

# Townswoman's Guilds

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**Townswomen's Guilds  
Climate Campaign**

**MAKE A PLEDGE**

## CLIMATE CAMPAIGN



Townswomen's Guilds is one of the largest women's organisations in the UK. Guild members usually meet at least once a month to enjoy each other's company, develop friendships, to get involved with events and crafts, to try new things and to campaign on social issues.

In 2019 the news was full of stories about the Climate Emergency but understandably the focus in 2020 was on the Covid-19 Pandemic, and the Climate emergency had to take a back seat.

**Proudly building on our suffragist foundations, Townswomen's Guild's mission is to continue empowering all women to make their own lives, and those of other, better.**

The recovery from Covid-19 and the resulting health and economic problems are an opportunity to tackle the Climate Crisis, and an opportunity to create a greener and fairer world. The power to do this is very much in our hands both in the individual choices we make and in how we influence the decisions of Local and National Government.

Through a series of articles about the Climate Emergency in our magazine Townswoman, a Climate Emergency Edition of our Newsletter, Social Media posts and our Climate Action Internet Guild we have been encouraging our members to learn more about the Climate Emergency and take steps towards a more sustainable lifestyle.



# WHAT TG WOULD LIKE TO SEE GOVERNMENT DO



One thing that is very clear from the Leaf Pledges we have received and from talking to our members is that they believe that the time for action is now.

Members would like local and national government to commit to developing a Climate Action Plan.

**Commit to developing a Climate Action Plan at both a local and national level**

They would like strong leadership to ensure that we are able to secure global net zero by 2050 and to stay on course for 1.5 degrees of global warming.

In particular they would like plans to

- Provide integrated public transport with affordable and simple ticketing .
- Prioritise pedestrians and cyclists.
- Encourage the maintenance and creation of green spaces.
- Divest public money from fossil fuel and invest in the green economy.

We have had plans and targets in the past and they have not been met but there is no more time to delay if we are to secure the future of the planet for our children and grandchildren.



## Magazine Articles



## Climate Emergency Newsletter



## Social Media Posts



Sedgley Evening TG Save the Bees Campaign



Take a Leaf Out of Our Book



Deposit Return Scheme

## MEMBERS ACTIONS



Members have indeed taken up the the challenge to become more sustainable.

Some guilds have worked together towards this goal and have got together to recycle items such as crisp packets and medicine blister packs.

While others such as Sedgley Evening Guild ran a Save the Bees campaign. This involved leaving crocheted bees around town, and making Post Box toppers to increase awareness of the problem.

**Members have been getting involved , by making pledges towards a more sustainable lifestyle.**

In the run up to COP 26 we have had a Take a Leaf Out of Our Book initiative, encouraging members to make a pledge online or to craft a leaf and send it to Headquarters.

Individual members and the TG national organisation have worked with other organisations and supported their initiatives such as the Climate Coalition, WRAP, Count us In and the governments consultation on a deposit return scheme

While individuals can make a difference it is also important to encourage our members to engage with government and work together.