

Appendix 4: Climate Action by Wiltshire Partners

The council convenes quarterly meetings with other public sector partners, under the auspices of the Wiltshire Public Service Board. Good progress is being made by all partners, as presented at the March 2023 meeting of the Board and set out below.

The **Bath, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board** has published its Green Plan as a response to the Government's strategy on delivering a net zero NHS which makes the following commitments:

For the emissions the NHS controls directly (the NHS Carbon Footprint) we will achieve net zero by 2040, with an ambition to reach an 80% reduction by 2028 to 2032

For the emissions the NHS can influence such as those embedded in the supply chain (the NHS Carbon Footprint Plus), we will achieve net zero by 2045, with an ambition to reach an 80% reduction by 2036 to 2039.

The Green Plan sets out the sources of emissions from its scopes 1, 2 and 3 and key areas of focus to tackle these.

Wiltshire College and University Centre (WCUC) now have a Sustainability Committee that meets termly and nine Sustainability sub-groups (comprising more than 40 staff members) also meeting regularly. Scope 1 & 2 Carbon emissions are being measured and Net Zero targets are being set. Alongside this there is progress towards implementing an Action Plan which includes a project underway to install PV at Trowbridge and Lackham campuses, a project at the Salisbury campus to improve the thermal efficiency of the old building with some over cladding and in partnership with Co-Bikes, installation of an electric bike hub at Salisbury campus to improve the green travel offer for students and staff going to and from the station and procurement of new, fully electric fleet vehicles at Trowbridge and Lackham is in progress and a new EV Training Facility at the Trowbridge campus has been created.

23-27 January 2023 was Sustainability Week at **Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust** with an aim to "Get Green Seen". Each day focussed on a different activity to boost staff engagement and promote the fantastic work being done by the sustainability team.

Activities during the week included an introduction to the Trust's green plan and the nine focus areas across the Trust, a "What waste goes where" stall to help inform staff on how to dispose of waste in line with the waste hierarchy, branded reusable lunch boxes and cups were launched, colleagues were encouraged to make green pledges and to become sustainability champions. One day focused on cycling with a free Dr Bike health check and Smoothie Bikes had participants pedalling to power and e bikes that staff can hire were showcased. These activities were accompanied by the launch of a nature guide to the wildlife in the surrounding area of Salisbury District Hospital.

Landmarc is the company that provides the support services that enable safe and sustainable training for our armed forces and it aims to achieve net zero carbon in its operations by 2035. Landmarc's carbon reduction plan details how it will achieve these ambitions, with much progress made already. Landmarc has gone from recycling 39%

of their non construction waste in 2014/15 to recycling 75% in 2020/21, which includes recycling, composting and anaerobic digestion of food. 98% of waste was diverted from landfill in 2021/22, with the remaining 2% comprising hazardous waste such as asbestos and contaminated soils and sands.

Their multi-award-winning net zero carbon accommodation programme (NetCAP) covered over 70 buildings and more than 3,900 bed spaces across the whole programme, transforming 13 camps. 183 inefficient, fossil fuel consuming buildings demolished, saving 130 tonnes of embodied carbon per building, which is over 9,100 tonnes in total. The first carbon negative accommodation is within the training estate with an EPC rating of -11.

The **British Army** has a huge presence in Wiltshire and is making strides on its net zero journey. Some highlights include:

- Consultants Equans have prepared a net zero roadmap for five MOD sites in the South West, of which two are in Wiltshire: Imber Lines (Warminster) and Army Officers Selection Board at Leighton House (Westbury). Funding now needs to be sought to implement the report's recommendations.
- Project Allenby-Connaught, which is a private finance initiative with Aspire Defence, is focusing its sustainability projects at Perham Down. Three reports have been completed covering: how to achieve net zero, how to change behaviours and a soft facilities initiatives. Recommendations include changing heating to heat pumps, installing a heat network and increasing the installation of renewables on site.
- Over 3500 trees have been planted across the South West in the past 12 months, with the aim to plant another 1000 per year.
- Across the South West, 200,000 bulbs have been planted for pollinator species; 330 km² of short amenity grassland has been changed to meadow grass; 50 'stepping stones' of good quality habitat have been created to link larger habitat areas together (Green Corridors); and wildflower beds have been created on all garrisons.

Many local voluntary and community sector (VCS) groups are active delivering a wide range of projects helping to address climate change, many supported by grants from Wiltshire Council's Area Boards (see Appendix 2) as well as through grant funding from **Wiltshire Community Foundation**.

Working with longstanding partners; including the Science Museum Group Wroughton Solar Park, Empower and Wessex Water; Wiltshire Community Foundation's grant programmes have invested in projects that increase the use of renewable energy and support community activities that have a positive impact on the local environment for local people. Recent funded projects include the installation of solar panels and living walls, projects to improve local biodiversity and food sustainability: creating or enhancing community gardens, projects to prevent riverbank erosion, to create bog gardens, and new reed beds aimed at increasing local biodiversity. For several years, Wiltshire Community Foundation has been reporting the impact of their grant-making against the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) recognising that the work we all do in our local communities is connected, whilst responding to local needs, it also contributes to wider global impact.