

Devon Climate Emergency - Update Sept 2020

In 2020BC (Before Covid) everything was focussed on climate change. When the virus struck our communities, I suspect we all had what seemed a backward step with greater use of single use plastics and other disposable items which previously we were all encouraged to stop using. In many respects within our communities the focus on climate change has somewhat seemed to go on the back burner.

Lockdown created a range of climate change positives by default. Positive lifestyle changes with some months seeing considerably reduced use of vehicles, an upsurge in wildlife, cleaner air, and we had good weather (most of the time) with families getting out and about for daily exercise enjoying increased walking and cycling. So whilst we were not necessarily thinking climate change our Covid related behaviours have contributed positively.

Throughout this pandemic, the Devon Climate Emergency Project has been progressing with the Devon Emergency Response Group still meeting and working hard on the Devon plan.

Details of this can be found - not on DCC's website but on devonclimateemergency.org.uk. The website details all of the relevant information and includes on the home page under "resources" a link to top tips, and information for communities and Parish Councils.

The team produces a Devon Climate Emergency newsletter which is sent to all Parish Councils. I hope this is not only informative but provides opportunities for Parishes and Communities to get involved.