



Bradford on Avon Community Area

2050 CARBON NEUTRAL DECLARATION

We the undersigned declare our commitment to make the Bradford on Avon Community Area carbon neutral by the year 2050 and to a target of 40% reduction in carbon emissions over the next 10 years.



The results of climate change will be great and this threatens the community, environment and economy of the Bradford on Avon area as well as the rest of the world. In 2009 we still have a positive choice of futures to avoid the worst outcomes from climate change but delay could be disastrous.

There are social, economic and environmental benefits from action to counter climate change and reduce carbon emissions. We will take up the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of a low carbon future – such as renewable energy, energy efficiency and healthier lives.



We in the Bradford on Avon area share the responsibility for carbon emissions and consequent climate change. We align ourselves with local, national and international action such as the UK Government's commitment to cut national emissions by 80% by 2050 and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Copenhagen in December 2009.



Becoming carbon neutral by 2050 means that our lifestyles will have to adapt and evolve with consequent changes to our energy using behaviour, our transport system, buildings and homes, patterns of consumption and working lives.



Achieving carbon neutrality by 2050 will require careful measurement, regular reports on progress and sharing of lessons learned.

We need to continue to reduce our own carbon emissions and to encourage others to do so. This means our community working together to put in place a series of actions that build over time to reduce emissions. Together we can make a big difference and achieve the aim to become carbon neutral by 2050.

Signed

Date

Organisation (If applicable)

Address

Postcode

