

Report to the Environment Committee - 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Potential Environmental Projects

<b>2024-2026</b>	
<p><b>The Great Collaboration Toolkit</b></p> <p>There's an extensive Resource Pack that's available to all local councils. Use the toolkit and carbon reduction template to help reduce carbon, restate our climate emergency declaration and promote through social media. <a href="https://greatcollaboration.uk/for-local-councils/">https://greatcollaboration.uk/for-local-councils/</a></p>	No cost
<p><b>Carbon Literacy Accreditation</b></p> <p>The Parish, Town &amp; Community Councils course equips councillors and officers to communicate the significance of climate change and achieve the behavioural change necessary in their local area to address the climate emergency. Bronze, Silver and Gold accreditation available. Course <a href="#">overview</a></p>	TBC
<p><b>The Faversham Buzz</b></p> <p>Revive the Faversham Buzz newsletter, perhaps quarterly, providing details of the town council's climate, biodiversity and environmental activities. Use the Keep Faversham Buzzing hashtag</p>	No cost
<p><b>Litter Picks</b></p> <p>Weekly #60 minute litter picks, details to be published in Autumn newsletter.</p>	No cost
<p><b>Bats (September 2024)</b></p> <p>Highlight bats with walks and activities. Purchase of bat detector equipment for loaning to individuals and groups. Bat detector approximately £106 including VAT – suggest purchasing 10-12</p>	12 @ £1060 ex VAT
<p><b>Crisp Packets and Snack Wrappers Recycling Box</b></p> <p><a href="#">Zero Waste Box™</a> is a recycling solution for hard-to-recycle materials, developed by TerraCycle®. The system is an all-inclusive recycling solution for waste that isn't currently recycled through traditional recycling facilities. Pre-covid we had a recycling box supplied by Swale Borough Council which was very popular. A large box could accept 3500 flexible plastic-based crisp, snack and sweets packaging.</p>	£174
<p><b>Hedgehogs (October 2024)</b></p> <p>Highlighting autumn juveniles Autumn juvenile hedgehogs are old enough to be away from their mothers but too small to hibernate</p>	Budget £300

<p>successfully. The autumn juvenile season can start as early as September and is busy through until the end of November. Local rescue centres have been contacted and are interested in working with us. One week exhibition in the VIC during September. Craft activities for children.</p> <p><a href="https://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk/Autumn-Juveniles/">https://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk/Autumn-Juveniles/</a></p>	
<p><b>Bee Friendly Bulbs (October to November 2024)</b> Perry Court community planting session of bee friendly bulbs such as crocus, iris, allium, snowdrops. Community gardening opportunity.</p>	Budget £500-650
<p><b>Tree Week Giveaway (November 2024)</b> 500 tree whips purchased. Advice leaflet to be provided.</p>	£527
<p><b>Hedging (November 2024)</b> Plant hedging at Perry Court following a successful application to The Woodland Trust.</p>	No cost
<p><b>Sun Flower Competition (February/March 2025)</b> Give seeds to all primary schools for children to plant at school or home and distributed from the VIC. Participants to send height of sunflower, the highest 3 will be visited/verified.</p>	Budget £200
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<p><b>No Mow May and Let it Bloom June</b> Encourage joining the movement and sign up.</p>	No cost
<p><b>Great Big Green Week (7<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> June 2025)</b> Community gardening activities</p>	Budget £500
<p><b>Climate Fresk</b> Facilitate a climate fresk for groups.</p>	No cost
<p><b>Grass Verges</b> It is possible for parish or town councils, to take over the maintenance of highway verges in their area. If agreed, KCC would pay an annual sum for these services direct to the town council. This arrangement would only apply to urban grass cutting, shrub maintenance and urban hedge maintenance. It would allow us to manage verges and make <a href="#">wildlife areas</a> to increase biodiversity. Weed spraying and rural verge maintenance are more specialist operations that have specific health and safety requirements which means they need to be managed by KCC. <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/what-we-look-after/soft-landscape-maintenance/parish-and-town-council-verge-maintenance">https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/what-we-look-after/soft-landscape-maintenance/parish-and-town-council-verge-maintenance</a></p>	Potential income
