

READING CLIMATE CHAMPIONS PLEDGE

Reading has set a target of net zero carbon emissions by 2030 and needs everybody in the town to help achieve this. It will also move us towards a dynamic and resilient economy where our businesses can thrive and where everyone will have access to good quality, secure jobs and the highest quality of life.

I pledge to begin by taking at least 5 of the following actions, and adding to them over time:

- 1. Turn my heating down by 1°C, and wear a jumper
- 2. Only switch on appliances when I use them
- 3. Take a shower instead of a bath
- 4. Wash all my clothes at 30°C, and only wash when I have a full load
- 5. Choose tap water, and when I am out and about use a reusable water bottle
- 6. Wash my vegetables and fruit in a bowl and use the waste water to water my plants
- 7. Eat more fruit and vegetables, and have more vegetarian meals in my diet
- 8. Change my energy supply to a green renewable energy supplier https://www.which.co.uk/news/2019/09/how-green-is-your-energy-tariff/
- Find out what I can recycle locally at kerbside or at Re3, and recycle everything that I can
- 10. Walk, cycle or scoot for all short trips
- 11. Buy fewer new clothes and choose durable items rather than "fast fashion"; consider swapping or buying second hand
- 12. Choose products without plastic packaging whenever possible
- 13. Write to my MP about climate change https://www.theclimatecoalition.org/
- 14. Help plant trees by using Ecosia as my search engine https://www.ecosia.org/
- 15. Find out more about climate change by reading an eco-book https://www.greenhousepr.co.uk/10-must-read-climate-books-for-2020/ or watching an environmental film https://www.globalwildlife.org/10-environmental-documentaries-to-binge-watch-now/

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