



10,000 Tree Giveaway

Our 10,000 tree give away is underway, with the first tree planted at Baldock Recreation Ground in Letchworth by Cllr Steve Jarvis (as pictured below). Residents of North Herts can still register interest in receiving a free tree by emailing green.space@north-herts.gov.uk. More information can be found [here](#).

Solar Panels on the Council Offices

Solar panels have been installed on the roof of the main council building in Letchworth to help reduce our carbon emissions and save money.

A total of 30 panels, measuring approximately 1m by 2m, were fitted in November at the council offices on Gernon Road. They will generate over 10,000 kWh of electricity and save around 5.4 tonnes of carbon each year.

Cabinet Panel on the Environment

The most recent Cabinet Panel for the Environment took place on Tuesday 16 November with the theme of waste minimisation. This included a presentation from the Council's waste team and from Chris Lee on Royston's repair café. Public participation included contributions from Rebecca Heaps, a resident who is the founder of Tentshare.

The next Panel for the Environment is due to take place on 22 February 2022 with the theme of adaption.

COP26 Staff Briefing

A presentation was given at the November staff briefing to inform staff about COP26, what it is and why it is important. A refresher was also provided to staff on the Council's Climate Change Strategy, including its objectives and priorities as well as actions that the Council is currently taking to address the climate emergency.

Environmental Communications

Monthly suggestions on how residents and council staff can be more environmentally friendly have been published. October's theme covered 'Shopping and Consumption' whilst November and December covered Christmas related topics. The Council also promoted Herts Waste Aware's #GreenChristmas campaign. Throughout November, the Council published environmental posts related to COP26, raising awareness of environmental issues and what the Council has done, and is doing, to tackle the climate crisis.



**Contributions to the Hertfordshire
Climate Change and Sustainability
Partnership (HCCSP)**



The Biodiversity Action Plan, which has been worked on by the North Herts Policy Team, was officially launched at HCCSP's COP26 event on 3 November.

The policy team has continued to be involved in regular meetings around the county-wide biodiversity baseline and continues to attend meetings of the Behaviour Change subgroup.

Electrical Recycling Event

North Herts Council held a Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) collection on Sunday 17 October. This allowed residents to bring their unwanted, old and broken electrical items to be recycled. Due to previous restrictions, this was the first WEEE event held since before the pandemic.

Climate Actions Across the Council

Officers have been working to align across the council on climate related projects.

The policy team have been collating information regarding completed and ongoing climate actions and this information will be used to produce a review of the council's progress in reducing carbon emissions over the last year.