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GODALMING NAPPY LIBRARY GETS BOOST FROM GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL'S CARBON REDUCTION & BIODIVERSITY FUND

At a recent meeting, Members of Godalming Town Council's Environment & Planning Committee received a presentation from a representative of the Godalming Nappy Library. The Council showed its support for this inventive initiative by awarding a grant of £1,200 from its Carbon Reduction & Biodiversity Fund to support the promotion and provision of information about the use of reusable nappies. Some of the grant will be used to enable The Nappy Library to expand the number of kits available to enable to keep up with increasing demand.

The Nappy Library, which opened in January 2020, hires a range of reusable cloth nappy kits ranging in size from new-born, to potty trainers. 94% of nappies currently used are single use; The Nappy Library aims to encourage a switch from single use nappies to reusable. The kits contain a representative range of 20-30 modern cloth nappies and accessories to allow users to try them before they buy. The Library hires the nappy kits at either low or no cost and understands that those who are using cloth nappies for the first time may need early support and provides guides, online demonstrations and ongoing support for those that feel they need it.

With 4% of the UK's landfill waste created from disposable nappies, the use of cloth nappies will help to achieve a reduction in landfill and CO₂. The total global warming impact of disposable nappies for one child from birth to potty training (aged 2.5 years) equates to 550kg of CO₂. Although The Library had to close to new members during lockdown, local families of newborn or young babies, who have used The Nappy Library since the first national lockdown, are already projected to save 5.5 tonnes of CO₂ by the time those children have been potty trained. The more families that make the switch, the bigger the impact on the reduction of CO₂.

For information and how to join the Godalming Nappy Library please visit

<https://www.facebook.com/GodalmingNappies>

If you have a project that you think will fit the Carbon Reduction & Biodiversity Fund's criteria, please visit [www. https://godalming-tc.gov.uk/grants/](https://godalming-tc.gov.uk/grants/)



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Notes for editors. The grant was enabled by the Town Council's Carbon Reduction & Biodiversity Fund which exists to support projects that include:

- energy conservation and renewable energy
- reduction in energy use in homes, businesses and elsewhere
- low carbon transport, farming and food, particularly the production, sale and consumption of preferably organic locally sourced food
- community involvement in reducing CO₂ emissions
- the creation, restoration or enhancement of wildlife habitats.

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