



Harden Village Council

Climate Emergency Plan

2026-27

Harden Village Council believe that all communities have a part to play in averting the climate crisis.

In 2025:

- Village warden picked up litter every month around the village to keep our environment clean and tidy.
- We supported Harden Green Action Group by providing a venue, and materials for litter picking day. Some councillors took part at litter picking event on Harden Moors. Unfortunately, due to lack of support from residents Harden Green Action group decided to de-formalise the group and instead adopted something similar to the Green Drinks concept which is an informal social evening where friends meet.
- We supported Friends of Goit Stock Wood. Councillors distributed leaflets and helped with the cake sale fundraising event at the Malt Shovel.
- We provided 4 planters with plants around the village.
- We funded supplies of garden products such as bulbs, rakes, bench etc. to Moor Edge Drying Ground Community Project.
- We have provided the council's Thermal Camera to 14 residents, whom appreciated the free availability of the camera, which in turn helped them to identify where they are losing heat in their homes.
- We supported the local shop providing InPost Locker, for residents to have easy access to pick up and drop off their parcels. This meant reduction in carbon emissions, and traffic congestion.
- We are in the process of purchasing two Vehicle Activated, Speed Indicator Signs to calm traffic in the village.
- We are seeking the possibility of an Allotment space in the village and are preparing for an application to the Bradford Council.

Below are some actions that individuals can take to combat climate change:

- Add plant-based diet to your food
- Reduce household food waste, and if possible, compost it
- Reuse bags for shopping
- Reduce the number of clothing & textile items bought each year
- Donate unwanted items to the charities or use websites like freecycle
- Change halogen light bulbs to LED lights
- If possible, insulate your home
- If possible, use solar power or air pumps to heat your house.
- Reduce number of flights
- Car share when possible

Activity Schedule (Updated February, 2026)

Month	Plan	Action
FEBRUARY	Environment-Friendly groups around Harden	<p>BINGLEY WALKERS ARE WELCOME Free Sunday walks at 10am for about 2 hours/ 5 miles walk 8th March, 12th April, 10th May <i>Meet at</i> Bingley Arts Centre, Main Street, Bingley, BD16 2LZ https://www.bingleywalkersarewelcome.org.uk/walks/regular-guided-walks-bingley/our-monthly-sunday-walks/</p>
		<p>WILSDEN WALKERS Monday mornings at 9:15am for 60 -90 minutes walk <i>Meet at</i> Wilsden Village Hall, Townfield, Wilsden BD15 0HT https://www.wilsdenvillagehall.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Wilsden-Walkers-Advert.pdf</p>
		<p>BINGLEY BELLES CYCLING GROUP Women only cycling club for beginners https://bingleybelles.org.uk</p>
	Help with litter picking events	<p>BINGLEY FREEWHEELERS Experienced riders preferred due to terrain and length of rides https://letsride.co.uk/groups/bingley-freewheelers</p> <p>21st of February Friends of Goit Stock litter picking event The village council to provide high-vis vests, grabbers and bags. A council member to volunteer to support this event.</p>
Loan Thermal Camera (TC)	Thermal Camera was borrowed twice	

<p>MARCH</p>	<p>Contact local farmers and try to provide free manure for local residents.</p> <p>Promote Eco-brick project</p>	<p>To improve soil structure, water retention and to provide healthier plants local farmers at Barn Cottage, kindly offer free manure to local residents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the right-hand gate to access to the land where the pile of horse manure is kept. • You will need to bring a shovel, gloves and a bucket or a bag to collect it. • The owners stated that you can park your car in their driveway while collecting the manure. • Barn Cottage is on Cockcroft Fold, Harden Road, Harden <p>Eco-brick projects involves packing clean, dry, non-recyclable plastic waste into plastic bottles to create dense, durable building blocks to prevent plastic entering landfills or oceans. Plastic bottles can be connected with tire bands, silicone, and cob to build furniture, and planters. Ecobrick and earth building is ideal for using in the garden.</p>
<p>APRIL</p>	<p>Promote Earth Day</p> <p>Contact primary school to ask if children would like to sow seeds.</p> <p>Organise free plant Swap Day</p>	<p>Promote on noticeboard, social media and web.</p> <p>Harden Primary School - 16 children to sow seeds at the cuckoo nest on 21of April at 2pm. Council will supply compost, seeds, pots and watering can. Children will be given a pot to plant a seed to take home too.</p> <p>Council will provide seeds/plants for the 24th of April and members will organise a seed/plant swap day.</p>
<p>MAY</p>	<p>Promote Bingley Celebration of Walking</p>	<p>4th of May 2026</p>
<p>JUNE</p>	<p>Promote Bingley 2026 Festival</p>	<p>6 June & 7 June 2026</p>
<p>JULY</p>	<p>Promote Plastic Free July</p>	<p>Plastic Free July 2026 Say “No” to plastic products</p>
<p>AUGUST</p>	<p>Promote National Allotment Week</p>	<p>Noticeboard, social media and web</p> <p>10 – 16th August 2026 National Allotment Week</p>

SEPTEMBER	Support HBHS Show	13th September 2026 Harden Becks Horticultural Society Show 22nd September 2026 World Car Free Day
OCTOBER	Promote recycling Contact local garden centres Loan TC	2nd October 2026 (TBC) Recycling Assembly at Harden primary school. Woodbank Garden Centre kindly donated 10, two-foot-tall beech, hawthorn, and holly trees. Council to give young saplings away to local residents who took part in the village raffle . Date TBC
NOVEMBER	Promote green Christmas Loan TC	Green Christmas decoration Ideas
DECEMBER	Christmas event	Promote Annual Christmas lights switch-on date TBC