

## Water and Waste Management

- Switch your washing machine, tumble dryer and dishwasher to the correct setting for the load and wash clothes at 30°C.
- Repair dripping/ faulty taps — in one day a dripping tap can waste enough hot water to fill a bath.
- Try not to use hosepipes. Buy a water butt to reuse and collect rainwater.
- Make your own compost and reduce your household waste by up to 30%. Contact us for advice & information.
- Take weekly water readings to check for leaks and usage.
- Have a shower instead of a bath.
- Reuse carrier bags for shopping.
- Recycle as much as possible.
- A third of the food we buy is thrown away - plan your meals.
- Stop Junk mail being delivered to your door, log on to the Mailing Preference Service ([www.mpsonline.org.uk](http://www.mpsonline.org.uk)).



**Please contact us for further ideas about how to reduce your carbon emissions or to find out more about how we are addressing Climate Change in Craven.**

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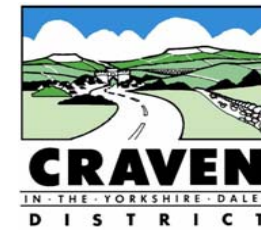
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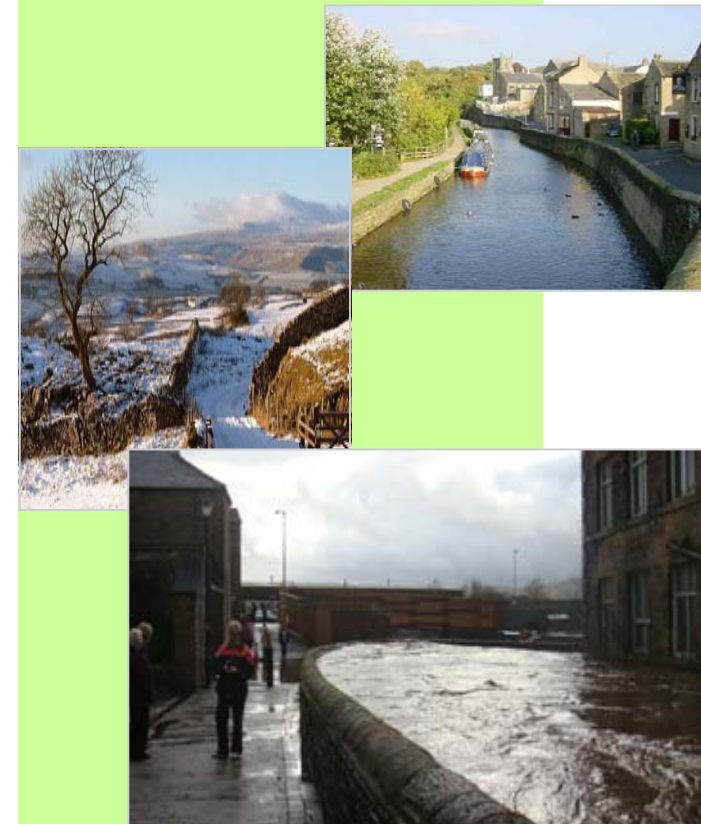
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## Climate Change Checklist



## Climate Change

Climate change is one of the biggest challenges we face today.

As a result of carbon emissions and greenhouse gases scientific research indicates that we may experience more intense and extreme weather events.

Other likely effects of climate change are: a rise in average UK temperatures, increased local flash flooding, rising sea levels, changes to food production and farming and heat related health problems.

Craven District Council has an important role to play in protecting and enhancing our environment now and for generations to come. We will address the challenge of climate change in the following ways.

We will lead by example by taking action to reduce the Council's carbon footprint and by reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from Council owned properties.

We will work with the Craven Local Strategic Partnership to develop and implement a Climate Change Strategy for the District.

We will encourage Craven residents to reduce their carbon footprints.

This checklist has been designed to help you reduce your carbon footprint, by following these tips you will be helping to prevent climate change and should save money too.

## Energy Efficiency

- Only boil as much water as you need in your kettle (but make sure you cover the element).
- Install additional loft/cavity wall insulation. Contact us for information on local grants and funding schemes.
- Use Energy Saving light bulbs. One energy saving bulb can save £100 over its lifetime and can last up to 12 times longer than a standard bulb.
- Don't leave equipment on standby as it can use up to 80% of operational energy usage and can add up to 8% on your energy bill.
- Turning your thermostat down by 1°C could reduce carbon emissions and cut your fuel bills by up to 10%.
- Turning down the temperature of your hot water tank by 10°C could reduce your bills by another 10%.
- Defrost fridges and freezers regularly to keep them running efficiently and take weekly meter readings to monitor for faults/usage.
- Buy local food and drink, it is likely to mean that less energy has been used in its production.

## Transport / Travel

- Walk or cycle to school or work rather than drive. If you do this once a week you save 20% of your weekly travel costs.
- Car share to work. [www.carshare.com](http://www.carshare.com)
- Regularly check your tyres are inflated to the correct pressure as this can increase fuel consumption by 5%.
- Remove unnecessary items from your vehicles as it increases fuel consumption.
- Keep within the national speed limit, keep your car rev's to a minimum and refrain from sudden braking and accelerating. These actions will all cut your fuel use.
- Increase your use of public transport and find out about local community transport projects in your area.
- If you're buying a new car choose a more efficient model. This will cut your carbon emissions and save you money on fuel & Vehicle Tax.