

Greener Holbrook, Greener World was officially formed in 2023 as an environmental group attached to the Parish Council. We aim to provide information, suggest ideas and create opportunities for the community to take action in the face of climate changes.

Our key objectives (which are not definitive) are to:

- Protect and enhance the natural environment, with a focus on increasing biodiversity within the village.
- Support the community to make climate-conscious choices in everyday life with a focus on promoting and supporting:
 - **A Reduction** in unnecessary consumption of goods and services
 - The community to **Re-use, Repair, Recycle**
- Taking care of the wildlife and environment around us

Our group has a dozen active members and reaches out via our Facebook group; regular articles in the Parish Papers; notices around the village; and by word of mouth. We are excited to be launching a new mode of publicity via our 'Green bicycles' which you will spot at various locations around the village!

Some of our most recent ventures have been litter picks at Holbrook Shore and the outskirts of the village; Simon Hooton's own devised 'Changing Planet Stories' being shared with young people on line and at events in our community and beyond; Preparing curriculum lessons around climate change to deliver to Holbrook Academy's Year 7 students in the Summer term; maintaining our stag beetle refuge on Ha-Penny Field; adding stag beetle habitat to the woodland at Reade Field; carrying out wildlife surveys in the churchyard; and sourcing and installing 6 Swift boxes onto the Methodist Chapel's north-facing wall. We have a Dawn Chorus Walk planned for this Saturday morning - meeting here at the village hall at 5am. All are welcome but no dogs this time please due to the 'nature' of the walk - pardon the pun!

Some of our aims for 2025 and 2026 are to deepen our collaboration with other villages on the peninsula and support with a 'pulling together of volunteers and resources', to also, more deeply research having a community orchard - we have a tour of the Shotley orchard planned to occur very soon, we aim to contribute to an increase of bio-diversity around our community spaces, including continuing surveys and using wildlife-safe methods of maintaining the churchyard and Reade Field. We will be holding a stall at this year's village fete - please feel free to come and see us - there will be story-telling; we will be serving plant-based snacks, have a green tombola and we will be launching our village survey with a prize draw entry for all completed forms.

We invite anyone interested to join us or just to listen to or offer new ideas. We meet every 2nd Monday of the month at the Methodist Chapel at 7pm.

Any questions please come and chat with Simon or I at the close of the meeting - we also have a small table of information at the rear of the hall.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed time, resources and ideas to the Greener Holbrook efforts, in whatever capacity.