

Parish Council Environment and Sustainability Group Annual Reports

Background

When the E&SG was started in October 2021 one of the first actions it asked the Parish Council to do was declare Climate and Biodiversity Emergencies, and to agree an Environment and Sustainability Policy.

The declarations acknowledge the dangers and costs of inaction and commit the Parish Council to building in climate and biodiversity to its decision-making process.

The declarations also commit the Parish Council to producing a **Carbon Reduction Impact Report** and **Biodiversity Improvement Report** assessing progress in the previous year.

Following on from these reports will be a **Carbon Reduction Actions Plan**, and **Biodiversity Improvement Plan** setting out some suggestions for actions that can be taken over the year ahead.

The Reports

The two reports have been prepared and will be sent to all Parish Councillors.

As these are Eardisland's first such report they details all progress taken in the 18 months since the formation of the E&SG.

The actions are taken from the current Eardisland Parish Council Environment & Sustainability Policy. They are grouped into six areas where the Parish Council has influence, with comments made on progress and problems.

Discussion

It is hoped that the reports can be discussed at the Parish Council meeting on the 8th of June.

The E&SG would be interested to get feedback on:

- The format of the reports and if it could be improved.
- Any changes or additions to the progress, problems, and notes in the reports.

Next Steps

The reports can be published and made available on the Parish Council website.

The E&SG will work on the annual **plans**, with the aim of producing these for the Parish Council meeting on 13th of July.