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GODALMING CARBON REDUCTION & BIODIVERSITY PROJECTS FUND

In July 2019, Godalming Town Council unanimously passed a resolution acknowledging its commitment to recognising the climate emergency. In doing so, the Council agreed to create a specific fund specifically aimed at projects which help to reduce carbon emissions or improve biodiversity in our community. This fund is now open for applications and the Town Council welcomes applications towards projects where a primary aim is to reduce CO² emissions in Godalming and to promote biodiversity. The fund is designed to support activities such as practical work, feasibility studies/research projects, awareness raising or training. Applicants' projects should fit into one or more of the following themes to be eligible to apply, however, innovative schemes which further the aims of the fund, but do not fit within these categories can also apply.

Applications will be considered for:

- 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; and
- the creation, restoration or enhancement of wildlife habitats.

Primary criterion for carbon reduction applications to the fund is CO² savings per pound spent and biodiversity applications to the fund must be able to demonstrate a biodiversity net gain.

Applications will have an advantage if the project shows innovation in its approach to the reduction of CO², develops a stronger and more sustainable community, encourages community engagement around sustainability, improves the overall biodiversity of habitats in Godalming and, if it can, specifically demonstrate a net gain in biodiversity that would not have been achieved without the specific biodiversity/carbon reduction funding.

If you would like more details or wish to apply for a grant please contact the Town Council on 01483 523575.

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