



## Respecting and Celebrating the Environment

We are committed to raising awareness about the environment and encouraging everyone to take responsibility for protecting natural resources the impact of their choices.

We are committed to being a net zero organization by 2030 and supporting the national goal of net zero by 2050.

We will focus on transport, food, energy, waste, green spaces, and our buildings to make the changes needed.

We know that the environment affects well-being, and the most vulnerable in our community are often the most affected by pollution and flooding.

### Our Ambitions

By 2030 we want to see that:

- We are recognised as a leading Council on work to tackle the climate and nature emergencies
- We have become a net zero organisation and are helping organisations and communities to become net-zero
- People are choosing to use public transport, low emission vehicles and active travel, such as walking and cycling
- People are recycling more and wasting less
- People can access good outdoor spaces and clean bathing waters
- Council homes, schools and buildings waste less energy
- People are proud of the Vale's natural environment

### Our Actions

To make this happen we will work with the community and our partners to:

- Deliver our Project Zero programme and achieve net-zero targets
- Create new planning policies to support net-zero housing
- Support active travel and promote quality public transport services
- Install electric vehicle charging points and move to use more electric vehicles in our work
- Lead on work to deliver the 'Towards Zero Waste' National Waste Strategy and work to keep more of our waste local
- Increase biodiversity and improve our green infrastructure
- Minimise pollution and hold people to account
- Invest in green technologies to waste less energy
- Protect our communities from the impact of flooding and coastal erosion
- Deliver a Food Strategy