

Sustainability Strategy

Q1 Highlights

- Sustainability Champion volunteer officers in place to help the Council lead by example
- Energy usage audit completed at Croxley Business Park
- Council committed to involvement in next phase of Herts 'Solar Together' scheme to support Watford Households to install solar panels and benefit from cheaper sustainable energy
- New Car Club operator appointed
- Council land made available for an EV rapid charging site
- Continued public engagement for River Colne and 'Tales of the River' giving the people of Watford the opportunity to develop new green skills, along with corporate sessions to remove invasive species
- Sustainable procurement strategy updated to have social value and sustainability at its core
- Successful Great Big Green Week - e-newsletter, cycle day and video-showing at Palace Theatre
- Watford highly commended in recent Energy Efficiency Awards and Watford-based contractors Carbon Rewind and Sustain Homes were also multi-award winners

Q2 Priorities

- Herts 'Solar Together' scheme phase 2 rollout
- Further 'Tales of the River': Wildplay Sessions at Oxhey Activity Park during the school summer holidays to enable the public to explore local green spaces
- Outcome of Council building emissions audit
- Outcome of submission to Sport England for support with the decarbonisation of leisure centres
- Site surveys for EV charging installation for the New Car Club
- Commence development of the energy usage strategy for Croxley Business Park
- Relaunch Water Quality Forums
- Waste Aware campaign to reduce food waste

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solar panels installed on the Town Hall and 36 on the Colosseum

147 hours of direct volunteer action on invasive species across the River Colne catchment via public and corporate volunteer sessions



91% of households are now setting out their black bin for collection compared with 66% in 2019. *(This data is from a compositional analysis carried out in March 2023, sample size was 50 households).*

227

windows refurbished in the Town Hall and 54 in the Colosseum to make them more energy efficient

1 million km undertaken by Beryl bikes since launch saving 43 tonnes of CO2

