



Sustainable Wootton Courtenay

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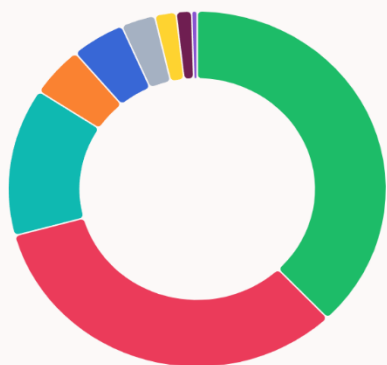
Impact Community Carbon Calculator

PLASTIC FREE

PORLOCK VALE

SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE

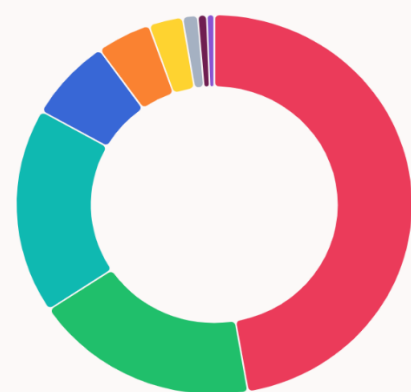
WOOTTON COURTENAY - 25.6 tonnes of CO2 per household



Emissions breakdown per household		Tonnes of CO2e
	AGRICULTURE	9.72
	HOUSING	8.43
	ROAD TRANSPORT	3.45
	INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL	1.18
	AVIATION	1.18
	WASTE MANAGEMENT	0.75
	SHIPPING	0.47
	OTHER TRANSPORT	0.34
	F GASES*	0.12
	DIESEL FUELLED RAILWAYS	0

*F GASES (hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs) and sulphur hexafluoride (SF6)).

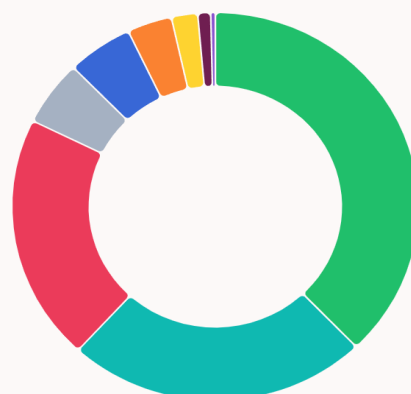
PORLOCK – 17.7 tonnes of CO2 per household



Emissions breakdown per household		Tonnes of CO2e
	HOUSING	8.26
	AGRICULTURE	3.21
	ROAD TRANSPORT	3.05
	AVIATION	1.22
	INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL	0.78
	SHIPPING	0.49
	WASTE MANAGEMENT	0.21
	OTHER TRANSPORT	0.33
	F GASES*	0.11
	DIESEL FUELLED RAILWAYS	0

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TIMBERSCOMBE – 24.6 tonnes of CO2 per household



Emissions breakdown per household		Tonnes of CO2e
	AGRICULTURE	9.29
	ROAD TRANSPORT	5.88
	HOUSING	5.04
	WASTE MANAGEMENT	1.34
	AVIATION	1.29
	INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL	0.88
	SHIPPING	0.51
	OTHER TRANSPORT	0.25
	F GASES*	0.09
	DIESEL FUELLED RAILWAYS	0

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SHAME ON YOU TESCO!!

Greenpeace local groups and supporters have visited more than 900 Tesco stores. Why? To raise awareness among store managers and customers about Tesco buying chicken and pork from suppliers owned by JBS, a Brazilian meat processor notorious for tearing down rainforests. JBS makes way for the production of industrial meat and destroys indigenous people's homes in the process. A petition to Tesco has been signed by 262,499 people to date.

ACTION: If you would like to sign the petition go to: action.greenpeace.org.uk/tesco

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Looking After Our Rivers



In a report by the Environment Agency (EA), it said England's rivers were polluted with chemical sewage discharge, farming pollutants, and industrial chemicals.

Pesticides include compounds used to control weeds (herbicides) and insects.

- In some areas, traces of the pesticides used on farms, roads, or gardens can find their way into local watercourses and sources used for water supply.
- This is mostly due to rainwater washing them off crops or plants and out of the soil.
- In Britain the use of all pesticides is restricted to approved products and is governed by regulations and codes of practice issued by the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra).
- The UK water supply regulations and the European Union drinking water directives set maximum permitted levels of these substances in drinking water. These permitted levels are considerably lower than any associated with health concern.
- The current legal UK limit for drinking water is one part for every 10 billion parts of water.
- We work closely with local farmers to help manage the use of pesticides to reduce the possibility of traces entering water sources. This has been particularly successful with metaldehyde (slug bait).

How Can We Help?

ACTION: take great care about what we put down the sink, toilet and drains.

Domestic sewage includes waste water from: toilets, personal washing, showering and bathing, clothes washing using domestic detergents, cooking, washing dishes, cooking equipment and anything else that householders pour down the drain.

What makes cleaning products eco-friendly?

A range of issues such as:

- a) Not containing toxic chemicals which pollute our waterways
- b) Biodegradable ingredients
- c) Made from plants
- d) Not using single use plastic
- e) Being entirely plastic free
- f) Being refillable
- g) Not creating waste
- h) Being vegan and/or cruelty free
- i) Recyclable packaging

Not every eco-friendly cleaning brand will be able to match all of these eco issues, so pick and choose the ones you care about the most and start there.

Stuart Lowen's Farm Shop in Minehead has a range of eco-friendly, refillable products:



Laundry liquid



Multi- surface cleaner



Body wash



Soap without packaging



Cleaning products for multi surfaces, floors & toilet

All of these products do less harm when flushed, rinsed and poured down our sinks, toilets and drains.



Single use plastic Consultation (England)

The Government is currently asking whether the following items should be banned in England:














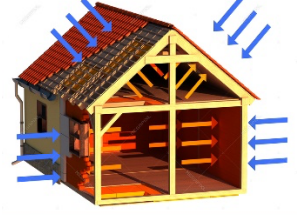
- a) Plastic plates, bowls and trays
- b) Plastic cutlery
- c) Plastic balloon sticks
- d) Containers made of expanded polystyrene

The consultation is open to everyone and is a great opportunity to make sure the Government hears the views of people out there tackling plastic in the real world.

ACTION: How to respond

1. To submit your response head to <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/environmental-quality/consultation-on-proposals-to-ban-commonly-littered/consultation/intro/> and simply fill in the questions.
2. To read the consultation document head to <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/environmental-quality/consultation-on-proposals-to-ban-commonly-littered/>
3. The deadline for submission of responses is **12th February 2022**

A new year – a good time to check our contribution to combatting climate change. How many of these 20 actions have you adopted?

 <p>Switch off when not in use</p> <p>Standby uses unnecessary energy – switch off</p>	 <p>Switch to a 100% renewable energy supplier</p>	 <p>Turn the thermostat down 1 or 2 degrees</p>	 <p>Install a smart meter to check your energy usage</p>
 <p>Eat less meat</p>	 <p>When boiling a kettle, boil only the amount of water you need</p>	 <p>Turn off the tap when cleaning your teeth</p>	 <p>Reduce the temperature of the shower</p>
 <p>Have your shopping delivered - it's public transport for food and reduces individual car journeys.</p>	 <p>Drive less, car share</p>	 <p>When changing your car choose electric or hybrid.</p>	 <p>Reduce consumption, repair broken items, reuse, recycle.</p>
 <p>Choose environmentally friendly cleaning products</p>	 <p>Cut out plastic, one of the largest pollutants on earth</p>	 <p>Reduce flying and flight distance or have a no-fly year</p>	 <p>Buy fewer clothes and only from companies using sustainable materials</p>
 <p>Use LED light bulbs – they use less power</p>	 <p>Insulate your home</p>	 <p>When replacing appliances choose the most energy efficient</p>	 <p>Choose reusable products rather than disposable items</p>