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WOODLEY TOWN COUCIL, BERKSHIRE

At a Full Council meeting in October 2019, Woodley Town Council adopted a motion to declare a climate emergency and committed to becoming carbon neutral by 2030. Woodley Town Council will work with Wokingham Borough Council as part of a cross-party working group, beginning with the formation of an action plan over the next six months.

Meanwhile, Woodley Town Council will also continue its commitment to climate change through its current campaigns and initiatives. In January 2020, the council installed solar panels on the Oakwood Centre to provide cheap daytime electricity and return renewable energy to the grid. Also, the systems will generate renewable energy with the equivalent saving of around 13 tonnes CO2 per year.

Since February 2020, all town council buildings will provide carbon-neutral gas and are under a three year supply contract. The carbon-neutral gas supplied will offset almost 100 tonnes of CO2 per year. In addition to this work, the council are developing a Climate Emergency Plan which will identify measurable targets and will link in with the work being carried out by Wokingham Borough Council and other town and parish councils across the Borough.

Currently, the council are working to replace council building lights with low LED bulbs and are considering options for rainwater harvesting. They will also be providing information to residents and the community on national environmental initiatives.

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