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Things individuals can do to cut carbon footprint:

Switch to renewable energy

Shift towards plant-based eating / reduce consumption of meat/fish/dairy

Switch savings/investments/pensions to a green bank

Only buy new clothes from a proven, sustainable fashion brand, or second-hand

Use public transport whenever possible

Avoid or reduce flying

Recycle

Talk about the crisis

Vote with the environment in mind / write to your MP

Boost home energy efficiency if affordable

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Things businesses can do to reduce the impact on our planet:

Commission a carbon footprint assessment

Implement a circular business model/supply chain

Switch to renewable energy

Boost energy efficiency

Choose greener infrastructures and equipment

Ethical / sustainable investment - ie company pensions

Consider the impact on nature of every decision you take

Incentivise employees to make planet friendly choices – eg cycle to work / extra day off for holiday by train (climateperks.com) / plant-based canteen

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Things individuals can do to boost nature:

1. Make your garden nature friendly

2. Ditch the chemicals

3. Don't use biological cleaners/laundry liquids that get into our water system

4. Avoid man-made fabrics that shed microfibres

5. Join a group planting trees or hedging plants

6. Get involved in citizen science activities – e.g. bird watch / counting butterflies / river water sampling

7. Don't waste water

8. Put a swift box put under your eaves (if suitable)

9. Choose foods with low impact on the planet (eg plant-based, watch out for foods containing palm oil)

10. Use less plastic

11. Install a water butt

12. Create green corridors for wildlife

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Things councils can do to help us boost nature and cut carbon footprint in Henley:

ENERGY

- More renewable energy schemes (hydro, solar streets, community solar)
- Promote insulation support schemes - eg Welcome the Warmth
- Thermal imaging of thermal leaks in Henley's houses
- Set target for insulating Henley's homes

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- Public information campaign on carbon footprint / boosting nature

FOOD

- Support campaign to encourage a reduction of meat/fish/dairy
- Plant-based catering at council events / any animal products from local organic providers

TRANSPORT

- Monthly Bike Morning (regular street closure)
- Instal e-bike chargers
- More cycle routes in area

NATURE

- Declare ecological emergency
- Draw up ecological action plan
- End use of glyphosate and other insect-killing weed killers
- Scale up tree cover
- Rewild sections of council-owned land / create green corridors
- Promote "No Mow May" more heavily / extend duration?

WASTE

- Declare Henley a waste-free town
- Repair café
- Library of things

ADAPTATION

- Install drinking fountains

AND... Satellite village parish councils to set up environmental groups