

Engages with the community on issues related to the environment and climate change

WTC has approved an ECO Policy with each Committee having an ECO Action Plan that is monitored and reviewed at each Committee Meeting. WTC is developing an Action Plan to becoming carbon neutral.

Community engagement:

- Organised an Annual Town Meeting (ATM) with launch of **a green Agenda** and invited local community organisations to have a stall to showcase their green agenda **and engage with the community**
- Community consultation via Postcard, complete and enter a draw to win a wildflower seed ball set – asking the Community for its views; postcard given out at last year's Annual Town Meeting, stall at local community event in May, circulated on social media, and sent to all local organisation to complete.
- Feedback from the consultation was reported at the following Annual Town Meeting in the form of a presentation by the Chairman and the following slide which is available on our website.



Examples of activities are:

- WTC has organised a Bat Walk and talk for residents to attend
- Leads community litter picks throughout the year
- Meeting the primary School Eco Club
- Provided bird boxes at the Summer Family fun sessions and led a session putting them together and decorating them
- Led a session at the Memory Café making bird boxes from juice cartons and provided bird seed

Wider Climate Change Engagement

Examples of activities are:

- Planning committee looks for environmental impact to be included in applications
- EV charging points being installed in Costells Car Park
- Street lights converted to LED
- Council office and owned buildings lighting changed to LED
- Reduction in use of pesticides for weed control
- Speed reduction in town with 20 is plenty project