

## **MONMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

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### **Monmouth Town Council S6 Report - Environment Act 2016 Wales**

Monmouth Town Council is committed to maintaining and enhancing biodiversity.

We work in partnership with our Local Authority to ensure a 'no spray' policy is practiced in our Town Field and protect and encourage wildlife by being part of the Nature isn't Neat project, which supports the re-wilding of green spaces and planting pollinator-friendly plants to encourage bees and other pollinators.

Monmouth Town Council has also declared a Climate Emergency, in line with Welsh Government, in a bid to tackle the wider issues of protecting our environment for future generations and to raise public awareness locally.

We also support the Plastic Free Monmouth scheme which sets out to reduce the usage of single-use plastic that is washing up in our rivers and along the countryside. By contributing funds to the new drinking water fountains in the town we hope to reduce this even further. With our support and funding of Plastic Free Monmouth, the community-led steering group was able to obtain Surfers Against Sewage accreditation for the town and have encouraged local businesses to reduce their use of single-use plastic and apply for Plastic Free Status.

We help to deliver a cleaner, greener Monmouth with the provision of dog waste bins and the 'Give Dog Fouling the Red Card' campaign and also support our very active litter group (run in partnership with the local authority and a team of dedicated community volunteers).

Our Active Travel working group work hard with the Local Authority to encourage the development of suitable routes for cyclists and walkers to reduce the use of vehicles and take into account such impacts when considering local planning applications.

As a Town Council we also grant aid to local community groups for environmental projects such as the Transition Monmouth Wyesham Community Woodland project.

We will continue to work with groups such as Nature isn't Neat, Plastic Free Monmouth and Transition Monmouth to support projects which protect and improve our local biodiversity.