

Climate Local

Stokesley and Villages Community Partnership:

Our commitment to taking action in a changing climate

We recognise that our community partnership has an important role to help our residents, community groups, businesses and local councils to capture the opportunities and benefits of action on climate change. These include saving money on energy bills, generating income from renewable energy, attracting new jobs and investment in 'green' industries, supporting new sources of energy, managing local flood-risk and water scarcity and protecting our natural environment.

We will progressively address the risks and pursue the opportunities presented by a changing climate, in line with local priorities, through our role as a community leader with the priorities we set in the Stokesley & Villages Community Plan.

The priorities for the Stokesley & Villages Community Plan will support local councils and community groups to work towards a zero-carbon area through:

- increasing opportunities for connecting with nature and local communities;
- improving public transport and walking / cycling networks;
- encouraging local food initiatives;
- sharing stories showing how people and organisations are reducing their carbon footprint locally.

In signing this commitment, **we will:**

- **Contribute to locally-owned and determined commitments** and actions to reduce carbon emissions and to manage climate impacts;
- **Publish our commitments, actions and progress**, enabling local communities to hold us to account;
- **Share the learning from our experiences and achievements** with other partnerships; and
- **Regularly refresh our commitments and actions** to ensure they are current and continue to reflect local priorities.

Date
Stokesley and Villages Community Partnership
Chair of Stokesley and Villages Community Partnership