Sent on behalf of Cllr Constance

Dear Parish Councillor.

In October 2020 Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) approved our <u>Climate Action</u> <u>Framework</u> setting out our ambition to tackle the Climate Emergency through:

- becoming a carbon-neutral council by 2030
- working in partnership to achieve a carbon-neutral Oxfordshire by 2050

We seek to transform our organisation, support schools, and work with suppliers and partners – building climate action into every decision. I invite you to find out more about how we're working to <u>reduce carbon emissions in our own organisation and across the county</u>.

Our vision is to shape a thriving Oxfordshire – achieving liveable, healthy places. It is a vision for prosperity in an enhanced natural environment and within global carbon limits. We are working in partnership to reduce emissions across the county and wish to encourage all communities and organisations to take climate action. We aim to achieve this by:

- Continuing our support of <u>Community Action Groups (CAG) Oxfordshire</u> to expand, diversify and collaborate with civil society organisations
- Pursuing localised zero-carbon investment options
- Delivering digital connectivity, low-carbon transport and active travel schemes that support a zero-carbon ambition.

We recognise there is a role for everyone and hope this resource might support your own programme. Parish Councils have an important role to play in our journey towards a carbon-zero future and you are already doing much valuable work in your communities. I encourage you to take advantage of the schemes currently available to local communities to support your own goals on climate (please see the information sheet attached). If you'd like to learn more about OCC's climate action plans, I invite you to get in touch with our <u>Climate Action Team</u> with any questions.

Yours faithfully, Councillor Yvonne Constance, Cabinet Member for Environment

