

Sustainability Strategy

Q3 Highlights

- Climate Emergency Scorecards published – Watford is the leading district in Herts and 19th among all district councils across the UK
- Agreement to incorporate the Watford Sustainability Wheel into the Project Framework
- Benefits Realisation Plan signed off to ensure environmental benefits are measured and tracked
- Environment Agency permit submitted to complete River Colne in-river works at Timberlake Allotments this Winter – ‘duly made’ status achieved
- Staff travel survey completed to assess our own impact on the environment
- Water Quality Forum relaunched
- Single-use plastic takeaway cutlery/containers banned from 1 October
- Tree planting completed for this year (200+) and has exceeded Mayor’s commitment

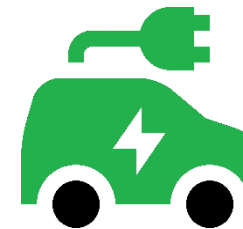
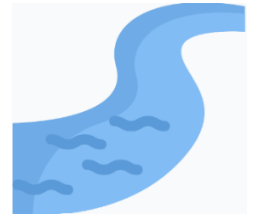
Q4 Priorities

- Additional Carbon Literacy training and certification for Planners
- Watford Sustainability Wheel fully incorporated into the Project Framework and project documentation
- Sustainability e-learning module developed
- Outcome of application for solar panels on Woodside and Central leisure centres via Sport England
- Publish ‘About Watford’ Winter edition with sustainability project updates and promoting the Waste Aware campaign
- Develop Green Spaces strategy
- Extending Beryl Bike contract and reaching agreement to extend coverage to neighbouring authorities
- Planning for Great Big Green Week 2024 Council activities

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Watford ranked 1st in Hertfordshire on the Climate Emergency scorecard

2 further ‘Tales of the River’ podcasts have been recorded, bringing the river and community back together



Our first staff travel survey has been launched to inform the development of a green travel plan

319 businesses and residents signed up to Herts Solar Together Phase 2 to date



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officers from across the council have received Carbon Literacy training and certification, cementing our corporate commitment to sustainability

