

## Holbeton Parish Council Climate Change Subcommittee

Our big news for this month is that Holbeton Parish Council has agreed that it will hold an annual payment of over £3,000 from the section 106 agreement for the Creacombe solar farm specifically to support our environmental action plan. This will help greatly to make the action plan effective, and the climate change subcommittee will advise the Parish Council on how the money will be used.

We are one of 3 parish councils to benefit. We will still be able to apply for grants from the sizeable fund that is held by Yealm Community Energy for projects in the 5 local parishes.

We now have an agreed parish council environmental policy. This will be posted on the Climate Emergency web page on the Holbeton Parish Council website. Please do have a look. It aims to protect the environment and the natural heritage of the Parish, whilst recognising the need for sustainable development, excellent public amenities and services.

Last month the Holbeton Parish Council climate change subcommittee held a virtual meeting. We invited Chris Rickard, the new Head of Holbeton Primary School, and agreed a number of possible school activities that will focus on the environment and climate change. We will provide practical support for these as the school feels appropriate.

The minutes of our September meeting should now be available on the parish council climate emergency webpage: <https://www.holbeton-pc.gov.uk/climate-emergency/>

We are continuing to plan a parish survey to see, and if possible support, the parishioners who have not yet switched to LED lights in their homes and businesses. At the moment it looks likely that we will need to wait until next spring, depending on the Covid situation at the time. However, we want to have this all ready to go.

We are continuing with an 'environmental tip of the month', this month about dish washing. We plan to put these items on the parish council climate emergency webpage.

If you have any ideas that you wish to contribute, if you would like to volunteer and/or be kept updated and individually consulted on what we are doing, we want to hear from you. Anna West is coordinating the input of parishioners' ideas to the climate change subcommittee. Please do get in touch.

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