

Zero Carbon and Nature Rich: Herefordshire's Action Plan for Food

Key:	Existing action	In development	Proposal - Needs resourcing
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Action	Details	Status	Enabling / Lead Partner	Delivery Partners	Funding	Project start date	Project end date	Ongoing Progress
Policy & strategy 1	Develop a Herefordshire food charter and publicise to stakeholders and the wider public	Existing action	Food Alliance with support from the Sustainable Food Places co-ordinator	Herefordshire Council, Food Alliance members	National Sustainable food places grant agreed for second year until June 2023	2021	2023	Food Charter developed and finalised in March 2022 through Food Alliance, followed by publication and publicity campaign ongoing. Charter agreed, website live https://herefordshirefoodcharter.org.uk/charter-signees ongoing promotion planned There are 68 sign-ups to the charter including both individuals and businesses.
Policy & strategy 2	Consider the Food Waste Hierarchy in local waste policy - minimise food and packaging waste, reduce food waste from landfill and divert surplus food and food waste to the most appropriate use.	In development	Sustainable Food Places coordinator	Food Alliance, Herefordshire Council	Supported by public health and Herefordshire Council Waste team	2021	2023	Will be included in New Waste Strategy and new food waste collection service from 2024
Policy & strategy 3	Inclusion of green space in new and existing development sites in new Planning Policies e.g. increasing hedgerows, edible landscapes in developments, allotment provision	In development	Herefordshire Council	Food Alliance, Herefordshire Council, Public Health	Link to planning policies within the local area plan and land use & farming action plan	2021	2023	Conversations ongoing between Public Health and planning and development of new policies for Open Spaces
Policy & strategy 4	Consider where possible influencing land use and management to protect, enhance and consider Grade 1 and 2 urban and peri-urban land for both community growing and commercial sustainable agriculture.	In development	Herefordshire Council	Link to Land use & farming action plan	Stronger towns fund awarded	2021	2023	Linking to Planning policy, Stronger Towns Fund (South Wye hub) Funding approved for Growing Local community garden
Policy & strategy 5	Influence public procurement across school, hospitals and other catering organisations	In development	Monmouthshire County Council, Powys County Council, Shropshire Council, Telford&Wrekin Council, Herefordshire Council, Wye Valley Trust	Herefordshire Council and Food Alliance and other public partners	Initial funding awarded for scoping & feasibility study	2022	2023	Successful application to Dixon foundation for grant funding to deliver a scoping and feasibility study across the Marches region. Tender released for Food Feasibility Study. Contract not awarded yet.
Waste collection 1	Consider the effective collection of consumable surplus food from all stages in the supply chain, from farms to retail, and redistribute it to organisations feeding people in need while working to raise the nutritional standards of the food aid being offered.	In development	Food Alliance	Sustainable Food Places coordinator	The Living Room/Ethos leading	2021	2023	Herefordshire Community foundation grant awarded to develop community food larders and reduce food waste. Event on 10th November to start the discussions and develop projects ideas.
Waste collection 2	Consider the development of a food waste collection scheme for homes and businesses that redirects food and food-related waste for composting, energy recovery (anaerobic digesters [AD]) or animal feed (where permitted); and promote community composting.	In development	Herefordshire Council	Herefordshire Council, Pedicargo	Herefordshire Council Waste Team	2021	2023	Cabinet approved trial scheme for collecting food waste by bike and composting. This has been superseded by main collection contract
Campaigns 1	Promote county-wide campaigns and education to promote a mainstream shift to sustainable food e.g. local, fresh, unprocessed, seasonal, grow your own, recipe ideas and meat free day.	In development	Food Alliance	Sustainable Food Places co-ordinator	Herefordshire Council & Food Alliance	2021	2023	Function of the Food Charter (See above) the website hosts a blog and publicity. https://herefordshirefoodcharter.org.uk/blog

Campaigns 2	Raise awareness of food waste and encourage reduction via campaigns and events e.g. Love Food Hate Waste, Feeding the 5000, The Pig Idea, Disco Soup, No Loaf Lost, Your Business is Food and Guardians of Grub.	In development	Sustainable Food Places co-ordinator	Herefordshire Council, Food Alliance	Herefordshire Council	2021	2023	Herefordshire Council waste team working with Healthy lifestyle trainer service to deliver 're-use and reduce' food waste events. Ongoing Food Alliance activity across county. Developing existing communications strategies to support this
Education 1	Develop local community activities, information and education offer on meal planning, recipe ideas, uses for leftovers, growing advice, recycling information	In development	Food Alliance and Public Health	Herefordshire Council & Growing Local; Food Alliance members	Ongoing activity already funded. External Funding sought for additional specific projects	2021	Ongoing	Growing Local activity; Healthy Lifestyle trainer service. Ongoing discussions linked to Climate and Nature Board and other community groups