

## WEST SUSSEX CLIMATE CONVERSATION SURVEY

Last week saw the launch of the West Sussex Climate Conversation. An opportunity for you and local residents to input and get involved in the Climate Change Conversation and work in West Sussex. The information gathered will be used by Councils across West Sussex to help support residents and businesses to continue with, or start more, positive actions.

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**Parish & Town Council:** Please take the time to complete the survey on behalf of your Parish & Town Council as I know that we have all experienced the impact in the way we work this year. Also have an opportunity to input any thoughts your council has around how it is considering or delivering actions around climate change in your area.

**Residents & Businesses:** Please share through your networks and promote on your website the survey link below for a opportunity for residents and businesses to participate

### **Press Release: Take part in the West Sussex Climate Conversation**

People in West Sussex are being invited to take part in a survey to find out how Covid-19 restrictions have affected their response to climate change.

The *West Sussex Climate Conversation* will look at how our behaviour has changed during the pandemic – for example working from home or exploring locally - and how this has affected our local environment.

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Deborah Urquhart, West Sussex County Council Cabinet Member for Environment, said: "We want to hear from our residents to understand what they are now doing differently as a result of the pandemic and how this could help our response to climate change.

"Covid-19 has presented us with some extremely challenging and difficult times, but in some circumstances, it has created opportunities for us to look at how we live our lives and how we might be able to change for the better in the future."

West Sussex County Council has recently adopted a [Climate Change Strategy](#) for the next ten years, which includes a commitment to become carbon neutral by 2030.

Deborah added: "Climate change continues to be a critical issue to address. We want to use this opportunity to see how we can help tackle climate adaptation and further encourage positive environmental changes we have seen this year."

The survey is being led by *Local Partnerships*, a body set up to support councils in tackling challenges and to share their findings.

**Residents are encouraged to take part in the survey by visiting <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ClimateConversationWS>**

The West Sussex Climate Conversation runs until 6 December 2020.