

# Net Zero 2030

## Highlight Report 2021/22



## Introduction

We have committed to working towards achieving net zero carbon emissions produced by the Council and its assets by 2030. We also have an ambition to support the District to become net zero by working closely with local communities and we want to improve the resilience of the District to changing climate.

We agree actions each year to help us work towards our net zero commitment. We have made good progress in 2021/22 working with our staff, residents, business and communities to tackle the important issue of climate change.

To find out more about our Net Zero 2030 commitment and how you can get involved visit [www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/netzero](http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/netzero) or email [netzero2030@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:netzero2030@sevenoaks.gov.uk)

## What we have done

### Bins for the win!

Solar power “smart” compacting bins have been installed across the District.

The bins tell the Council when they’re full, reducing mileage and carbon emissions from wasted journeys.



### Spreading the word

We regularly post in our social media accounts.

This year posts have included encouraging recycling, tips on how to lower your carbon footprint, reducing food waste, making businesses more sustainable and energy efficiency.



## Energy efficiency at the Council

We have been installing energy efficiency measures at our offices by replacing old hardware with more efficient alternatives, installing sensors and going paperless.

## Enhancing our web pages

We expanded and improved our net zero webpages [www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/netzero](http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/netzero)

This has included putting them at the top of the 'Environment and community' section, acknowledging the importance of net zero to the Council. The pages set out our progress and ways that residents, businesses and schools can get involved to reduce carbon emissions.



## Three new trees for the Queen's jubilee

We supported the Queen's Green Canopy scheme, and helping the environment at the same time, by planting three new oak trees.

## Moving on up!

We have launched Kent's first 'Movement Strategy' setting out the Council's priorities for sustainable travel and movement across the District.



## Sevenoaks Wildlife Event 2021

Sevenoaks Wildlife Event took place in July and August 2021 in partnership with the North West Kent Countryside Partnership (NWKCP). This included releasing "making space for nature at home" videos and "Eco-trails" in Council owned open space and woodland.

## Greener Homes

We successfully secured almost £1.5 million from the Green Homes Grant to insulate hard to heat mobile homes within the District and won an award for insulating 48 park homes owned by people on low incomes using the Green Homes Grant funding.



## Going Electric

We have agreed a Low Emissions and Electric Vehicle Strategy that sets out how we will support low emission and electric vehicles within the Council's fleet and across the District. We have purchased new electric vehicles and installed new charging points at the Dunbrik Depot.

## Helping to improve air quality

We have promoted and participated in national and global initiatives including Car Free Day, Global Recycling Day and Stop Food Waste.

## On your bike!

We have begun work on a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan for Sevenoaks Urban Area. The plan will include potential new walking and cycling routes to help people move about using carbon-free forms of transport.



## Working with businesses

We gave a presentation to the Sevenoaks Chamber of Commerce about how businesses can start reducing their own emissions and posted more information on our website. We encouraged businesses to take part in the free EV van trial scheme.

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