

CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2024-2025

1. Encourage Active Transport

Encourage implementation of Swale Borough Council's cycling plan. Work to implement Faversham Town Council's Infrastructure Plan and Local Cycling and Walking Plan (LCWIP). Review town wide electric bike and car schemes. Work with the Public Spaces Committee and other groups to ensure walking routes are identified and highlighted by better signage.

2. Biodiversity in public spaces

Facilitate the planting of wild flowers in grass verges, working with local groups. Implement green roofs on bus stops.

3. Encourage Biodiversity

Working with Faversham residents to increase biodiversity in their back gardens. This would be encouraged through working with Open Gardens, Faversham in Bloom and other groups. The newsletter would be used to engage residents, as well as a social media campaign.

4. Tree Planting

Tree planting, although a long-term project this would involve the community. The Woodland Trust has free trees available for planting projects. Engage with the Woodlands Trust and Trees for Farms to communicate with landowners effectively and get advice from Friends of the Earth to enable the doubling of tree coverage. If community trees were planted this would help offset some carbon. Fruit trees would provide an additional source of food.

5. Pesticide Free

Work towards becoming a pesticide free town.

6. Plastic Free

Plastic Free Faversham should continue to be supported and their existing initiatives with local businesses enhanced to ensure the town retains its plastic free status.

7. Sustainable Festivals

Introduce guidelines for sustainable festivals and events working with Faversham event organisers and outside bodies.

8. Recycling
Encourage education around recycling in partnership with Swale Borough Council's outreach team.

9. Work with Young People
Engage generally with young people on environmental issues, asking what they would like to see and also to engage with activities which are already taking place.

10. Engage with Future Planning
Engage with the Local Plan, the creation of Faversham Neighbourhood Plan and future developments promoting the development of micro-generation electricity by renewable means.

11. Identify Best Practise
Identify best practise from other councils.

12. Sustainable Transport
Encourage use of sustainable public transport

13. Meat and Dairy
Encouraging the reduction of meat and dairy and for Town Council events.

The Action Plan will be a flexible, working document that can be added to when required.