

# Make a different New Year's Resolution for 2025!

We know many parishioners are already taking steps to help combat climate change.

Now, we hope more will get involved by again taking on the Buriton Climate Change Challenge and pledging to do just one thing (or one thing more!) in 2025.

Small steps can bring big changes – and, with help from everybody, tonnes of emissions can be trimmed from the community's carbon footprint.

You could pledge to do one of the following in 2025:

- turn your central heating down by one degree, and wear more layers (and save money on those rising energy bills)
- walk or cycle more, and use public transport whenever possible
- buy fewer new things, and purchase second hand items
- switch to three vegetarian meals a week
- cut the number of flights you take
- switch to a green energy provider.

And if you are able to do more you might pledge to:

- draught proof and better insulate your home

- replace your petrol or diesel car with a hybrid or fully electric vehicle
- retrofit your house with a heating system based on renewables

Doing just one thing from the lists above will make a major difference.

And imagine what a difference it would make if every household in the parish made the Buriton Climate Change Challenge their New Year's resolution for 2025.

We'd reduce the parish's carbon footprint by hundreds of tonnes a year and, literally, help save the planet.

*Thanks for joining in.  
Buriton Environmental Association*



# Book a Thermal Imaging Camera Survey for your home

If you need help identifying where your home is leaking heat, and cash, don't forget that the Parish Council obtained a Thermal Imaging Camera a couple of years ago for this purpose.

Surveys can easily be arranged during the cold winter months.

Dozens of families have already had surveys done and have found out where their homes are leaking heat (adding to their energy bills).

The special images from the camera provide ideas for where improvements can be made.

Reactions from households who have had surveys done include:

- the survey was very helpful and located a couple of areas that I can address
- our house had been improved fairly recently and so the results were reassuring. But it looks as though an increase in loft insulation would be beneficial
- the survey showed a big difference between windows that were only single-glazed and others that were double-glazed. We'll try to do something about that as soon as we can
- it's interesting how much heat might leak out from our front door
- we've now put Radiator Reflector Foil behind all our radiators because we could see that heat was escaping outside through the walls behind them
- the loft hatch was clearly a cold spot, so we've now insulated it

- as a result of the survey I now know that we're helping to heat the whole of Buriton! But we also now know what and where we should do to reduce heat loss! This is a really good initiative.

The scheme is helping residents make changes to their homes which could keep them warmer and wealthier.

The surveys can only be done when it is cold outside, so more are now being planned for the cold winter months. There's a small charge of £15 to create a fund for replacement batteries etc.

If you would like your house to be surveyed, get on the list now so you can be among the first to benefit this winter.

Anyone in the parish interested in a survey should contact parish clerk Petra Norris via [clerk@buriton.info](mailto:clerk@buriton.info) or by telephoning 07943 536065.

