

ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

INTRODUCTION

There is a strong public interest in ensuring that policing is environmentally aware and sustainable. PCC's have a key role in encouraging and supporting police forces and their offices to reduce their carbon footprint.

There is currently no legal requirement for PCC's and Forces to be more sustainable in their approach to policing.

However the 2019 BEIS Public Attitudes Tracker report found that 80% of the British Public are concerned about climate change.

This shows the public has strong views to see their elected commissioners working to understand to reduce the carbon footprint of their forces.

SCAN ME



BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE GOES GREEN

To improve sustainability and reduce energy use across Bedfordshire Police Force, we have replaced all windows and doors across Luton, Kempston HQ and Dunstable Police Station. There is a programme in place to switch over to LED lighting across the entire estate and have start the roll out of solar PV panels.

These three major steps over the past two years have reduced our electricity usage by 12 percent, whilst increasing the size of the estate with the new custody building at HQ.

This saving has helped protect the force from the worst of the energy prices, as well as reducing our carbon footprint.

We have identified many more areas for solar panels and the need to upgrade our roofs and will increase the insulation at the same time. There is also the use of electric vehicles coming in the future.

MORE WAYS TO GO GREEN

From Sunday 1 October some single use plastics were banned nationally and for the force therefore Bedfordshire Police we no longer provide plastic cups at the watercoolers. Alternative paper cups will be available.

Paper towels from those toilets across the estate where a hand dryer is available.

The PCC will continue to ensure Bedfordshire Police contribute to the sustainability of the environment and help make a difference for the future.

How to make a difference:

- Bring your own bottle, cup or mug
- Use the correct bins
- Switch off equipment at the socket when not in use.