



THAME GREEN LIVING PLAN

A 10-year plan for a cleaner, greener Thame

2020-2030



WHAT IS THE THAME GREEN LIVING PLAN?

Adopted by the Town Council in July 2020, the Green Living Plan is a ten-year plan for a cleaner, greener Thame.

It seeks to protect and enhance our quality of life locally in the things that really matter – our air, our water, our overall well-being and the natural world that surrounds us.

It has been developed as a response to both the climate emergency and

the quality of life in our streets, our homes and our communities.

The plan provides actions that can be taken by individuals and community groups and includes suggestions for longer-term infrastructure changes.

The actions will be taken

forward with the support of Thame Green Living as a full community organisation.

While concentrating on Thame the plan explicitly recognises the vital importance of the town's links with its surrounding communities and countryside.

Read the full plan at www.thamegreenliving.org.uk

What is in the plan?

The plan covers five broad areas and recommends a series of actions that can be taken within each:



Green for spaces, routes and biodiversity



Blue for water and flood protection



Grey for emissions and clean air



Red for energy, energy efficiency and electric vehicles



Orange for waste and recycling

What are the expected outcomes of the plan?

It is intended that the plan will result in a resilient, sustainable and community-led town.

For individuals, taking the recommended actions will result in a healthier lifestyle, lower energy costs and more connected communities.

For Thame and surrounding villages the plan will mean more green space, better connections with the countryside and help to protect our natural resources.

How to get involved

This plan is just the start. Without you it will remain just a set of ideas; by working together we can make the changes we need. We've set out three easy steps you can take today to get involved in the green future of Thames.

STEP 1 Discover more



- Read and download the full Green Living Plan on our website at www.thamegreenliving.org.uk. While you are there subscribe to our email newsletter to receive updates on the plan and information about how you can get involved.
 - Follow Thames Green Living on social media:
 
[/thamegreenliving](https://www.instagram.com/thamegreenliving)
 - Share the plan with friends and family – the more people involved the more of a success it will be.
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STEP 2 Make a pledge

Individuals

To declare your commitment to the actions within the plan visit our website www.thamegreenliving.org.uk and sign up to agree to lower your carbon footprint.

Businesses

If you are a local business and would like to pledge your support for the plan and get a customised list of actions you can take get in touch via our website www.thamegreenliving.org.uk.



STEP 3 volunteer

Thames Green Living Plan volunteers can take part in a wide range of activities within our community, from planting trees and hedges and helping organise Electric Vehicle information days to online research or real-life data gathering. Volunteers are vital to the success of the plan and there is something for everyone!

If you would like to make a difference sign up to be part of our Thames Green Living Plan Team. Visit our website www.thamegreenliving.org.uk for more information and to add your name to our volunteers list.



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The plan includes over 180 recommended actions and projects that involve and benefit the whole community, from individuals and families to schools and businesses.

Here are just a few highlights



Thame

CREATE A MORE CYCLE FRIENDLY TOWN

Prioritise bicycles in busy areas, improve safety of paths and crossings and develop new connecting routes. Build cycling skills through training and pop-up maintenance workshops.

Thame to Haddenham Greenway is included in the plan

REDUCE AIR POLLUTION

Improve the quality of air we breathe by starting a 'no idling campaign', reducing 'through traffic' emissions in Thame, slowing speed limits and working with householders.

DEVELOP A WALKING CULTURE

Improve signage on existing paths and create more circular walking (and cycling) routes in and around Thame. Promote walking groups and school walking buses.

Who is the plan for?

The plan is for everyone that lives in, works in or visits Thame. It is for pedestrians, cyclists, drivers, homeowners, businesses, schools, local villages, visitors, community groups and more...

CONSERVE WATER

Increase awareness of how to save water at home, encourage more storage of rainfall water.

PLANT TREES AND INCREASE BIODIVERSITY

Encourage individuals, organisations and landowners to plant trees and hedges. Let verges grow longer. Provide homes for wildlife.

CONSIDER ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Support people and business to use electric vehicles through an EV car club, EV demonstrations and installation of chargers.

CLEAN ENERGY & LOWER BILLS

Make it easier for households to switch to greener energy suppliers. Encourage simple steps to lower energy use.

Get involved

If you'd like to help make the Thame Green Living Plan a reality

Visit the Thame Green Living website
www.thamegreenliving.org.uk

Follow /thamegreenliving
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Pop in to the Thame Town Council Information Centre

CUT OUT SINGLE USE PLASTICS

Increase awareness of shopping habits and simple ways to cut down on plastics such as shopping at markets, farm shops and specialist stores and choosing plastic-free products.

REDUCE LIGHT & NOISE POLLUTION

Through simple steps such as increased use of downward facing lighting, lower intensity lights and better sound insulation.

EXTEND CUTTLE BROOK RESERVE

Protect and extend our local water resource and natural habitat. Support and encourage volunteers.

ALL HELPS LEAD TO
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MORE SUSTAINABLE
TOWN FOR OUR WHOLE
COMMUNITY

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Who has produced the GLP?

The GLP has been developed over six years by the RSA Thame Group, working as honorary consultants to Thame Town Council and supported by many other individuals and community groups

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