

Wiltshire Council named the most climate-friendly council in England and Wales



Wiltshire has been named the most climatefriendly council in England and Wales, according to research that has assessed local authorities' energy, transport and recycling plans.

Friends of the Earth, which carried out the research using official data, say local authorities have a vital but often overlooked role to play in tackling climate change. The data excluded Scotland.

Wiltshire Council, a unitary authority, has declared a climate emergency and has major plans to increase the use of renewable energy in its buildings and replace its vehicle fleet with electric vehicles as part of efforts to be carbon neutral by 2030.

It scored 92% in the Friends of the Earth's climate change league table and was closely followed by the Isle of Wight, West Somerset and Taunton, Basingstoke and Dean and Camden in London.

Craig Bennett, Friends of the Earth's chief executive, said: "All local authorities need to ramp up what they are doing. We are facing a climate and ecological emergency that threatens our very existence and the natural world. If we want to change things for the better, we have to start at home."

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