

Three Rivers District Council Climate Emergency and Sustainability Action Plan 2024 -2027

District Emissions

Theme	Action	Target/Ambition	Lead department and partners	Budget	Completion date(s):	Progress
Housing, Buildings, Energy and Emissions	Encourage installation of Solar PV on residential dwellings through the uptake of the Solar Together bulk-buying scheme.	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	Climate and Sustainability , HCCSP, Solar Together	£600 for promotion In existing budget	Annual scheme from 2022 - 2025	2 cohorts of Solar Together have been completed, resulting in 93 solar PV installations, 83 battery installations, 868 panels installed and 71.6 tonnes of carbon emissions. The next round is scheduled for 2025.
Housing, Buildings, Energy and Emissions	Engage with regional energy strategic planner on the development and implementation of a LAEP (Local Area Energy Plan).	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	Climate and Sustainability , Greater South East Net Zero Hub, Energy Systems Catapult, DNO, HCCSP, Regional Energy Strategic Planners (RESPs)	N/A	Dictated by OFGEM timelines. Ongoing.	We are contributing to the Hertfordshire Area Energy Plan. Hertfordshire Growth Board will be the public face of the Hertfordshire Area Energy Plan (HAEP), lobbying government, power 'generators' and investors to help deliver the measures identified in the HAEP and the consequential benefits. So while identifying opportunities for renewables deployment and heat networks in Three Rivers is important for us, Hertfordshire will be leading on the development of a county-wide LAEP with the relevant stakeholders. (August 2024)
Housing, Buildings, Energy and Emissions	Support the creation of a Hertfordshire-wide Retrofit Strategy under the Local Area Retrofit Accelerator pilot project.	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	HCCSP, Hertfordshire County Council, MCS Foundation	N/A	Draft January 2024 Aiming for HCCSP adoption Spring 2025	Development of a countywide retrofit strategy to commence this autumn (August 2024).
Housing, Buildings, Energy and Emissions	Reduce emissions from commercial buildings and operations by distributing grants for renewable energy technologies, energy efficiency improvements, and EV vehicles, to businesses in Three Rivers from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF).	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	Climate and Sustainability ,	£130,000 capital grants from UKSPF	March 2025	Grants launched June'24 https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/newsbusiness-energy-efficiency-grant-available . The Expression of Interest (EOI) stage is now closed, and 33 applications received. Further to the EOIs review successful applicants will be asked to submit a detailed technical proposal with quotes which will be scored again. The deadline for technical proposals is 30/9/24. 19 businesses have proceeded to the technical proposal stage. (September '24)
Housing, Buildings, Energy and Emissions	Install community-funded renewable energy on a building in Three Rivers.	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	Climate and Sustainability , Grand Union Community Energy, Leisure, Property, Finance.	Funding provided by Innovate UK Fast Followers project.	One building install by June 2025	Work started in July 2023 and is ongoing. Two potential sites identified, surveyed, and costs being modelled currently (August 2024).
Housing, Buildings, Energy and Emissions	Host a developer conference to encourage developers to voluntarily adopt net-zero building standards by proving the commercial viability of this approach.	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	Climate and Sustainability , HCCSP, Development Management, LEP, Herts Growth Board, Hertfordshire Building Control	£4,000	2026-2027	Action is delayed as it is a complex event and with the uncertainty on housing numbers, Future Homes Standard and the need to have a concerted county wide effort through HCCSP, the timing needs to be right.(August 2024)

Housing, Buildings, Energy and Emissions	Commission a report to understand the extent to which the Draft Local Plan can require optimal energy efficiency standards for new developments to meet net zero targets.	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	Planning Policy	Within existing budget	Aug-24	Consultant appointed and presented policy options alongside literature review. On track to provide policy and evidence base by September. (August 2024)
Housing, Buildings, Energy and Emissions	Encourage and support the 'able to pay sector' to retrofit their home, through projects such as 'One Stop Shop'.	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	Climate and Sustainability, The National Energy Foundation (NEF)	Funding provided by Innovate UK Fast Followers project.	By June 2025: Properties representative of five key "hard to treat" archetypes successfully retrofitted as a result of engagement with the Retrofit One Stop Shop.	Retrofit One Stop Shop, known as "Super homes Three Rivers" launched in December 2023 and has delivered 100 free retrofit surveys and plans to Three Rivers residents in "hard to treat" homes (August 2024).
Housing, Buildings, Energy and Emissions	Investigate innovative sources of funding and financing for domestic retrofit for the "able to pay" sector.	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	Climate and Sustainability, Hertfordshire County Council, Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership, Greater South East Net Zero Hub	Funding to investigate options provided by Innovate UK Fast Followers project.	By end of Fast Followers project: have investigated options for financing retrofit.(June 2025)	Retrofit loans via Lendology being explored but requires significant upfront capital. Paper being produced (August 2024).
Housing, Buildings, Energy and Emissions	Engage with local trades and SMEs about the market opportunity for retrofit in Three Rivers, and upskilling to retrofit related roles.	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	Climate and Sustainability, Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership, the National Energy Foundation (NEF), Hertfordshire Building Control, OVO, local Housing Associations	Funding provided by Innovate UK Fast Followers project and UKSPF, and some activities funded by Herts LEP. Sponsorship considered too	March 2025	LEP with support from TRDC, NEF hosted a supplier event 12th June. Linked in with Job centre to get people qualified and info employment. Hosted a sustainability careers fair for 425 students and job seekers https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/news/council-pioneers-sustainability-focused-careers-fair . Next careers fair in planning for 2025 (August 2024)

Housing, Buildings, Energy and Emissions	<p>Continue to manage and deliver grant-funded domestic retrofit schemes, and take relevant grant-funded retrofit opportunities as they arise.</p> <p>Regularly promote funding opportunities for retrofit to residents and businesses through Climate Change Team Communication Plan and through the Transitions Street programme</p>	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	<p>Climate and Sustainability, SHDF Wave 2 - OVO Energy Solutions & Thrive Homes</p> <p>ECO4/GBIS: E.ON and NEF</p>	<p>SHDF Wave 2 - £1.9m grant funding plus co-funding contribution from Housing Association.</p> <p>ECO/GBIS Funding - undefined amount.</p> <p>Fast Followers</p> <p>Existing TRDC Warmer Homes budget</p>	<p>SHDF Wave 2: March 2025</p> <p>ECO4/GBIS: March 2026.</p>	<p>SHDF Wave 2 - Installs have started, due to complete by March 2025. 121 social Homes and 6 private homes are being retrofitted with external wall insulation (August 2024).</p> <p>Energy Company Obligation Phase 4 scheme in partnership with E.ON, was launched in Nov '22 & retrofitted 22 properties spending a total of £593,716 an average of £27,000 per home. It was paused in March 2024 due to delivery constraints relating to scheme policy design set by Ofgem which has constrained delivery of ECO4 nationwide. TRDC have written to Government to ask for these constraints to be removed so it can recommence.</p> <p>Now focusing on delivery of Great British Insulation Scheme (GBIS) with E.ON. Preparing for potential "LARS" scheme for private residential retrofit - subject to confirmation of funding from DESNZ. (August 2024).</p>
Housing, Buildings, Energy and Emissions	Report on the enforcement of the Minimum energy Efficiency Standards (MEES) regulations and establish interventions once outcomes are known.	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	Housing , Facilities / Regulatory Services		November 2024. Annual report to be published online.	<p>Private landlords in Three Rivers who fail to meet the minimum standards will be signposted to relevant funding for energy efficiency improvements, where available.</p> <p>Annual Letter to Letting Agents advising them of legislative updates, grant opportunities and retrofit guidance / example case studies. Letter sent to 27 local letting agents on 6/12/23. The next letter to be sent November 2024 and the response rate to this letter will be recorded and published.</p>
Housing, Buildings, Energy and Emissions	Identify and bid for additional funding to enhance the provision of the National Energy Foundation's Home Energy Support Service (Better Housing Better Health) helpline to include home visits, community engagement, and an enhanced retrofit funding pot.	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	Climate and Sustainability , The National Energy Foundation (NEF)	Funding to be sought.	July 2024	No potential funding sources are obvious at present (August 2024), and in fact it is NEF's responsibility to find this funding and so this action is being retired. (August 2024)

Travel and Air Quality	Work with community groups to encourage them to take action on tackling vehicle idling in their areas.	Influence residents and stakeholders to live, work and travel more sustainably.	Leisure & Natural Infrastructure , HCC, HCCSP, Air Quality, Parish Councils, Community Groups	£500 in carbon neutral	Media Campaign October '24 Annual clean Air Day June	Croxley Green have expressed an interest.. Planning a programme for Clean Air Day 2025 August '24 TRDC promoted sustainable travel through the climate change trail displayed at the Gardening Fair, Carpenders Park on the 26th May, Tour de Ricky, Maple Cross on the 1st June, Eco home, Croxley Green on the 15th June and Abbot Fest on the 14th Septemeber. The climate change trail will be on show in Watersmeet on the 28th October and 12th November. TRDC promoted Cycle to work Day on the 1st August via the Greener Living Newsletter. Clean Air Day Social Media Campain went out on 16/06 and 20/06. Planning anti- idling campaign in October. 2025 Comms Plan has been update with the 2025 Clean Air day.
Travel and Air Quality	Continue to monitor air quality and submit an Annual Status Report (ASR) to DEFRA ensuring any recommendations are considered and implemented accordingly	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	Environmental Health (Commercial)	In existing budget; external grant funding where applicable.	Annual	The annual status report (ASR) for 2024 has been completed and submitted to DEFRA prior to the 30th June deadline. The report will be available at https://www.airqualityengland.co.uk/local-authority/hnb-reports once approved. The latest monitoring data shows a general trend of decreasing concentrations of NO2. This is in line with the national trend (August 2024)
Travel and Air Quality	Prepare and implement an EV strategy to guide the growth of EV infrastructure in the district	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	Transport & Parking Projects , HCC Highways, Phil Whiting consulting	In existing budgets	Nov-24	Draft EV Strategy reviewed by General Public Services Committee on July 2nd 2024 and is out for public consultation https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/news/have-your-say-electric-vehicle-charging-strategy for six weeks ending October 24. Latest updates with regard to EV charging can be found at https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/electric-vehicle-charging (August '24)
Travel and Air Quality	Investigate and implement EV charging in selected Council owned car parks	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	Transport & Parking Projects , Property	External Government funding via ORCS and/or LEVI funding. Commercial model options.	Proposals delayed, to be determined by Qtr1 24/25 with implementation later 24/25	. HCC have been provided LEVI funding for on-street residential EVCP's and are working to identify locations and appoint the Charge Point Operator. TRDC have been awarded OZEV funding to enable EVCP installation in town center car parks. Community Infrastructure Levy funds (secured in 2022 to progress EV charger rollout) will be used to enable EVCP installation in visitor destination car parks. TRDC have feasibility tested, scoped and costed the car park locations, number and type of EVCP's and a Member Consultation has been completed to collected feedback on the proposed rollout. TRDC is working to appoint the Charge Point Operator who will install, maintain and contribute to the cost of EVCP's in town center and visitor destination car parks. Now waiting for outcome of consualtation to progress ://www.threerivers.gov.uk/news/have-your-say-electric-vehicle-charging-strategy (August '24)

Travel and Air Quality	Investigate options for home charging infrastructure projects and pilots which could be funded by the On-Street Residential ChargePoint Scheme or other future funding schemes	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	Transport & Parking Projects, HCC	External funding opportunities	Nov-24	In March 2024 LEVI funding was awarded to HCC to facilitate the installation on On-Street Residential EVCP's. TRDC has been supporting the preparatory work by supplying potential postcode locations for EVCP installation to be reviewed and ratified by HCC as the Highways Agency and administrator of LEVI funds. A Member Consultation was completed in July 2024 which identified HCC's proposed priority postcode zones for EVCP installation. EVCP installation forecasted to start Q4 2025.(Augsut '24)
Travel and Air Quality	Review draft Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) following 2023 consultation with progression to an adopted LCWIP.	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	Transport & Parking Projects, HCC, WBC, DfT	Preparation and implementation of LCWIP in existing revenue budgets. Delivery of schemes will be reliant on existing budget and external funding.	Nov-24	The draft LCWIP went to public consultation in summer 2023 and a significant number of responses were received and are currently being analysed by our partner Hertfordshire County Council. An update report on the consultation response will be taken to committee in October 24 and we will begin the process of revising and adopting the document. (September 24)
Travel and Air Quality	Identification and implementation of cycling infrastructure (routes and equipment)	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	Transport & Parking Projects	In existing budget	Apr-24	New cycle stands in Rickmansworth High Street (Q1 April 2024) Cycle maintenance stands installed in main centres - funding secured and implementation Apr '24 Continue to work with partners on the LCWIP and other cycling infrastructure projects. (September 24)
Travel and Air Quality	Introduction of a pilot bike rental scheme in Croxley Green as an expansion to Watford scheme	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	Transport & Parking Projects, Watford Borough Council, Beryl Bikes (SMIDSY Limited)	External funding sourced	Apr-24	A contract between Beryl Bikes and Three Rivers District Council has been drafted for 5 sites across Croxley Green. Separately site licences are being pursued for the bay marking with HCC highways and HCC property teams to enable this work to take place. The scheme is planned to launch in Autumn 2024.

Circular Economy/Waste and Resources	Encourage upcycling, use of second hand goods, and reduction in buying new goods in order to reduce consumption.	Reduce total household waste collected at the kerbside by 50% by 2042 against 2019 levels.	Environmental Protection, Communications Team, Watford & Three Rivers Trust, Waste Aware, Comms, community groups, Sustainable 3 Rivers	Existing Environmental Protection and WasteAware budgets	Aug-42	<p>August 24: Working in partnership with WasteAware on Reduce, Reuse and Recycle campaigns. TRDC organised a workshop in May '24 who attended and on what subject with Sustainable 3 Rivers??</p> <p>: The Russel School, St John's School with Rickmansworth Library and attended the Student Council Forum at Watersmeet, attended by 11 local primary schools, where we spoke about Food Miles and the benefits of choosing more locally produced products.</p> <p>During 2024TRDC promoted household reduction through the climate change trail displayed at the Gardening Fair, Carpenders Park , Tour de Ricky, Maple Cross , Eco home, and at Abbots Fest . TRDC promoted Food waste reduction at the Hertfordshire Agricultural Society's food and farming day. The WasteAware #WorthSaving food waste campaign has been further promoted through TRDC social media Total Yearly Household waste: 2019/20, 862(kgs)</p>
Circular Economy/Waste and Resources	Encourage the establishment of at least one *Repair shops/cafes, *Library Of Things, or furniture re-use and skills workshops for local people through the Sustainability Fund and signposting enquiries to existing providers to share knowledge.	Reduce total household waste collected at the kerbside by 50% by 2042 against 2019 levels.	Environmental Protection, Watford & Three Rivers Trust, Waste Aware, Communications Team, community groups	Existing Climate Change budget is funding the community sustainability grant.	Aug-42	<p>August '24 TRDC are actively working with Parish Council and community groups to support the establishment of a repair cafe in the district.</p> <p>Yearly Residual waste per household: 2019/20, 309(kgs) 2020/21, 336(kgs) increased by +8% 2021/22, 322(kgs) increased by +4% 2022/23, 320(kgs) increased by +3%</p>
Circular Economy/Waste and Resources	Implement government resources and waste strategy including simpler recycling.	Reach 65% recycling rate for household waste by 2035.	Environmental Protection, Communications Team, Watford & Three Rivers Trust, Waste Aware, community groups	Existing Environmental Protection and WasteAware budgets	Dependent upon Government timeline.	<p>TRDC and Herts Waste Partnership have feedback to ongoing DEFRA consultations. 2022/23 August 2024 update - April 2025 - Collection food waste for businesses, paper has been written and currently awaiting further discussion.</p>

Circular Economy/Waste and Resources	Continue to seek opportunities to increase the reuse of furniture and large items collected by the Council in bulky waste collections.	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	Environmental Protection , Herts Waste Partnership, HCC	Existing Environmental Protection and WasteAware budgets	Aug-27	August '24: This is discussed at WasteAware monthly meetings and will continue to be explored. HCC has open a number of reuse center of which one in TRDC at Waterdale recycling centre.(2022 TBC) TRDC promoted "9 life furniture" on the following events: Gardening Fair, Carpenders Park on the 26th May, Tour de Ricky, Maple Cross on the 1st June, Eco home, Croxley Green on the 15th June and Abbot Fest on the 14th Septemeber. Leaflets will be on show at the screening (Watersmeet) of Rio2 28th October and 6" of soil 12th November.
Circular Economy/Waste and Resources	Complete trial to increase the uptake of food collections from flats in the District.	Reach 65% recycling rate for household waste by 2035.	Environmental Protection, HomeGroup Housing Associations	Existing Environmental Protection budget	May-24	August '24. We are collecting data on the current uptake and barriers to food waste collections in flats. This has not been progressed on the current time due to lack of engagement from housing association/on going contamination of bins/ maternity leave.
Circular Economy/Waste and Resources	Support businesses in reducing waste and increasing recycling and begin trade collections of food waste.	Influence residents and stakeholders to be live, work and travel more sustainably.	Environmental Protection , HCC	N/A	Apr-25	This action works towards the Government target within the Resources and Waste Strategy that 65% of municipal waste must be recycled by 2035. TRDC is reviewing how to implement food collection from businesses from April 2025.Soft Plastics will be included in the Dry Mixed Recycling from 2027 (August 2024)
Nature and Water	Plot spaces managed for nature across Three Rivers to identify the best opportunities to encourage and connect nature	Increase biodiversity and improve terrestrial and aquatic landscapes.	Leisure & Natural Infrastructure	In existing climate change budgets	Jun-25	The Council is working with the Herts Nature Recovery Partnership who are delivering the Local Nature Recovery Strategy, an element of which is to plot sites of strategic significance for biodiversity across the county. Landowners/managers were encouraged to submit land, the Council submitted appropriate land. An engagement event took place in Rickmansworth in July. (August 2024)
Nature and Water	Raise awareness of Biodiversity Net Gain and opportunity to connect nature with landowners and managers. Aim to encourage sites to be added to the HCC matching site	Increase biodiversity and improve terrestrial and aquatic landscapes.	Leisure & Natural Infrastructure , Strategy and Partnerships, HCC,	In existing budgets	2027	The Council is working with the Herts Nature Recovery Partnership who are delivering the Local Nature Recovery Strategy, an element of which is to plot sites of strategic significance for biodiversity across the county. Landowners/managers were encouraged to submit land, the Council submitted appropriate land. An engagement event took place in Rickmansworth in July. The council's new biodiversity policy was published 5/8/24 https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/news/three-rivers-biodiversity-policy
Nature and Water	Establish a carbon offsetting / insetting approach for the district and the potential requirement for trees and hedgerows in delivering this	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	HCCSP,Leisure & Natural Infrastructure ,Leisure & Natural Infrastructure,	In existing budgets	Oct -25.	Draft strategy has been prepared and is being scrutinised by University of Hertfordshire, and then will be considered by HCCSP and recommended for adoption by all LAs. Outcomes from UH expected Dec-24. (August 2024)

Nature and Water	Deliver the Biodiversity Opportunities Audit - Alternative Grassland Management	Increase biodiversity and improve terrestrial and aquatic landscapes.	Leisure & Natural Infrastructure , Grounds Maintenance, CMS and volunteers	Within existing budget - Alternative Grassland Management Budget & with external funding	Sites and cut reviewed annually	This work has now transitioned into business as usual for the service (August 2024)
Nature and Water	Deliver the Biodiversity Opportunities Audit - Spring Wildflower Planting	Increase biodiversity and improve terrestrial and aquatic landscapes.	Leisure & Natural Infrastructure Grounds Maintenance, CMS and volunteers	In existing Community Biodiversity Budget	Actions reviewed annually	No planting scheduled for this year due to staff capacity and focusing on other initiatives. (September 2024)
Nature and Water	Deliver the Biodiversity Opportunities Audit - Standard Tree Planting	Increase biodiversity and improve terrestrial and aquatic landscapes.	Leisure & Natural Infrastructure , Grounds Maintenance, CMS and volunteers	Within existing tree planting budget and with external funding.	Actions reviewed annually	Planting of standard trees is progressing. Some modifications have been made to original plans, and new sites for planting have been identified, subject to available funding. Sites still available for planting include; Anthony Close, Bell Close, Oakfield, Ashburnham Drive, Denham Way, Grove Crescent, Northwick Road, Oaklands Play Area, Prestwick Road and Romily Drive Open Space (September '24).
Nature and Water	Deliver the Biodiversity Opportunities Audit - Woodland Creation	Increase biodiversity and improve terrestrial and aquatic landscapes.	Leisure & Natural Infrastructure , Grounds Maintenance, CMS and volunteers	External Funding Required	Actions reviewed annually	Denham Way planting delivered in 2022/23; Cheshire Drive and Barton Way planting delivered in 2023/24; Cassiobridge planting scheduled for 2024/25 (September 2024)
Nature and Water	Deliver the Biodiversity Opportunities Audit - Hedgerow Creation and Restoration	Increase biodiversity and improve terrestrial and aquatic landscapes.	Leisure & Natural Infrastructure Grounds Maintenance, CMS and volunteers	External Funding Required: UKSPF in 24-25	Actions reviewed annually	Two sections of hedgerow due to be restored in 2024-25, one at Beechen Wood and one at Romily Drive (August 2024)
Nature and Water	Support the ColneCAN Smarter Water Catchment funding bid which will result in £3m cash injection to improve water quality and river restoration	Increase biodiversity and improve terrestrial and aquatic landscapes.	Leisure & Natural Infrastructure , ColneCAN, Climate & Sustainability, , Environment Agency, Thames Water, Neighbouring local authorities	N/A	It is understood the application conclusion will be known by April '24	TRDC play an active role in ColneCAN working groups including water quality, the steering group and invasive species group. ColneCAN are preparing an action plan which collates all potential projects so coordinated funding applications can be made. Timings for the plan TBC. (September 24)
Nature and Water	Continue to deliver tree planting within TRDC owned land as per the Council's Tree Strategy in relation to replacement trees, new standard trees and woodland planting.	Increase biodiversity and improve terrestrial and aquatic landscapes.	Leisure & Natural Infrastructure ; Grounds Maintenance	Within existing tree planting budget and with external funding.	Annual, by the end of March	Replacement trees; planting identified in management plans, Biodiversity Opportunities Audit; Memorial trees; and trees given away to TRDC residents as part of the free tree giveaway. Planted on TRDC land 2022/23 - 100 standards / 880 whips; whips given away 2,940. Planted on TRDC land 2023/24 - 57 standards / 200 whips; whips given away 3,500. (August '24)
Nature and Water	Delivery of the Nature Recovery Strategy - continue to develop chalk stream recovery projects on TRDC open space	Increase biodiversity and improve terrestrial and aquatic landscapes.	Leisure & Natural Infrastructure ; Grounds Maintenance and Partners	External Funding may be required depending on scale of work	March 2027	Two projects scheduled to take place during winter 2024/5: - The Bury Grounds, a stretch of the river Colne - Scotsbridge, a stretch of the river Chess (September 24)

Nature and Water	Delivery of the Nature Recovery Strategy - investigate decultivating and naturalising of the water courses through South Oxhey Playing Fields	Increase biodiversity and improve terrestrial and aquatic landscapes.	Leisure & Natural Infrastructure	External Funding is required		Workstream not yet started due to lack of officer capacity (August 2024)
Nature and Water	Delivery of the Nature Recovery Strategy - Develop detailed plans for conservation grazing at Bishops Wood Country Park	Increase biodiversity and improve terrestrial and aquatic landscapes.	Leisure & Natural Infrastructure; Countryside Management Service	External Funding is required	March 2025	New plan was adopted by the Council in 2023 and officers are delivering the action plan for the plan period 2023-2028 (Sept 24).
Nature and Water	Delivery of the Nature Recovery Strategy - Investigate opportunities to use wildflower mixes to benefit pollinating insects within urban settings	Increase biodiversity and improve terrestrial and aquatic landscapes.	Leisure & Natural Infrastructure; Grounds Maintenance	In existing budgets	March 2027	Workstream not yet started due to lack of officer capacity (August 2024)
Nature and Water	Commission and act upon hydrological study of the Aquadrome to optimise management of water on the site in the Aquadrome as part of the management plan.	Increase biodiversity and improve terrestrial and aquatic landscapes.	Leisure & Natural Infrastructure; Countryside Management Service	£80k external funding from NHLF and AMP	Mar 2025	Consultancy has been procured and work has begun on the study, however, the renewal of the Environment Agency's Upper Colne modelling is resulting in delay as the modelling has yet to be released. Contractor anticipates 2025 completion. (September '25)
Nature and Water	Establishment of a small community orchard and a community planting garden in the Aquadrome as part of the management plan	Increase biodiversity and improve terrestrial and aquatic landscapes.	Leisure & Natural Infrastructure; Countryside Management Service; Grounds Maintenance	External Funding is required	March 2027	Subject to National Lottery Funding bid for the Aquadrome (August 2024)
Nature and Water	Maintain non-intervention approach within wet woodland and informal areas in the Aquadrome as part of the management plan	Increase biodiversity and improve terrestrial and aquatic landscapes.	Leisure & Natural Infrastructure; Countryside Management Service	External Funding is required	Mar-27	Subject to the results of the hydrological study
Nature and Water	Create a new management plan for Pheasants and Solomons Wood. To include an action plan to support the management and enhancement of the woodlands for public use and biodiversity	Increase biodiversity and improve terrestrial and aquatic landscapes.	Leisure & Natural Infrastructure; Countryside Management Service	External Funding may be required to deliver actions	March 2025	New plan to be presented to the 16th Oct 2024 Climate Change, Leisure and Housing Committee for formal adoption (August 24)

Sustainable Living	Support and encourage public education around sustainable diets and food waste reduction to reduce food related emissions and local food production	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	Strategy & Partnerships, Climate and Sustainability, Environmental Protection, Healthy Hubs, Schools, Community centres, Services for Young People, South West Herts Partnerships, Sustainable Three Rivers	In existing budgets	Sep-24	Promotion of #Worthsaying campaign in March '24 via TRDC social medias. Work with Healthy Hubs, food banks, community gardens, and other community services to deliver education on sustainable diets and food waste reduction Promotion of food waste reduction at the Farming and food event HCC June '24 and at the events: . We displayed the climate change trail and the #Worthsaying campaign leaflets in 4 events summer '24 : Gardening Fair, Carpenders Park, Tour de Ricky, Maple Cross, Eco home, Abbot Fest September. Community Gardens have been set up in Rickmansworth, Chorleywood & South Oxhey "Dig Deep" Garden. A new residents garden for the temporary accomodation site South Oxhey Lincoln Drive is under construction . A community garden task group has been set up to encourage more gardens. The Food Box Projects is active and aims to support residents through the cost of living by providing 6 weeks worth of fresh produce, improve cooking skills by introducing new recipies. 54 referrals have been received into the project.
Sustainable Living	Pilot a Transition Streets project in the District to explore the impact and effectiveness of community-led approaches to sustainable behavioural change.	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	Climate Change & Sustainability, Grand Union Community Energy (GUCE)	Funding provided by Innovate UK Fast Followers project.	June 2025	Transition Streets launched September 2023. First street completed programme in June 2024 - https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/news/rickmansworth-neighbours-transition-streets Currently recruiting more streets (August 2024).
Sustainable Living	Update the Council's "Guide to Greening Your Home" document annually.	Influence residents and stakeholders to live, work and travel more sustainably.	Climate Change & Sustainability	N/A	September 2024.	Guide has been updated and uploaded to the website: https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/services/environment-climate-emergency/living-more-sustainably#Living%20more%20sustainably%20in%20Three%20Rivers This updated Guide includes practical information on physically adapting domestic dwellings to overheating, drought, and flooding
Sustainable Living	Create and implement a communication plan on all topics relevant to the Climate Emergency and Sustainability Strategy to schedule the promotion of information, key engagement events, funding availability, volunteering opportunities and to share help on eco-anxiety .	Influence residents and stakeholders to live, work and travel more sustainably.	Climate Change & Sustainability, Communcation team, Three Rivers Museum, Watersmeet Theatre, Healthy Hubs, Faith Groups	£10,000 to deliver from existing budgets	June 2024	August '24 Sustainability Communication Plan covering 2024 and 2025 events, social media and campaigning have been created and shared with Comms team. This includes funding and volunteering opportunities too.

Sustainable Living	Host a sustainability and green economy focused careers fair in Three Rivers to inspire and inform local students about skills and careers in the "green" sectors, with a focus on retrofit.	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	Climate Change & Sustainability , Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership, Employers, Schools and Colleges, Employment Support Organisations, OVO	Funding provided by Innovate UK Fast Followers project with potential additional sponsorship	March 2024	Event took place at Watersmeet 27th March - in excess of 400 people attended - https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/news/council-pioneers-sustainability-focused-careers-fair . Plans being prepared for a repeat event in spring 2025
Sustainable Living	Continue to Lobby central Government and relevant agencies to maximise policy, regulatory, and financial support to advance decarbonisation, sustainable development, and biodiversity protection and enhancement.	Influence residents and stakeholders to live, work and travel more sustainably.	Climate Change & Sustainability, Planning, Housing, Leader of the Council , UK100, Hertfordshire Climate Change and Sustainability Partnership, Fast Followers cohort.	N/A	March '25	A lobbying letter sent Aug '24 to MP and Angela Rayner and to the District Council Network to ask for improvements to the ECO4 scheme to modify policy design to enable more effective delivery. Next letter is likely to be sent jointly with Colne Can to ask Government to ensure that water company fines are redirected to river restoration projects, as the current amount allocated to the Water Restoration Fund is minimal compared to fines.
Sustainable Living	Encourage uptake of the Council's sustainability grants by community groups in the District, with emphasis on community gardens and other community led initiatives.	Influence residents and stakeholders to live, work and travel more sustainably.	Climate Change & Sustainability , Watford and Three Rivers Trust (W3RT)	£11,000 in carbon neutral budget.annually	March 2025	In 24/25 £5,200 has been issued to 5 organisations whose projects include insulation to a community hall (Hendersen Hub), support for home energy champions to advise residents on saving energy, to install a water collection system at an allotment (South Oxhey), to clear litter in Hunton Bridge, and improve biodiversity outside Kings Langley station.
Sustainable Living	In 24/25 £5,200 has been issued t	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	Climate Change & Sustainability HCCSP, LEP,	£130,000 funding from UKSPF	March 2025	This is a copy of Action in row 7 and so is being retired.
Adaptation and resilience	Encourage residents to prepare their homes and adapt behaviours to lessen the impact of severe weather	Build a climate resilient community adaptable to climate change.	Climate Change & Sustainability	In climate change budgets	July '24	Guide to greening Your Home has been updated, comms and information on emergency planning and dealing with impacts of climate change are available and kept up to date on the https://cdn.threerivers.gov.uk/files/2024/08/661eba40-5945-11ef-bac0-8d9b25a22f0a-2024%20A%20guide%20to%20greening%20your%20home.pdf https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/services/environment-climate-emergency/adapting-to-climate-change Residents and businesses will be alerted through the comms plan and wild fire plan to prepare for extreme weather. This action is now business as usual.

Adaptation and resilience	Assist the Local Lead Flood authority (LLFA) as required in the installation of the pilot retrofit SUDS project in Eastbury / South Oxhey	Build a climate resilient community adaptable to climate change.	LLF. Country Side Management Services (CMS)	LLFA to fund	Mar-26	Project is progressing, site assesment for location of leaky dams and pond creation took place August '24. Then waiting for quotes to the work, and after CMS will be carrying out the work.
Adaptation and resilience	2 phased project to enhance the River Chess Channel to reduce flooding in the Scotsbridge area of Rickmansworth. This project will will enhance a globally rare chalk stream habitat and create a wildlife rich river channel and improve enjoyment of a green space.	Build a climate resilient community adaptable to climate change.	HCC, Environment Agency, Leisure and Natural Landscapes	Fundind to be secured by HCC and EA to create detailed construction ready plans.	Phase 1 - March 2026	Phase 1 - project to complete habitat and bank improvements upstream of the channel realignment project. This funding has been applied for and awaiting final outcome. Phase 2 - river channel realignment - report to be considered at Policy and Resources to support the project in principal, subject to a commuted sum for ongoing maintenance and additional liability of land ownership of the riverbed. (September 24)
Adaptation and resilience	Driveway installation - Encourage residents to either install or modify driveways to reduce potential impacts of flooding.	Build a climate resilient community adaptable to climate change.	Climate Change & Sustainability, HCCSP	N/A	September '24	Guide to Greening Your homes includes advice on driveways and is provided to all planning applicants.
Adaptation and resilience	Prepare a comms plan to encourage residents to be ready for severe weather incidents. To be issued when forecasts are severe	Build a climate resilient community adaptable to climate change.	Climate Change & Sustainability	N/A	To be reviewed annually in April .	Wild Fire Prevention programme and an extreme weather comms messaging system is in place, so this action is complete as the outcomes have moved into business as usual.
Adaptation and resilience	Prepare a behaviour change advice leaflet to encourage water saving, home management for extreme weather including heat and cold, flooding, correct disposal of litter and use of sewerage system.	Build a climate resilient community adaptable to climate change.	Climate Change & Sustainability, HCCSP	Climate change revenue budget	December '24	August '24 Greener Living in Three Rivers - Sustainability booklet (2021) has been updated and currently under review by the coms, S3R, waste and sustainability team. It will be available on the website be published before the end Dec '24
Adaptation and resilience	Work to raise awareness of misconceptions and encourage remediations where they are found to reduce flooding incidents.	Build a climate resilient community adaptable to climate change.	Climate Change & Sustainability, Hertfordshire Building Control, Thames Water, Environment Agency, ColneCAN	Climate change revenue budget	Ongoing	TRDC officers asisst ColneCAN in the delivery of water quality improvements. This action sits outside of TRDC direct responsibility. So this action will be retired from the action plan as attendance and working with ColneCAN is business as usual. (August '24)

<p>Adaptation and resilience</p>	<p>Address sustainability issues impacting on the wider determinants of health, and reduce disparity in impacts of climate change on different parts of the community.</p>	<p>Build a climate resilient community adaptable to climate change.</p>	<p>Climate Change & Sustainability, Leisure and Natural Infrastruuctre Small Acts of Kindness</p>	<p>Public Health Funding and existing budgets.</p>	<p>Lincoln Drive garden completed August '24. communication plan updated March annually</p>	<p>Lincoln Drive temporary accomodation garden play equipment is complete. Planting session for residents to took place on 7 August encouraging growing outside and inside with take home plants. Gardening club will continue monthly. Bug hotels installed, session with residents on 7 August to fill the bug hotels and monthly nature sessions planned. Healthy Hub to visit temp accomodation monthly along with Intensive Family Support Team.</p> <p>Warm in Winter bags distributed during winter months to support older residents in accessing local services and keeping warm.</p> <p>Herts sustainable Family campain: Sustainable period, Reusable nappies, incontinence pants.</p> <p>Promotion at Oxhey and Abbot libraries during Rhyme time (August '24)</p>
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