

Environment Plan



Biodiversity



Heritage



Projects

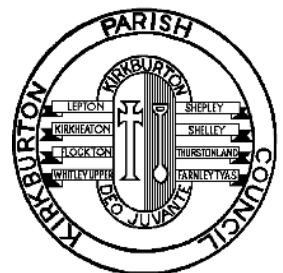


Climate Change



Appearance

Kirkburton
Parish
Council



Aims:

To support the development of facilities and community life in the Parish Council area in environmentally sustainable ways.

Objectives:

1. Heritage – To preserve our cultural heritage, and learn from our past.
2. Nature – To conserve and create habitats, and encourage biodiversity.
3. Climate Change – To work towards mitigating and adapting to climate change, which will increase self-sufficiency and sustainability in our communities.
4. Appearance – To improve and protect the aesthetic beauty of our surroundings.
5. Projects – To carry out environmental projects which will give added value to this area, and which fit in with our environmental objectives. Also to finance projects to be carried out by community groups with the same principles in mind.

Objective 1: Heritage – To preserve our cultural heritage, and learn from our past

Issue	Action/Progress	Timescale	Lead Responsibility	Resources Implications	Partners	Monitoring and Evaluation
To preserve and help promote Burton Cross and its history	The Cross and surroundings have been repaired to English Heritage's standards.	Dec 2008	Cllr Heward		Kirkburton Civic Society, Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association.	
Guidestoops	To work with Kirklees	Ongoing	Cllr MacDonald	£2,245	Kirklees Highways and Conservation.	
To support the preservation and maintenance of Kirkheaton Churchyard	To ensure the Churchyard walls and grass are maintained, as well as the trees, many of which are TPO'd.	Ongoing	Cllr Holroyd & Kirkheaton Committee		Kirkheaton PCC	
To contribute towards preserving the historical nature of Burton Dean						
To provide information to the public so that our historical heritage is not lost and to encourage tourism to the area.	To provide a tourist guide to our historical past. To provide Boards giving information about the history of places. To create a Kirkburton Heritage Trail.				Kirklees Tourist Information	

Objective 2: Nature - To conserve and create habitats, and encourage biodiversity

Issue	Action/Progress	Timescale	Lead Responsibility	Resources Implications	Partners	Monitoring and Evaluation
To encourage biodiversity by supporting the Kirklees Biodiversity Study	To work with Kirklees Environment Unit					
To provide habitats	To work with Kirklees Environment Unit to provide ponds, bird & bat boxes and fruit trees. Consultation currently taking place for possible locations for bird & bat boxes.				Neil Windett & Geoff Keenleyside	
To encourage schools to improve their environment	To provide trees or shrubs to all local schools	Spring 2009	Parish Council	£350	All schools in the Parish	

Objective 3: Climate Change – To work towards mitigating climate change, to increase self sufficiency and sustainability in our communities

Issue	Action/Progress	Timescale	Lead Responsibility	Resources Implications	Partners	Monitoring and Evaluation
To encourage water conservation and the reduction of the carbon footprint in the production of water.	To introduce a free water butt scheme. All water butts have been delivered and fitted. Kirklees has introduced its own scheme based on the Kirkburton one.	From Sept 2008	Cllr Atkinson & Environment Committee	£2068	Kirklees Council	Water butts were personally delivered by councillors. Council had significant amount of positive feedback from the public.
To help community organisations reduce their utility bills/carbon emissions by using energy conservation and microgeneration in community buildings	May 2008 – Burton Village Hall Solar panels installed June 2008 – BRE Awards achieved November 2008 - Funding for Stocksmoor Village Hall feasibility approved.	Ongoing	Microgeneration Working Party	£8,900 in the budget		
To increase the amount of food grown and sourced locally.	To support the maintenance of existing allotments. To work with Kirklees to increase the number of allotments available. To encourage residents and schools to grow more food.					
To improve local recycling facilities and encourage their use.	To consider this as a Committee initiative at a future meeting.					

Objective 3: Climate Change (Cont'd)

Issue	Action/Progress	Timescale	Lead Responsibility	Resources Implications	Partners	Monitoring and Evaluation
Public Transport	To liaise with the Passenger Transport Executive on bus services, promote volunteer and alternative bus services in the area and to keep a watching brief on public transport, notifying Metro and the relevant bus companies as appropriate.					

Objective 4: Appearance – To improve and protect the aesthetic beauty of our surroundings

Issue	Action/Progress	Timescale	Lead Responsibility	Resources Implications	Partners	Monitoring and Evaluation
To create a display of spring colour.	To consider planting spring bulbs across our communities					
To create a display of autumn colour.	To plant Autumn Crocus across our communities.	Autumn 2008		£1,500	Colne Valley Garden Centre	Now planted by Councillors in all wards.
To reduce the incidences whereby the beauty of our communities are compromised.	To consider how the Committee can take action to minimise the problems.					

Objective 5: Projects and Grants – To set up projects which will enable community groups and organisations to set up environmental projects, and help to achieve the Council’s environmental objectives.

Issue	Action/Progress	Timescale	Lead Responsibility	Resources Implications	Partners	Monitoring and Evaluation
Healey Greave Wood & Meadow	Proposal to provide pathways.		Cllr MacDonald		Neil Windett	
Thunderbridge Meadow						
To encourage the use of footpaths, both for enjoyment of the countryside and health	To publish the Parish Council walks in leaflet and CD form	Ongoing	Cllr Hickey			
School Tree and Bush Planting	Order to be placed for supply, and planting planned for the Spring	Spring 2009	Cllr Atkinson	£350 from allocated reserves	Schoolchildren and Teachers	
Memorial to the late Cllr Brian Webster	Seat installed with plaque in his favourite spot.		Cllr R Barraclough	£500 from allocated reserves		Seat installed with plaque
Living Christmas Trees	Viability to be checked out.					
To encourage school children to participate in growing projects	To initiate a Sunflower Project, which will be judged on diameter of the flower.	Spring 2009	Cllr Atkinson	Approx £580	Local Primary Schools	
To encourage the artistic talents of our local children.	To give Art lessons		Cllr Hickey			
Village Green Project in Kirkheaton	To support the application/s for village green status.	Ongoing	Kirkheaton Ward Councillors			

Objective 5: Grants awarded over the last two years to organisations and community groups to finance projects, which fulfilled the Committee’s environmental objectives.

Group	Details of Grant	Purpose	Amount Awarded £
Shelley College	Work at the ‘Eco’ Park	To finance the cost of building the paths, suitable for both disabled and able-bodied people.	4,475
KHCA	Town Quarry	Provision of a path at the Town Quarry.	1,300
7 First Schools	School trips to the NCMM	To encourage awareness of their history, and to deliver lessons in science and nature in a more interesting environment.	1,763
Kirkburton Civic Society	Work at Dogley Nature Reserve	To part-finance improvements to the nature reserve, which fulfills Committee’s Nature objective.	1,900
Flockton First School	Road safety	Production of posters & car stickers	150
Shepley Bird & Wildlife Group	Purchase of digiprojector	To be used to illustrate talks on nature/ornithology.	500
Shelley College	Work at the ‘Eco’ Park	Completion of the walks, production of signs and information boards.	1,735
Shelley First School	School Garden	To purchase gardening equipment, seeds and a water butt.	530
Highburton First School	School pond and conversion of play area into a garden	To restore and develop the school pond in line with the new health & safety guidance and to develop a disused and dangerous play area into a school garden for use by children and staff to grow vegetables, fruit, herbs and plants.	1,960