



TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL



# TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL **CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN**



ALL OF US CAN CONTRIBUTE TO LIMITING  
GLOBAL WARMING AND CARING FOR OUR PLANET

# INTRODUCTION

As Chair of Todmorden Town Council's Climate Emergency Committee, I am delighted to introduce you to our Climate Emergency Action Plan. Climate change is a global issue, but it is through the efforts of small communities that real changes can be made. We want the residents of Todmorden to share this vision – for our town to be a shining example of what can be achieved when a community works together to make a positive difference.

Councillor The Reverend Graham Kent  
Chair, Climate Emergency Committee



*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." – Margaret Mead*



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# CLIMATE PLEDGE

Many people are concerned, confused, even scared, but feel powerless about what they can do to reduce the impact of climate change. Individual actions can, however, make a difference. Todmorden Town Council's Climate Emergency Pledge has been developed and made available for anyone who wishes to play an active part in tackling the climate crisis.

By leading on this Climate Pledge, your Town Council hopes to encourage as many residents as possible to change just a few aspects of their daily life that, collectively, can have a real impact on the local environment. Whatever you feel able to commit to will help, so please sign up to your Climate Pledge today.



We understand that most of our habits cannot change overnight and that it is important to remain realistic about the things that can be achieved. We therefore suggest that you only tick the pledges that:



**APPLY TO YOU**



**YOU ARE ABLE TO DO**



**YOU FEEL YOU CAN LIVE UP TO**



**YOU ALREADY DO AND PLEDGE TO CONTINUE DOING**

To access a downloadable copy of the pledge, please visit our Climate Emergency Pledge webpage at [www.todmorden-tc.gov.uk/todmorden-town-councils-climate-emergency-pledge](http://www.todmorden-tc.gov.uk/todmorden-town-councils-climate-emergency-pledge).

For further information, please contact your local Climate Officer at Todmorden Town Council

01706 318132 or 0770 632 2037

[climateofficer@todmorden-tc.gov.uk](mailto:climateofficer@todmorden-tc.gov.uk)

# TIPS, ADVICE & INFO

When it comes to taking practical steps towards being more green, sometimes it is hard to know where to start. To help with this, we have included some useful tips, information and advice on how to fulfil some of your climate pledges. For more information and advice for each tip, please check out our Pledge Tips, Information and Advice section on the Climate Emergency section of our website, at <https://todmorden-tc.gov.uk/pledge-tips-information-and-advice>.



Make a 'meat-free day' part of your weekly routine



Make charity shop donations a part of your clear-out/de-clutter routine



Repair and/or upcycle where possible



Explore what places have to offer on your doorstep



Minimise food waste



Where possible, choose to walk, cycle or use public transport for small journeys



Do your bit to reduce any harm inflicted on our seas, oceans and marine life by choosing sustainably sourced fish products



Be a peat-free gardener

# OTHER WAYS TO PLAY YOUR PART

As the Climate Pledge highlights, each one of us has an important and unique part to play in the effort to reverse climate change. Small actions add up to make a big difference. Other ways in which you can help include:



## **Volunteering with local organisations**

In Todmorden, we are fortunate to have a wealth of local groups and organisations that work to strengthen the community and improve quality of life through practicing and promoting a collective effort to achieve long term environmental sustainability.

If it wasn't for the support and commitment of volunteers, however, these groups would simply not exist as they are today. Included at the back of this leaflet is a non-exhaustive list of many of these groups and organisations. Please have a look at these and think about what efforts you would feel able to support and consider volunteering your services.



## **Start a climate conversation with friends, family or work colleagues**

With a topic as broad and complex as climate change, it is hard to know where to begin when it comes to even talking about it. As a way of getting more people to start thinking more about this important issue, it is useful to have 'climate conversations' as a way of engaging with others and finding shared solutions to this shared problem.



# FUNDING FOR LOCAL PROJECTS

## Climate Emergency Committee Small Grants Scheme

Todmorden Town Council's Climate Emergency Committee has set up a small climate grant scheme for local individuals/organisations who wish to deliver small-scale projects that tackle issues related to climate change and provide environmental benefits for the local community.

There are also available grants for local climate-related projects from other funding bodies, such as the Crook Hill Community Benefit Fund and Reaps Moss Community Benefit Fund.

For more information and to access the climate grant application form, please visit our Climate Emergency Small Grants Scheme page on the Climate Emergency section of our website at:

<https://todmorden-tc.gov.uk/climate-emergency-small-grants/>

## USEFUL LINKS

TREESPONSIBILITY  
[www.treesponsibility.com](http://www.treesponsibility.com)

INCREDIBLE EDIBLE  
[www.incredible-edible-todmorden.co.uk](http://www.incredible-edible-todmorden.co.uk)

TODMORDEN FLOOD GROUP  
[en-gb.facebook.com/groups/TodmordenFloodGroup](https://en-gb.facebook.com/groups/TodmordenFloodGroup)

SLOW THE FLOW  
[www.slowtheflow.net](http://www.slowtheflow.net)

TODMORDEN MAKERY  
[www.todmordenmakery.org.uk](http://www.todmordenmakery.org.uk)

3 VALLEY VEGANS  
[www.3valleyvegans.org.uk](http://www.3valleyvegans.org.uk)

TODMORDEN IN BLOOM  
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