



Kesgrave Town Council

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Kesgrave Town Council's Conservation and Climate Report – Annual Town Meeting 17 April 2023

Kesgrave Town Council are committed to improving Conservation in the Town and supporting the District and County Council's pledge to significantly reducing their carbon footprint.

The Town Council have carried out the following works to reduce the Town's and their own carbon footprint:

- Replaced gas boiler (20yrs old) at the Town Council office with an energy efficient combi boiler and a digital stat to control the office heating.
- Installed solar panels on the Town Council office.
- Installed additional solar panels at the Millennium Jubilee Hall.
- Upgraded all the Town Council owned street lighting (84 Columns) to LED with sensors and set them to turn off overnight in line with Suffolk County Council Street lighting.
- Installed a water butt at the Town Council office and the Millennium Jubilee Hall.
- Provided green waste bins at our Lawn Cemetery.
- Planted 15 trees along Cedarwood Walk (in partnership with a local resident and East Suffolk Greenprint Form).
- Arranged for a 'small white goods' recycling bin to be provided at Tesco (in partnership with East Suffolk Council).
- Took part in a small trial using Thermal Imaging Cameras on some properties in the Town (private homes and community buildings).
- Worked with Groundwork East on an initiative to engage residents to reduce their own carbon footprint and in turn reduce their bills.
- Support the local volunteer litter pick group 'The Wombles' with disposing of litter collected and providing rubbish bags.
- Bicycle serviced for members of staff to use locally for work travel.
- Reducing 'one use' plastic for events (Tea Party's).
- Public water fountains installed at the Town Council office and the Millennium Jubilee Hall (in partnership with East Suffolk Council enabling budget).

Conservation Work in Kesgrave:

- 20 Bird Boxes erected around the Town.
- Longstrops Pond improvements (in partnership with Greenways).
- Bell Lane / Foxhall Road – yellow rattle (in partnership with Suffolk County Council locality budget)
- Planting of ox eye daisies along Pilbroughs Walk (in conjunction with Kesgrave Scout Group).
- Planting of rosa rugosa and other wildlife friendly plants at Pergola Piece.
- Building bug hotels and planting of wildflower seeds on Legion Green (in partnership with Suffolk Wildlife).
- Signed up to the East Suffolk Council bulb planting scheme.
- Carried out preservation work to sections of the ancient hedge along Pilbroughs Walk.
- Tree and wildflower seed planting along Cedarwood Walk.
- Raked cut grass at Jolly's Pightle to improve wildflower growth.

The Town Council are always looking at ways to engage with the community to further reduce the Towns carbon footprint and enhance Conservation. Everyone can benefit from living in an area where the climate and environment are a priority, as it's proven that being in and around nature has a positive impact on our wellbeing and mental health. We welcome any members of our community who wish to become involved with conservation in the Town to come forward. With the Town Council's full support, we would very much like to see a new volunteer group established, who will maintain the work that has already been carried out and to undertake new initiatives and projects.

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