

Sheet Parish Council

Global Warming response

Sheet Parish Council is well aware of the effects of global warming, and accepts the predictions of possible outcomes of a warming climate.

Although we are a small community the council accepts that everyone should be encouraged to reduce their carbon footprint and adopt a more sustainable life style. However, we have only limited powers to encourage this attitude, are not able to dictate building practices, road usage, house fuel burning, etc, etc.

What the council is doing:

- 1) Surveying the Parish Hall to ensure efficient lighting is installed.
- 2) Ensuring that insulation and heating in the hall is as effective as possible, given the age of the building. There is always a trade-off between maintaining equipment, and replacing with new that itself has a manufacturing and delivery carbon penalty.
- 3) It is erecting 'switch off engine' signs at the level crossings.
- 4) It is continually lobbying to reduce the speed limit on London Road to 30mph.
- 5) It is also lobbying to introduce traffic calming measures though out the rest of the village.
- 6) Managing the Common, Millennium Field and adjoining area in a way to encourage natural flora that is beneficial to invertebrates and wildlife.

What the council has done:

- 1) Planted #**** native trees on the field next to the millennium field, *one of the first in Hampshire before the current government initiatives were introduced. [?]*
- 2) Planted a community orchard to provide education and enjoyment for parishioners.
- 3) Removed all plastic tree sleeves on the common, and is progressing with this on the millennium field.
- 4) Eradicated Himalayan Balsam from the Common, and monitors other non-native invasive species such as Japanese Knotweed and Russian Vine.
- 5) Encouraged and carried out ecologically enhancing work on the common to encourage growth and health of broad leaf species such as Oak, Field Maple, Small Leafed Lime, Chestnut etc.
- 6) It has provided a grant to ecological volunteers who not only help on the common, but on the nearby hangers and within the South Downs National Park.

