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Carbon Literacy is the understanding the causes and impacts of our everyday greenhouse gas emissions. This fundamental awareness offers a starting point for making real change in the way we tackle the climate emergency.

The [Carbon Literacy Project](#) focuses on the belief that we need a change in culture as well as technology. This kind of multi-level approach is the best way to drastically reduce our emissions.

We are proud to be an accredited Carbon Literate Organisation, with a Silver award.

Carbon Literacy Action Day

On 4 December, we are hosting a record-breaking Carbon Literacy training day to celebrate National Carbon Literacy Action Day. We hope to help over 350 become certified Carbon Literate and this will make real improvements in tackling the climate emergency.

We hope to also help as many organisations across North Somerset to become accredited Carbon Literate Organisations (CLO), which will not only help you and your organisation reduce your carbon footprint but will also help you make cost-saving decisions too.

If you are interested in signing up, you can [sign up using our online form](#).

For more information about becoming an accredited Carbon Literate Organisation, please get in touch with us at climate.emergency@n-somerset.gov.uk.

Carbon Literacy in North Somerset

In February 2019, North Somerset Council became one of the first local authorities to declare a climate emergency. We recognise that immediate and urgent action is the best solution to avoid catastrophic climate change.

In 2020, we set out a new [Corporate Plan](#), putting the climate emergency at the heart of everything we do. This plan informs other key strategies and plans, in both council documents and those of our partners.

Climate change is such an all-encompassing issue. It impacts so much of our lives – from our health, to our jobs, the price of our food, and the extreme weather it creates. Because of this, we have embedded the actions required to reduce these impacts into everything

that we do as a council, and as a community.



We've put together this short video to explain in more detail what Carbon Literacy training is all about. We believe it can have a very positive impact on your business or organisation.

Why Carbon Literacy?



Our accreditation



North Somerset Council is proud to have been accredited as a Carbon Literate Organisation. This accreditation is a visible 'badge' that shows we are both:



- committed to Carbon Literacy
- serious about establishing and maintaining a low carbon culture.

We currently hold a Silver award, because we have implemented a training programme across our organisation. More than 15% of our workforce, including every member of our Leadership Team, are Carbon Literate. We have also included training targets for additional members of staff in our annual performance management.

We will continue to demonstrate further commitment to increase Carbon Literacy by supporting partner organisations and members of our community.

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