

Cllr Barbara Williams, Parish Council report

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Climate Change

It was agreed at the last Council meeting that the newly established Environment Policy Panel takes lead responsibility for the preparation of a comprehensive and costed action plan in response to the climate emergency and completing this by 31st March 2020 at the very latest. In their October 2018 report, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) stated that, in order to avert dangerous climate breakdown, global carbon emissions would need to be halved by 2030 and reduced to zero by the middle of the century. The same report also concluded that the world has just 11 years left to contain global warming to the maximum safe level of 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. Should the increase reach or exceed 2 degrees Celsius, the report emphasised, humanity's capacity to prevent catastrophic food shortages, floods, droughts, extreme heat and poverty would likely be severely impaired. Limiting global warming to that +1.5 degrees Celsius level may still be possible, but only with urgent and ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society, the private sector and local communities.

Ward Grant

Again, this year we have been allocated ward grant money Of £500 for projects that benefits the community.

Rural Champion

Since the May Elections although the Conservative group no longer have administrivia control over MHDC I have still been given the position of Rural Champion

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