Brixton Parish Environmental Working Group		