

**Climate and Ecological Emergency Working Group (CEE\_WG)  
Report to the Parish Council Meeting – January 2021**

1. The main focus of attention over the last two months has been on Dorset Council's Climate and Ecological Emergency strategy. We think this strategy is vitally important for the county, for our parish and for residents.

Cllr. Carey attended the Dorset Climate Action Network meetings on 19<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November, the Dorset People's Assembly on the Climate Emergency on 28<sup>th</sup> November, and has been in contact with Michael Dower's Beaminster ECO Group, the Corfe Castle Parish Council Environment Group, West Dorset Friends of the Earth and Belinda Bawden at Lyme Regis Town Council about an appropriate response.

Dorset Council has put in a great deal of work so far on its strategy, which is a major series of related documents and beyond the capacity of most individuals to respond to comprehensively.

We hope to be able to present to CVPC a broad response based on the collective work of the above groups by the time of 11<sup>th</sup> January meeting, but it is not ready yet.

The proposed response is likely to be along the lines of congratulating and thanking DC for the work on the strategy, urging them to bring forward their carbon zero target from 2040 to 2030 and urging them to go further in some of the eight areas covered by the strategy.

The closing date for responses to DC's strategy is 20<sup>th</sup> January, and it would be very good if we could submit an agreed response as a parish council.

In the meantime, we encourage everyone to look at the strategy (there's a link at the very top of the environment page on our website: [www.charvalley.org/environment](http://www.charvalley.org/environment)).

2. The River Char project has started with farmer interviews being conducted by Ian Rees of Dorset AONB and Nick Gray of Dorset Wildlife Trust in the next few weeks. If you wish to be interviewed or know anyone who does, please contact the Parish Clerk:  
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2<sup>nd</sup> January 2021