

Fownhope Parish Council: Engaging with the Community on Issues Relating to the Environment and Climate Change:

- The Parish Council Working Group for the Environment hold a meeting approximately every 4-8 weeks, and actively encourage members of the community to come along. The meetings are open to all and promoted widely using Newsletters, social media, Parish Magazine etc.
- The Parish Council declared a Climate Emergency in June 2019 and was an active participant in the formation of The Great Collaboration (TGC) – an online tool to support households and businesses reduce their carbon footprint.
- The Parish Council launched TGC at a community event on 5th September 2021 and had a presence at the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations on 2nd June 2022, and continues to actively support and promote TGC. The Environment Group host quarterly 'Fownhope Community Saturday' events which focus on actions recommended on The Great Collaboration Platform.
- The Parish Council Working Group for Environment launched the Fownhope Car Club, working collaboratively with the Malvern Hills Car Club, to reduce individual and community carbon footprint and continues to promote the Car Club within the community.
- The Parish Council works with partners to support action to monitor pollution of the River Wye; maintain areas of responsibility on Common Land and continue with the SSSI and Environmental Stewardship Scheme on Common Hill; control invasive plants such as Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam; and support the development of Five Flowers for Fownhope wild flower project.
- The Parish Council provide an annual Habitat grant to support the improvement of habitat in the Parish; and promote and provide support hedgehogs and other wildlife.
- The Parish Council encourage reduced verge cutting where it is safe to do so; and promotes tree and hedge planting, including the development of dead hedges.
- The Parish Council Working Group for Environment write a monthly article on a range of environmental or climate related matters and publish this in the Parish

Magazine and on the website. The website is updated with relevant information and signposting.