

Victoria Wells statement

Health and Environment are interrelated impacts is felt for people on a lowered income.

Please note some references and statistics you might find upsetting.

Inequality in the environment impacts on residents health

Indoor pollution as well as outdoor pollution, is a significant health risk.

Why we need to act now ,

Cancer rates up by 24% in last 20 yrs for under 50s NHS England ...

There is a real prospect of our children's life expectancy possibly lower than our parents.

People on lower incomes have less choice when making environmental improvement . Such as housing, heating , food , transport , cost of water ..

These contribute to increased health risks, including:

acute and chronic respiratory conditions (such as asthma and lung cancer)

cardiovascular conditions (such as heart attacks and strokes)

neurological conditions

mental health

widening of health inequalities

deaths related to adverse weather events

Deaths due to extreme hot and cold weather, particularly in vulnerable groups such as babies and older people People with disabilities and long term health conditions (for example, there were around 3,000 excess deaths during the heatwaves of 2022 in England).

NICE sustainability

The World Health Organization has called climate change the 'single biggest threat facing humanity' and The Lancet Countdown Report 2022 states climate change 'is undermining every dimension of health monitored'.

Wellcome Trustenvironment

Driving equitable health outcomes

A healthier future for everyone can only be achieved in a world where everyone's experience of health matters. Wellcome Trust are accountable to society for delivering their mission and have a role to play in making health outcomes more equitable within and between countries.

Mitigating effects

People who have direct access to green space on their doorstep are less likely to have hospital admissions.

Nice guidelines

Having access to accessible and affordable transport in addition to creating better air we breathe here in Banes.

This would be a good health outcome.

Remember Not everyone ride a bikes!

With increasing ageing population and disabled people the effects this has on mobility.

Safer pathways that not blocked by cars , bins and street signs , scooters and bikes.

Creating safer road to cross and travel on that are accessible to all is a key to healthier environments .

This is a good health outcome.

Planting up streets to keep the temperature down in summer and increase biodiversity.

This is a good health outcome.

Climate and Nature Recovery needs to be inclusive to all residents. Regardless of income.

Working together with residents , communities, businesses to achieve a better health will protect our landscape city and surrounding areas for future generations.

Thank you for listening.