

# Higher Blackley Climate Change Action Plan 2022-23

## City-wide Zero Carbon Commitment

- "Action on climate change goes hand-in-hand with improving air quality, lifting people out of fuel poverty, addressing low levels of physical activity and embracing other city priorities, particularly those affecting more deprived areas of the city".
- "Meeting these targets will make Manchester one of the world's leading cities for action on climate change, bringing us full circle from the industrial revolution to a new zero carbon revolution"
- "Manchester recognises that action on climate change is a fundamental part of achieving the city's 2025 vision and objectives"

*Playing our full part – Manchester Climate Change Partnership, 2018*

## Neighbourhood Teams Priorities

- We will build resilience in and celebrate neighbourhoods by taking actions to build the capacity and capability of communities to grow, thrive and face new challenges including diversity and cohesion and the need to **reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality**
- We will bring services and partners together to **plan, deliver, monitor and evaluate progress** through appropriate place-based governance
- We engage and build relationships with groups and **ensure ward and neighbourhood priorities are reflective of the needs of all communities within an area.**

## Higher Blackley Ward Priorities

### **Climate Change**

Actively engage residents and partners into taking action to reduce climate change.

### **Clean, Green and Safe Environment**

Work with partners and residents to ensure residents live in a safe, clean and green environment.

### **Partnership working**

Have a multi-agency approach to resolving issues in the Ward, thereby increasing resources, bringing in specialist skills and knowledge in the area

### **Covid Recovery**

Support the Covid Recovery Plan by building on increasing resilient neighbourhoods in Higher Blackley.



# Higher Blackley Climate Change Action Plan

## Partners & Stakeholders

- Blackley In Bloom Groups
- Primary and Secondary Schools
- Health and Local Care Organisation
- Higher Blackley Childrens Centre
- Northwards Housing
- Guinness Housing Partnership
- Parks Team
- Waste and Recycling Team
- Keep Manchester Tidy
- Biffa
- Voluntary and Community Sector
- MCR Active

## Key Reading

- Playing Our Full Part – Zero Carbon 2038
- Manchester Climate Emergency Declaration, July 2019
- Manchester Climate Change Framework 2020-25
- MCC Manchester Climate Change Action Plan 2020-25
- Our Manchester Strategy
- Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan
- Greater Manchester Combined Authority – Five Year Environmental Plan

## Further Resources

- 15 Actions for residents and businesses – [www.manchesterclimate.com/15-actions](http://www.manchesterclimate.com/15-actions)
- Manchester's community climate change project [www.zerocarbonmanchester.commonplace.is](http://www.zerocarbonmanchester.commonplace.is)
- The Carbon Literacy Project [www.carbonliteracy.com/](http://www.carbonliteracy.com/)



# 1. Community Engagement & Awareness Raising

Key Actions	Lead	Other partners involved	Timescales	How it will be measured (Key Performance Indicators)	Quarterly update on progress
Deliver a minimum of one climate action related NIF project before the end of the financial year; supporting local community led initiatives	NO's		Annual	Evidenced through the NIF monitoring and evaluation for Higher Blackley	<p>Byrons Social club – funding for planters, greenhouse and additional materials (£1,010 – September 22)</p> <p>Mirfield Road Community Gardens mental health wellbeing event and additional planting and veg growing with families. Event in March (£150)</p> <p>Bowker Vale school walking bus launch. NIF for children's hi-vis, pedometers and "Little People" no parking signs. (£2,020)</p>
Development of a suite of climate change communication and engagement materials for resident engagement at local events	CCNO	MCC Comms, SNT, CNT	March 22	Materials produced for citywide NTs to utilise	Materials ordered (March 2022) - Banners, posters, recycled leather bookmarks, re-usable water bottles, wildflower seedbombs and handy hints leaflets
Climate information representation at all engagement events to raise awareness on climate change and develop localised action (in partnership with attendees) to positively impact	NNT	Annual		Number of events arranged and attended by a climate change	<p>- 13th August Mirfield Rd community fun day event</p> <p>- 15th August. Active Streets event, Charnwood Rd</p>

## 2. Transport & Active Travel

Key Actions	Lead	Other partners involved	Timescales	How it will be measured (Key Performance Indicators)	Quarterly update on progress
<p>Work with local schools to have actions days. Promote Road Safety Week to all schools in the ward. Set up targeted work on idling vehicles, during school drop off and pick up times, linking into Clean Air Day.</p>	NNT	GMP, NSL, Highways Team, Schools	Annual	Number of events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pike Fold School Parking action day – Jan 22</li> <li>• Parking action day – Bowker Vale School May 10th 2022</li> <li>• WalkRide Blackley and all schools in HB advised of Word Car Free Day (Sep 22)</li> <li>• "Little People no parking signage" delivered to Pike Fold School (November 22)</li> <li>• Bowker Vale parking action day (18th Nov 22)</li> <li>• Parking action day Crab Lane Primary School (23rd Nov 22)</li> <li>• Parking action day Co-op Academy (26th Jan 2023)</li> </ul>
<p>Encourage walking, cycling and use of public transport to all residents</p>	NNT	Highways/TFGM /Manchester Active/Parks		Promotion of information Events	Ongoing support of WalkRide Blackley Group. Meetings with members/Highways.

### 3. Green Spaces & Nature Based Solutions

Key Actions	Lead	Other partners involved	Timescales	How it will be measured (Key Performance Indicators)	Quarterly update on progress
<p>Continue to support, strengthen and sustain Blackley In Bloom groups to continue to improve green spaces, hold events and carry out climate change activities such as growing fruit and vegetables workshop etc.</p>	<p>NNT</p>	<p>Blackley In Bloom Groups , Parks, Mel Kirby and local Members Co-op Academy School, Parks, Blackley Cemetery, Health Partners</p>	<p>March 2022</p>	<p>Number of entries for North West In Bloom and awards received. Number of events held for wider community to enjoy the green spaces.</p>	<p><b>Blackley In Bloom</b> Blackley in Bloom judging day July 2022</p> <p><b>Mirfield Road Community Gardens</b> Winners of "Best Neighbourhood award" 2022 – North West In Bloom (It's your Neighbourhood), October 2022</p> <p><b>French Barn Lane allotments</b> Funding allocated to increase accessibility for disabled users – completed 2022</p> <p>Active growing groups 2022 – Heaton Park, Mirfield Community Garden and French Barn Allotments</p> <p>Co-op Academy food growing project launched at school grounds</p> <p>Incredible edibles growing project at Heaton Park with local residents (Awarded Parklife funding £2,500 to continue project)</p>

### 3. Green Spaces & Nature Based Solutions (continued)

Key Actions	Lead	Other partners involved	Timescales	How it will be measured (Key Performance Indicators)	Quarterly update on progress
<p>Promote use of local green spaces i.e., Plant Hill Park, Cooper Lane Recreational Playing Fields, Heaton Park, Mirfield Road Community Gardens , Blackley Forest</p>	<p>NNT</p>	<p>Community groups Higher Blackley Children's Centre North Ridge School Northwards Housing Tiddly Winks Nursery Care Homes</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Number of events activities held at the locations</p>	<p><b>Mirfield Road Community Gardens</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two sessions on a Monday for pupils from North Ridge Special Needs School (teenagers) they have their own raised bed to grow vegetables.</li> <li>Regular sessions for toddlers from Tiddly Winks nursery.</li> <li>Regular sessions on Fridays for mums and tots from the Higher Blackley Children's Centre who visit green spaces.</li> <li>Prospect House to link in to arrange regular sessions for pupils in growing space (October 22)</li> </ul> <p><b>Blackley Forest</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June – Community fun day/Jubilee celebration, nesting box building and installation</li> </ul>

### 3. Greenspaces & Nature Based Solutions (continued)

Key Actions	Lead	Other partners involved	Timescales	How it will be measured (Key Performance Indicators)	Quarterly update on progress
Enhance use of Green Spaces	NNT	Parks Team	Oct 2021	Application successful	<p>Application to Parks in Partnership funding for the below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Blackley Rec. (also referred to as Blackley Park / Cooper Lane):</b> Installation of 1 X swing bay and 2 X springers, £13,086.80</li> <li>• <b>Plant Hill Park:</b> Installation of new slide / infant apparatus, £10,040.99</li> <li>• <b>Blackley Vale:</b> Reinstatement of pathway and installation of new steps, £2,900.00</li> <li>• <b>Blackley Forest:</b> Reinstatement / installation of new handrail along the boardwalk on site, £490.00 (delivered)</li> <li>• <b>Blackley Forest –</b> Installation of new signage at entrances using natural materials (£6,500 Parklife funding)</li> <li>- NIF funding granted for new biodiversity sculpture installation and promotion to attract more visitors to</li> </ul>

## 4. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Key Actions	Lead	Other partners involved	Timescales	How it will be measured (Key Performance Indicators)	Quarterly update on progress
<p>Changing resident's behavior by targeting hot-spot areas ) to improve waste management and recycling levels. Through door-to-door engagement, promotion of Waste &amp; Recycling materials.</p>	<p>NNT, Waste and Recycling Team</p>	<p>Biffa</p>	<p>March 2022</p>	<p>Recycling rates Uptake of bulky waste collections  Reporting through MyAccount/CRM/Contact Centre</p>	<p>July 22 Bowker Vale door knock – Recycling encouragement &amp; support (Guinness Partnerships, Biffa, local members)</p> <p>X2 Recycling assemblies delivered in St Clare's RC Primary school (120 pupils) - July 22</p> <p>X1 Recycling assembly delivered in Bowker Vale Primary school (15 pupils)</p> <p>All NNT organised 2022 summer events had recycling materials and Officers in support e.g. Active Streets</p> <p>Keep Britain Tidy and Biffa supported litterpick @ Charnwood Rd (31st Aug 22)</p>



# 5. Young People & Schools

Key Actions	Lead	Other partners involved	Timescales	How it will be measured (Key Performance Indicators)	Quarterly update on progress
Promote Eco Schools campaign for early years, primary and secondary schools	NNT	Keep Manchester Tidy	Ongoing	Number of registered Eco Schools in Higher Blackley	Pike Fold School CO-OP Academy EACT Academy North Ridge High School
To develop Carbon Literacy materials appropriate for key stage 2 audience which also supports the roll out of the Climate Wheel carbon footprint tools	Ash Farrah		Feb 2022	Toolkit and materials made available to schools	Complete
Green Bees Assembly	Rob Potter	CCNOs	Summer 2022		Two days of climate education workshops delivered in Our Lady's RC High School  The audience of 150 school staff and governors, along with Council officers and Councillors were invited to talk about climate action, so the event itself needed to show leadership in sustainable event planning and delivery. (June 22)

# 6. Energy & Homes

Key Actions	Lead	Other partners involved	Timescales	How it will be measured (Key Performance Indicators)	Quarterly update on progress
Energy saving awareness and guidance. Information sharing – via leaflets and social media	NNT	Groundwork (Energy Doctors) Northwards Housing Citizens Advice Bureau	Ongoing		Energy advice inclusion at previous Cost of Living event in Higher Blackley. Attended by Energy Advice Champion (Northwards) and Energy Doctors.