

**Briefing Note 4**  
**Parish Liaison – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Update on Climate Emergency for Cllr Sarah Warren to present**

- **Green Affordable Warmth Grant.** To improve energy efficiency of homes. The Council has won some extra funding to boost the grants available through the Local Authority part of the Green Homes Grant. This is administered through B&NES Energy at Home Information service. P Homeowners on lower incomes (<£30k house income) and in a house that has an Energy Performance Certificate rating of D or below. Energy at Home can provide advice to home owners about how to get that rating if they don't know it. **Parishes**, please help us get this funding to those who are eligible. Website: [energyathome.org.uk](http://energyathome.org.uk) Email: [Energyathome@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:Energyathome@bathnes.gov.uk) Telephone: Freephone 0800 038 5680 or, 01225 396444
- **Grant won for Council Care home energy upgrade.** As well as grants for residents, the Council has also won some funding from Government through the Public Sector Decarbonisation fund to do a major energy efficiency 'retrofit' of Charlton Court Care Home which we own and run. And also some funding to help Cleveland Pools project in Bath install low carbon technology.
- **Community Empowerment Fund** – this has been launched for 2021. Each ward Councillor has £1000 to spend on local projects in line with the Council priorities, this means it his can be spent on climate emergency related projects so I encourage you to speak to your ward councillors to consider ways that money can be directed locally to address the climate emergency. This might include contributing to community based thermal imaging surveys, renewable energy studies. Contact the Sustainability team about projects. Applications are via an online form via the Ward Councillor. [Micaela\\_basford@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:Micaela_basford@bathnes.gov.uk)
- **Community Solar project for medium to large roofs.** We've been working with Bath & West Community Energy more closely to help match them up with businesses, schools and community buildings that have South Facing roofs that larger than a tennis court. This is for their Community Solar Project. No cost solar panels, you buy the energy from the panels at 10% lower cost than through your energy provider. Community fund puts money back into the local community.
- **Great British Spring Clean May 28 to June 13.** The Council is supporting this year's Great British Spring Clean, run by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy. The country's biggest mass-action environmental campaign which brings people together to clear up the litter that bights a million miles of UK streets, coastline, parks, footpaths and neighbourhoods. B&NES residents, parishes and community groups are being invited to take part. There is kit to borrow if you or a local group of residents want to organise it themselves. Litter pickers, gloves and sacks and collection of full sacks is organised through the Council, please email: [cleanup\\_events@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:cleanup_events@bathnes.gov.uk)
- **List of Parishes who've declared.** We will be updating our list of Parishes who've declared and will be sending out an email soon. In the meantime, please do let us know if you've declared so that we can keep our list current. Email: [Micaela\\_basford@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:Micaela_basford@bathnes.gov.uk)