Climate Friendly BoA Action plan: March 2026

Vision – Bradford on Avon to be a community that does not rely on fossil fuels and carries out sustainable and resilient lifestyles

Objectives

We do this by working with our local councils to help make changes happen on the ground (eg planting, wider footpaths) and by enabling and supporting local people, businesses and other organisations to make more environmentally positive choices which:

- decarbonise and reduce ~~personal and work-based~~ energy use, and support community renewable energy (Energy group)
- reduce waste, re-use and refill wherever possible, recycle as a last resort. Repair items rather than buy new (Zero Waste group)
- restore nature and increase biomass and biodiversity (Biodiversity and Swifts group)
- concentrate on local/UK seasonable and fairly traded food & drink, sustainably sourced (Sustainable Food and Drink group)
- promote and support sustainable travel (Sustainable Transport group)
- participate in and comment on consultations on climate and environmental matters in our town and unitary councils (Neighbourhood Plan group)
- engage the public through talks, discussion and events (Community Involvement group)

When choosing where to put our energies we assess first if the impact of our activity will be low, moderate or high and then prioritise those with a higher impact (all groups)

We will also:

-lobby MPs and Government, our local councils, to hold them to account (each group as appropriate)

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Energy Group Objectives

- **Decarbonise and reduce personal and work-based energy use, and support community renewable energy**

	Projects	Actions for each project / campaign	Timeline	Who	Impact measure - how will we know
1	**Home Energy Efficiency Support**	Continue monthly Home Energy drop-ins	Ongoing	Energy Group	Promote in newsletter, social media, website and keep a record of discussions with drop-in visitors
		Promote/deliver free/subsidised surveys including: - Futureproof offer - Discounted CFBoA surveys (LEAD-funded) - BWCE-funded airtightness/thermal imaging assessments	Ongoing (generally) Autumn 2026 - Spring 2027 for BWCE-funded assessments (thermal imaging best in colder months)	Energy Group	Promote in newsletter, social media, website.. Record numbers of delivered surveys
		CFBoA Home Energy one page postcard/leaflet to increase awareness of the service - direct people to the website for current information/promotions.	Design/Print/ Distribute Spring/ Summer 2026 to boost awareness ahead of colder months	Energy Group	Postcard/leaflet printed and distributed
		Continue to promote and coordinate thermal imaging camera loan scheme (with user guide)	Autumn 2026 - Spring 2027	Energy Group	Print user guide and promote scheme in newsletter, social media, website. Record number of loans.

	Home Energy Efficiency Support (continued)	Coordinate Green Open Homes Weekend	Autumn 2026	Energy Group	Publicise GOH event and record number of properties/ visitors Gather feedback from hosts and visitors
2	**Decarbonisation Project - Public/ Community Building**	To mark CFBoA's 20th year, help develop plans for the installation of specific measure(s) to decarbonise the heating of a public/community building.	2026 - Feasibility/ Development plan with a view to starting installation in 2027 (if not before)	Energy Group in collaboration with building owner or partner organisation	Meetings/documentation for developing the proposal Feasibility/Development plan Installation/operation of measure
3	**Community Energy**	Complete the Future Energy Landscapes Plus process in Holt, Winsley, South Wraxall and Bradford on Avon, to engage with local residents regarding the possibility of community-owned solar farms or wind turbines.	Completion by autumn 2026	Energy Group in collaboration with CSE, BWCE and Wiltshire Council	Attend/assist/arrange FEL Events Promote/publicise events and surveys Share outcomes in CFBoA newsletter, social media and website