

Action	Officer Responsible	Timescale (month & year)	Funding	How to measure progress	Also cited in	Progress	Progress (red, amber, green)
<b>ENERGY – Reduce energy use and increase renewable energy across the county</b>							
Use the Replacement Local Development Plan to support net zero and renewable energy developments.	Head of Planning	2024/25	RLDP budget		RLDP		
Work regionally on decarbonisation and climate change through partnerships such as the Gwent PSB and Cardiff Capital Region	Head of Decarb; Strategic Partnerships Manager	TBC	CCR/WG/ PSB		Gwent PSB Wellbeing Assessment; CCR Energy Strategy		
Develop low carbon skills in current and future workforce	Head of Economy, Employment and Skills; Building Control Manager	Ongoing			Economy, Employment, Skills Strategy		
Promote, educate and help residents take actions to reduce their carbon emissions	Head of Decarb; Sustainability Policy Officer		Nil				
<b>REDUCE WASTE AND WHAT WE BUY – By encouraging people to reduce, re-use and recycle more</b>							
Focus on reducing, reusing and repairing waste whilst continuing to increase domestic, business and schools recycling	Head of Neighbourhood Services; Sustainability Policy Officer	Ongoing	Some SPF funding	% Recycling rate No.borrowos No. repairs			

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Work with Size of Wales to explore the development of deforestation free communities	Sustainability Policy Officer	Starting 2024	Nil		Socially Resp. Proc. Strategy		
<b>GETTING AROUND – Encourage active travel, public transport and low emission vehicles</b>							
Develop schemes that will increase active travel	Road Safety Officer; Active Travel Officer; Group Engineer – Highways		Active travel grant	No. active travel routes created or enhanced	Local Transport Plan		
Ensure the RLDP allocates sites that promote the Twenty Minute Town concept to reduce the number of car journeys people have to make	Head of Planning	2024/25	Nil		Local Transport Plan RLDP		
Develop and implement an Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy, building on good practice from elsewhere.	Head of Decarbonisation, Transport & Support Services	2024/45	Nil	No. EV charging points available	EV Charging Strategy		
Encourage public transport use as set out in the MCC local transport strategy	Passenger Transport Planning & Project Manager	2024 onwards			Local Transport Plan		
<b>EDUCATION AND INVOLVEMENT – Help people understand climate change and what they can do to make a difference</b>							
Work with children and young people to enable them to take positive action on climate change	Youth Sport and Active Travel Manager; Head of Neighbourhood Services; Head of Achievement and Attainment	Ongoing	Nil	No. children reached			

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Signpost businesses to support, advice and information to help them to reduce their carbon emissions	Business Insight Manager	Ongoing	Nil		Economy, Employment, Skills Strategy		
Use comms, training and partnership working to build local action on climate and signpost to useful advice and guidance	Sustainability Policy Officer; Head of Communications	Ongoing	Nil				
<b>CLIMATE ADAPTATION – Prepare and adapt for the impact of climate change</b>							
Develop and act on Climate Change Risk Assessments for council services to fully understand adaptation requirements	Sustainability Policy Officer	Waiting for WG guidance	Nil	No. of completed risk assessments			
Continue to promote and support council services and external businesses with business continuity, adverse weather and emergency response strategies, and signpost to support on climate adaptation	Emergency Planning Manager; Business Insight Manager	Ongoing	Nil		Emergency Mgt Plan; Adverse weather, flood arrangements; Bus. Continuity Mgt Plans		
Use planning policy to reduce flood risk	Head of Planning	Ongoing	Nil		RLDP		

## Appendix 1 What can individuals, communities and business do to play their part?

Although Monmouthshire County Council has an important role to play in reducing emissions from across the county, there are things that everyone can do to help reduce their carbon footprint. So whether you are an individual, household, local community group or business, have a look at the suggestions below.

### Energy



- Make sure you have got draft proofing, loft and cavity wall insulation in your home – save money and energy. <https://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/home-insulation>
- Simple things like switching off the lights, not leaving things on standby and only boiling the water you really need in the kettle can really make a difference. <https://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/home-energy-efficiency>
- Understand how your heating controls work and using thermostats properly can save energy.
- If you use a dishwasher, make sure you only use it when full.
- Make sure your washing machine is full and dry clothes on a line rather than tumble dry if you can.
- Switch your energy supplier to a renewable energy contract. <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/utilities/cheap-green-energy/>
- Find out whether you could install solar panels or another renewable energy in your home. <https://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/renewable-energy>



## Nature Recovery

- Leave part of your garden wild, make habitats for wildlife and plant trees to absorb carbon dioxide. <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions>
- Join a “Friends of” group to get involved in sustainable green space management, or find out about local groups who are doing community gardening and growing. <https://www.farmgarden.org.uk/>
- Get involved in community allotments or establish a new allotment and have a go at growing your own fruit and veg. <https://www.theallotmentgarden.co.uk/vegetable-gardening-beginners/>
- Could your community group plant trees to reduce flooding, provide habitat and shade? <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/>
- Find out how you can make sure your garden is resilient to our future climate. <https://www.rhs.org.uk/science/gardening-in-a-changing-world/climate-change>
- Do your bit to keep our rivers clean – remember only put the 3 Ps down the loo – poo, pee and paper!



## What we buy and reducing waste

- Think about how much you buy and whether you really need it.
- When you are buying food think local, in season, reduced and recyclable packaging.
- Think about where meat you buy comes from and have a varied diet with plenty of fruit and vegetables
- Support your local charity shop or re-use shop and buy second hand plus donated unwanted goods, or use schemes such as Freecycle <https://www.freecycle.org/>

- Reduce the amount of “stuff” you buy by borrowing from your local Library of Things, and getting items repaired at a Repair Café. <https://monmouthshire.benthyg.cymru/>
- Consider buying “experiences” for people as gifts, or charity gifts that support sustainable projects, rather than buy gifts that aren’t wanted or needed. <https://onlineshop.oxfam.org.uk/unwrapped/category/oxfam-unwrapped>
- Find out about and use all the different types of recycling that Monmouthshire does. <https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/recycling-and-waste/>
- Get recipes and tips for using food and reducing food waste. <https://lovefoodhatewaste.com/>
- Use refillable water bottles, and reusable containers for your lunch. <https://refill.org.uk/>
- Try and cut down on single use plastics. <https://www.sas.org.uk/plastic-free-communities/>
- Look after your clothes, repair them and don’t buy disposable fashion. <https://www.loveyourclothes.org.uk/>

## Getting around



- Try and walk for short journeys, and reduce carbon while getting fit at the same time!
- Find out about local cycle routes and cycling groups and get on your bike. <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/national-cycle-network/>
- Try out an electric bike if you live somewhere hilly or could do with a bit of an extra boost! <https://www.which.co.uk/reviews/electric-bikes/article/electric-bikes-everything-you-need-to-know>
- Team up with parents and your local school to develop a walking bus to walk your little ones to school.
- Get involved with local public rights of way volunteering opportunities. <https://volunteer.monmouthshire.gov.uk/>
- Ask your employer if they can provide showers and lockers so that you can cycle to work.
- Try and car share when you can, to save fuel and money. There are schemes to help. <https://liftshare.com/uk>
- If you are thinking of replacing your vehicle, think about whether an electric car would work for you. There are grants which can help. <https://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/transport/electric-cars-and-vehicles/electric-vehicles>
- Find out about public transport options that could work for you. <https://www.traveline.cymru/>

- If you are 16 to 21 you can get bus travel discounts. <https://mytravelpass.gov.wales/en/>
- If you are 16 to 25 you can apply for a young persons railcard. <https://www.16-25railcard.co.uk/>
- Concessionary bus passes are available from Transport for Wales. <https://tfw.wales/info-for/over-60s>

## Using your voice



- Get involved with your school's Eco Committee, or if your school isn't an Eco School, find out more and ask them if they would consider it. <https://www.keepwalestidy.cymru/pages/category/eco-schools>
- Does your workplace have recycling or other environmental issues in place? Why not try and start something.
- Get involved with one of the many voluntary groups in Monmouthshire doing great work on climate change. <https://www.transitionchepstow.org.uk/> <https://transitionmonmouth.org/> <https://www.friendsoftheearthabandcrick.wales/>
- Consider moving your savings or pensions into ethical and socially responsible funds. <https://www.ethicalconsumer.org/money-finance/shopping-guide/ethical-savings-accounts>
- If you live somewhere prone to flooding, make sure you know what to do. Find out more at <https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/services/planning-for-emergencies/flooding/>