

Appendix 2 Examples of previous initiatives to lower emissions and enhance local biodiversity which we expect to continue and expand include:

- Working with various community groups (Bradley Bug Recovery Project, Dawlish Transition, Exminster Green Spaces, Starcross Action for trees along with various closed churchyard volunteers and friends' groups) to assist in improving and promoting nature recovery projects, tree, and whip planting initiatives along with amending frequencies for grass cutting and identifying areas to promote and enhance biodiversity.
- Renewing small plant such as strimmer's, blowers, and hedge-trimmers with electric items where practical.
- All drivers trained in economical driving techniques.
- Offer government's Cycle scheme to all our employees to encourage commuting by bicycle.
- Green waste is recycled, wherever possible composted.
- Commitment to peat-free compost and low-maintenance planting schemes.
- Segregation and recycling of waste generated and minimising the amount of paper used.
- Work with clients to introduce sustainable planting schemes to reduce water use and ongoing maintenance costs, and introduction of wild-flowering schemes.
- Minimal use of herbicides.

| Specific project breakdown | |
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| Projects / locations | Achieved |
| Various open spaces across the district. | Planted 64 standard trees as part of added value elements of grounds Maintenance contract 2020 - 2024 |
| Working with Nature recovery and community groups. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bradley Bug recovery project. • Exminster Nature Recovery Project. • Starcross Action for trees. • Dawlish Transition. | Assisted with several projects to rewild and improve open spaces for bio – diversity and pollination. |
| Battery / electric equipment provision. | Changed one site in Shaldon (Homeyards Botanical Gardens) to all electric/ battery handheld equipment for grounds maintenance tasks. |
| Michaels field Bishopsteignton | Planted 900 whips over a 3-year period 2020-2023 |
| Sandringham Park Newton Abbot | Planted 1200 whips over 4-year period 2020-2024 |
| Dawlish leisure centre grounds | Planted 1400 whips over three-year period 2020 - 2023 |
| Eagle Farm open space Kingsteignton | Planted 600 whip over 2-year period 2022 - 2024 |
| Ashburton Road open space / play area Newton Abbot | Planted 650 whip over 2-year period 2023-2024 |
| The Strand Starcross | Planted 400 whips 2022 |