

Agenda item 23.162 c

Report to Stanwick Parish Council meeting 18th January 2024

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Green Strategy – performance assessment report

1. Background

1.1 The Green Strategy was adopted in January 2022 [Stanwick Parish Council - Green Strategy](#)

2. Aims and objectives of the strategy

2.1 To reduce the carbon footprint of Stanwick and improve the carbon rating of the parish where possible

Action/Achievements:

- Online tools have been used to collate carbon footprint data for the parish
- The results have been published on the Parish Council website and on displays in the village hall
- Sporadic social media posts on ways to reduce carbon footprint
- Engagement of local contractors thereby reducing travel and carbon emissions
- Upgrade of church floodlights to LEDs to reduce power consumption

2.2 To improve our green spaces, enhance biodiversity and encourage improvements in green infrastructure where possible

Action/Achievements:

- Ecological improvements have been made at Stanwick Cemetery. See Appendix 1
- £137.72 remains in the Cemetery environmental improvements budget (£200.00 per Minute 22.23L)
- Support of Pocket Park Group in their activities
- Seed bombing of county verges was not a success due to weather in 2022

2.3 To reduce waste and recycle more across our community

Action/Achievements:

- Principle of ‘reuse’ applied to Parish Council decisions e.g. reuse of coffee sacks for village events; reusable signage for events
- Sporadic social media posts on ways to recycle beyond the kerbside collection

2.4 To provide opportunities for residents to make their own contribution

Action/Achievements:

- Parish Council hosted the ‘green theme’ annual parish meeting but this was poorly attended by residents.
- Sporadic social media posts with advice and signposting

3. Delivery of Strategy

3.1 We will identify elements that we have control and influence over

Action/ Achievements:

- Limited action taken

3.2 We will use our communication channels to provide information on 'what is green' and how to have a meaningful impact of climate change

Action/Achievements:

- The Parish Council website has a 'green page' with information. This could be developed further.
- Social media channels are used to share information

3.3 We will map current areas of 'wild' planting to inform plans to improve biodiversity

Action/Achievements:

- This has not been comprehensively achieved. Piecemeal efforts have been made.

3.4 Specific actions will be identified through the Four Year Plan action plans

Action/Achievements:

- Reports are made at Council meetings and are Minuted.

3.5 We will look at setting up a working group that includes members of the public and businesses and the school

Action/Achievements:

- This has not been discussed further

3.6 We will host community events that are themed on climate or green matters

Action/Achievements:

- 'Green Event' held 2023 was not well attended by residents.

4. Action required

4.1 Council to discuss how to strengthen the implementation of the strategy and members to suggest further ways, and ideas, to take action.

Cemetery Environment improvements log

November 2022

60 x tete-a-tete bulbs planted around the turning circle

Small area of spoil mound cleared for cyclamen planting

30 hedging whips planted along rear fence. Supplied free by the Wood land Trust. Species are:

- Dog rose
- Crab apple
- Hawthorn
- Hazel
- Dogwood

Guards and canes supplied by the Woodland Trust; see photos

December 2022: 3 x cyclamen planted on cleared area on the mound; see photos

February 2023

Cyclamen not doing well. Could be extreme frosts or soil condition

150 bulbs planted (in the green). 50 each of snow drops and winter aconite to the side of the first central path (both sides)

50 blue bell planted along back and side hedge.

A significant number of self set snow drops and some blue bell clumps noted on eastern boundary.

5 x primroses planted under front hedge to the left of the lych gate

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