



THREE RIVERS ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK

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New TREN

- Proposed Refreshed Terms of Reference (TOR) and name change to go to Committee in January.
- Newly proposed TOR will be attached with the notes of this meeting.
- **Connect** people, ideas, and initiatives
- **Inspire** behaviour change and collective action
- **Educate** with expert insight and lived experience
- **Influence** Council decision-making through community-led input
- **Three themed in-person meetings per year**, hosted in rotating locations across the District (one at Three Rivers House, two elsewhere)
- **Additional webinars or online talks** in winter months or where accessibility is a concern.
- An **ongoing communication hub** for updates, events, campaigns, and resources.
- TREN is not a decision-making body or formal Council committee. It is hosted and administered by Three Rivers District Council.

Action Plan update Report

- Council emissions down **8% vs 2018/19**.
- Council-owned building emissions down **13%**.
- District-wide emissions down **15.47% (2018–2023)**.
- **£420,804 external funding** secured since March 2025.
- Of **23 Council's emissions actions**: **12 complete, 8 on track, 2 retired, 1 at risk**.
- Of the **77 District emission actions**: **28 complete, 24 on track, 3 retired, 3 delayed, 6 not started, and 13 new proposed actions**.

Council emission highlights

- Completed a feasibility study on seven TRDC car parks and secured £75,000 to develop detailed studies for the three most viable sites. (South Oxhey Leisure Centre, William Penn Leisure Centre, and the Rose Garden car park at Three Rivers House).
- EV Charging Points installed, or undergoing installation at 9 sites.
- Solar installations to take place at Three Rivers House and South Oxhey Leisure Centre in the New Year.

District emission highlights

- Secured £736,515 Heritage Fund development funding toward a future £4m bid for the Aquadrome project.
- EV Charging Strategy adopted Feb 2025.
- Updated LCWIP adopted July 2025; HCC to progress detailed design.
- March 2025 Careers Fair drew 1,000+ attendees; green careers promoted.
- “Your Tree, Our Future” saw 7,902 trees ordered for Dec 2025 collection.
- Solar Together 2025: 454 registrations, 82 deposits; installs underway. 75 installations have taken place through the scheme since 2022.
- Draft net-zero new-build policies included in July 2025 Reg. 19 Local Plan.
- Secured £3.75m to improve ~127 low-income, inefficient homes (2025–28).
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- £298k Innovate UK Fast Followers project completed June 2025.
- Retrofit One Stop Shop trial delivered 100 HERO plans; 24 retrofits completed.
- Community energy and Transition Streets programme delivered with 22 residents completing.
- Identified seven priority TRDC building decarbonisation projects (2025–28).
- “Community Conversations” climate consultation completed; resident-authored recommendations integrated.
- Great Big Green Week film screening attracted 300+ attendees.
- Energy Plan development underway, including business engagement and liaison with UKPN.
- Council requested Heat Network feasibility funding linked to data-centre waste heat.

New Actions

- Support Herts Retrofit Strategy
- Support local businesses
- Feasibility study for Data Centre Heat Network
- Sustainable travel communications plan
- Support community garden or biodiversity hub in each Parish
- Support a growing space in West Hyde Youth Club and with other youth groups
- Refresh Environmental Forum
- Three rivers Green Champions Awards
- Promote GoVol Herts
- Embed Climate Adaptation into procurement tenders

Key projects and next steps

- Offsetting Principles report to be submitted to Committee in January 2026.
- Deliver £345,803 WHLG funding in 2025/26 for ~22 homes; support rises to ~50 homes/year in years 2–3.
- Continue partnership with Grand Union Community Energy and deliver ~10 more Transition Streets groups.
- Support the Hertfordshire Retrofit Strategy and share ROSS learnings.
- Draft Sustainability Policies for the Local Plan out for consultation.
- Develop the Three Rivers Energy Plan with expanded business engagement and UKPN data.
- Explore Heat Network feasibility funding for using data-centre waste heat.

Help us reduce energy use

- What would help you to reduce energy use, or generate your own energy?
- What have you done already?
- What barriers do you face?
- How can you/we support/encourage others? Any ideas for campaigns?
- What local/community opportunities can you think of?

