

Greener Cleaner Fulford

Just One Thing



I can do to help the planet

Climate change and damage to the ecosystem affect us locally and globally - more unstable weather, more plastics and chemicals in the natural environment.

It can be difficult to know what to do, so here are some ideas. Start with 'just one thing' and start with the easiest. This will be different for everyone - but we'll be in it together.

Post what you're doing on Fulford Community Facebook Page. Or write something the Parish Council can put on its website!



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

- Buy a reusable water bottle and fill up at home or when you are out.
- Buy a hot drinks cup and get a discount at most outlets.
- Use a bag-for-life when shopping (Fulford Parish Council have free reusable bags).
- Buy better quality clothes that last longer and/or buy second-hand clothes.
- Try buying food not wrapped in plastic or products in plastic containers.

Drive Less

- Riding your bike, walking, or taking public transportation are all great ways to reduce your carbon footprint and your stress level at the same time.

Fulford to York Centre

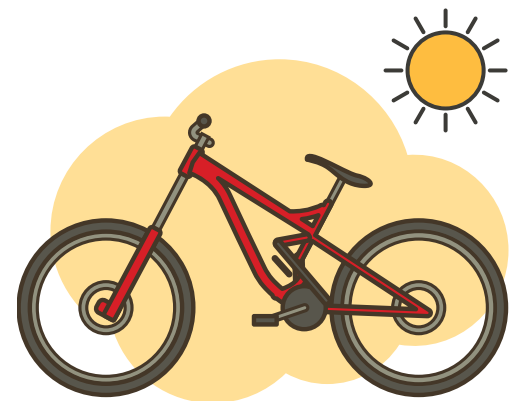
Car - 15 minutes

Bike - 17 minutes

Bus - 18 minutes

Walking - 45 minutes

- If you can walk or cycle it is a great way to get exercise and enjoy the river path. Or try and arrange car sharing if you need to drive.



Better Use of Electricity and Gas

- Turn off and unplug appliances when not in use.
- Switch off lights when you leave the room.
- When light bulbs need replacing buy LED or low energy bulbs.
- Switch energy suppliers for a greener or more ethical provider.
- Install insulation, double-glazing or solar panels for generating energy/heating/hot water.
- Install room thermostats or a smart heating control system.

Eat Healthier and Reduce Waste

- Buy locally produced food, look for organic and ethically produced food.
- Reduce the amount of food you buy which is wrapped in plastic.
- Eat a more plant-based diet and replace two of your meat or fish meals with a meat substitute or more vegetables.
- Reduce the amount of food you waste or throw away, save the leftovers for another day.
- Try a milk substitute on your cereal or in tea and coffee (oat milk or European soy are best for sustainability, not almond).



Gardening for Wildlife

- Don't mow your lawn as much or leave areas to grow, cutting it just once or twice a year.
- Plant or sow native wild flowers, shrubs and trees.
- Create space in your garden for wildlife. Let one corner go wild!
- Allow hedgehogs and other wildlife into your garden.
- Install a water butt or two (it can save you money too!).
- Dig a wildlife pond (or place a large container in the ground).
- Reduce or stop using pest and weed killers as this can poison all wildlife in your garden.



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