

### Training Provider

Save Our Shropshire CIO are delighted to collaborate with SLCC to provide a course, certified by the Carbon Literacy Project, specifically developed for Parish and Town Councils, which will identify the actions that Town Councils with the help of Clerks should take to combat the climate emergency.

The Carbon Literacy Public Sector Parish and Town Councils Toolkit and materials are designed and curated for the purpose of certified Carbon Literacy training within UK Parish and Town Councils and approved partner organisations.

The course is licenced by the [Carbon Literacy Project](#).

Carbon Literacy is defined as:

*“An awareness of the carbon costs and impacts of everyday activities and the ability and motivation to reduce emissions, on an individual, community and organisational basis.”*

### Overview of Course

This course will help Councils prepare a plan to tackle the climate emergency, and then make it happen cost-effectively. It will enable Councils to understand the dangers, the need to act, and the areas where they can improve the future lifestyle of their community. It will give Cllrs the knowledge and confidence to help their community “live well for the planet”.

The course covers the basic science and the impact on our planet of what we do with our current lifestyles. It covers the legal and ethical reasons to act. You will get practical guidance on the activities to take within your community to make it fit for the future. It covers why and how to improve insulation of homes and buildings, get energy from renewable sources, use transport which does not use fossil fuels, eat more plant-based food (bought locally), and protect our countryside. Councils can, directly and indirectly, influence all these aspects.

You will be encouraged to create pledges for actions after the course for yourself and a group towards getting a certificate from the Carbon Literacy Project (CLP). You will be confident to persuade others of the urgent need to change what they do today.

The workshop is delivered on-line over two half-day sessions, in addition to watching and reading references given before and after the sessions.

A participant will pass the course after they have undertaken the accredited learning, completed a short assessment and also committed to specific carbon reducing actions which are certified by the Carbon Literacy Project.

There are individual Carbon Literacy toolkits, but this one is specific to the role of Town and Parish Council's.

The Clerk was involved in initial workshops when the toolkit was being developed and has completed the course as a guest, free of charge.

Richard Watkins and Allan Wilson have a vast knowledge of the sector and bring in experts on Climate Change.

**They have recommended a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 10 attendee, the cost has been included in the 2023-24 Budget.**