



# ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACTION PLAN

Adopted by Brixton Parish Council – 29th September 2021

Reviewed by Brixton Parish Council – 11th July 2022  
1st November 2023  
6th November 2024  
29th January 2025  
25th February 2026

This will be reviewed annually by Brixton Parish Environment Working Group and subsequently by Brixton Parish Council

Next Review – February 2027

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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 February 2026
2.Ensuring that BPC is represented on Sustainable South Hams, Yealm Estuary to Moor, River Yealm Water Quality Working Group, Sherford Environment & Heritage Group and Friends of Sherford Country Park	To identify nominated representatives	Liz Hitchins & Tony Carson (Sustainable South Hams) Tony Carson (YEM) Alex Wish (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 in St Mary's School
4. Encourage and support the patrons of any community buildings to identify areas that energy can be saved or generated with renewables.	Liaise with St Mary's Church, St Mary's School and Sherford Vale Primary School.	Liz Hitchins to follow up with St Mary's School Prem MacLennan to follow up with Sherford Vale Primary School	Ongoing	

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 Sherford Vale Primary 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 Vale Primary School.	Liz Hitchins / Kirstie Aldridge – Brixton  Prem MacLennan - Sherford	Ongoing	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 litter picking in Brixton and Sherford.	Monthly sweeps in Brixton village  Litter picking in Brixton and Sherford	Liz Hitchins – Brixton  Prem MacLennan – Sherford	Ongoing	

<p>10. Encouraging pollinating insects by designating set areas of wild flowers and consider verges suitable for reducing maintenance to increase these natural feeding areas.</p>	<p>Flower bed at Chittleburn planted with pollinators, specimen wild flowers planted in suitable locations.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Promoting Brixton as a 'bee friendly' parish</p> <p>To work in collaboration with St Mary's PCC and SHDC to improve the bio-diversity of the churchyard</p> <p>Friends of Sherford Country Park to continue promoting their work in developing a wildflower meadow in Sherford Country Park, assuring further population by insects, butterflies and moths.</p>	<p>Cllrs Neil Hawken and Rachael Gilard</p> <p>BPC</p> <p>BPC</p> <p>Liz Hitchins Alex Whish</p> <p>Foscp Prem MacLennan</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Annual review</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	
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<p>11. Engaging with householders, businesses and the wider community e.g. school &amp; churches, Brixton Composters, Sherford Environment &amp; Heritage Group, Friends of Sherford Country Park and 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</p>	<p>Representation from the Church, Schools, Brixton Composters and Brixton Feoffee Trust needed on this group.</p> <p>Friends of Sherford Country Park to continue working with the community, Sherford Vale School and Sherford Church to promote environmentally related activities e.g. by sowing seeds in their gardens and verges.</p> <p>Continue to provide workshops in developing rural skills e.g. hedge laying and coppicing to revitalise hedges and woodland areas, promoting biodiversity of the woodland floor and re-establishment of native flora and fauna.</p>	<p>Bee Wild Group River Yealm Water Quality Group Brixton Composters</p> <p>Foscip Prem MacLennan</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	
<p>12. Promoting tree planting wherever possible and take steps to protect existing trees, woodland and hedgerows.</p>	<p>12 trees have been planted in Brixton along and adjacent to A379 and Feoffee Park and St Marys School</p> <p>Tree planting and supporting the work of Friends of Sherford Country Park</p> <p>Planting of bluebells, trees and hedgerows in Cofflete</p>	<p>Bee Wild Group &amp; Alex Whish</p> <p>Prem MacLennan</p> <p>Liz Hitchins Alex Whish</p>		

<p>13. Contributing to the improvement of the mental and physical well being of parishioners</p>	<p>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  Support the extension of Silverbridge way permissive path linking Brixton with Yealmpton</p>	<p>BPC P3 Group   Brixton Parish Environmental Working Group</p>		
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