



The Climate Action Fund Learning Signposts #1

Green and Healthy Frome: Achieving a Climate and Health Win-Win

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Who is this for?

This learning signpost is primarily intended for people involved in Climate Action Fund (CAF) projects, as well as other community-based climate action projects, in particular those that are seeking to link up climate action with improved health outcomes. It shares the learning and impact from one of the projects funded through the Climate Action Fund programme.

This document is accompanied by a [video](#) that introduces the project and some of the key learning.

Introduction

Green and Healthy Frome is a partnership of Frome Medical Practice, Edventure Frome and Frome Town Council. The partnership delivers six initiatives which focus on climate and health co-benefits. It is the only CAF project with a primary care provider as a formal partner.

The project commenced in 2021, having been awarded a development grant under the Climate Action Fund programme. It then received a full award in 2023 enabling it to run until 2026.

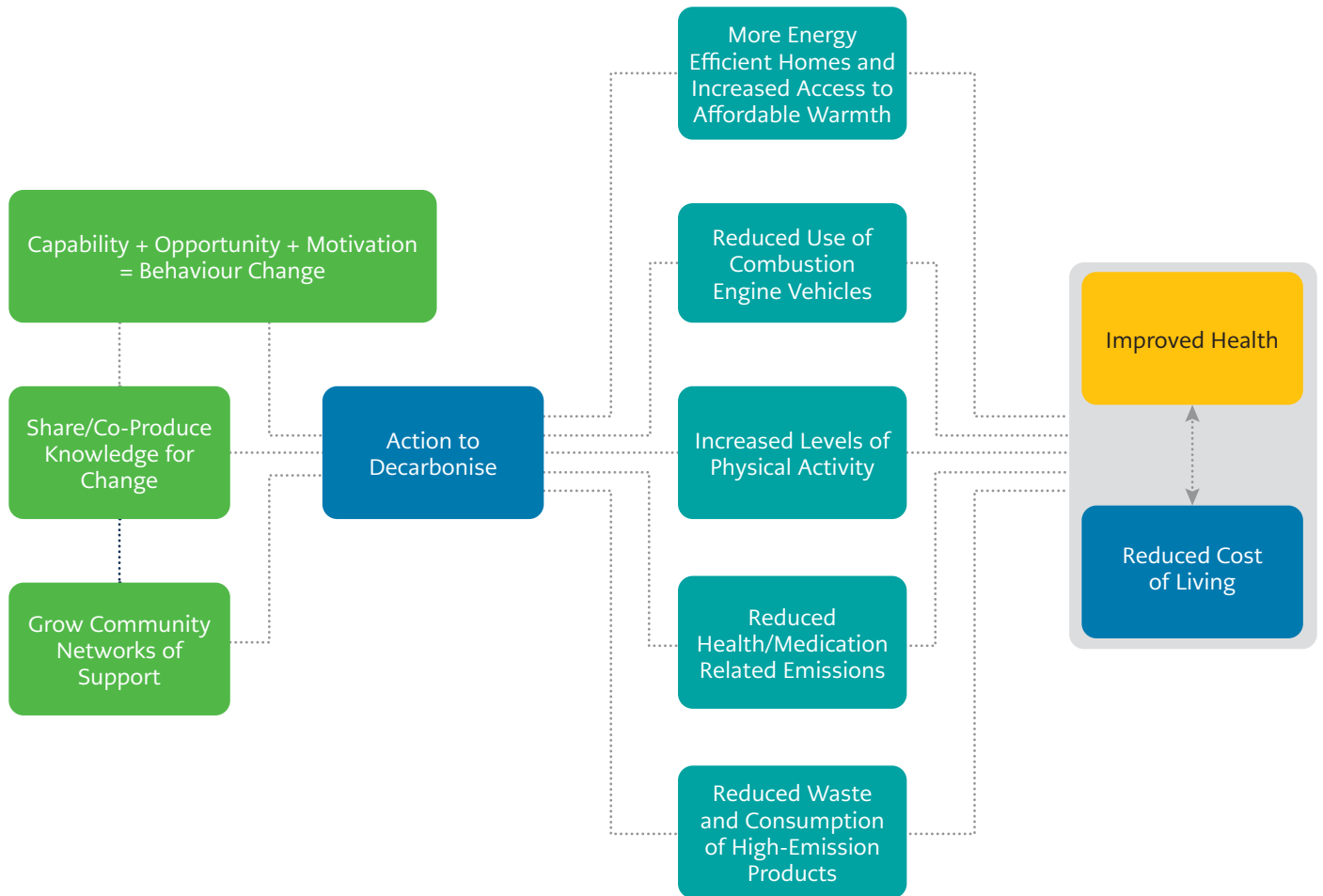
Green and Healthy Frome achieves a health and climate win-win by asking “what can we do to improve wellbeing in our town, whilst also improving the health of the

“We know for some people that conversations about climate are too much. So by having this critical health element in all of our work streams, we are able to talk to people on the basis of making improvements in their life that will have a positive impact on their health. And then we’re able to highlight the improvements to the planet that are available to them when they participate in this project.”

Becky Lovegrove, Green and Healthy Frome Project Manager

planet?” This community-led project is based on the fact that people’s health and the health of the planet are firmly linked. If one is improved, then so is the other, enabling everyone to share in a better future. The activities are built around the intersection of the climate crisis with other crises which affect people’s health: energy costs, food security and wealth inequality. Health is a strong motivator for encouraging and enabling communities to transition to a low-carbon future. Community-led and embedded initiatives are the final foundation of the project. These promote sustained change and a legacy beyond the funding period.

The following diagram, produced by the project illustrates how action to decarbonise can also result in health improvements.



key facts

Health and climate

- Physical inactivity is responsible for **1 in 6 deaths** in the UK and costs the UK £7.4bn annually, including £0.9bn to the NHS alone. Active travel can help promote better health by increasing levels of physical activity.
- Particulate matter and nitrous oxides from vehicles contribute to around **40,000 air pollution-related deaths** per year in the UK.
- Poor quality housing costs the NHS **£1.4bn a year**, £857m of which is caused by excess cold.
- Access to and spending time in green space helps **lower anxiety levels**.
- Extreme weather events, such as heatwaves and flooding, have significant health impacts. UK heatwaves in summer 2020 resulted in an estimated **2,556 excess deaths** (not including those caused by COVID-19).
- If the average dietary intake in the UK complied with the recommendations of the World Health Organisation, a **reduction in greenhouse gas emissions of 17%** could be achieved.

Green and Healthy Frome has six interconnected initiatives. These are summarised below, followed by more detail on each.

Initiative	Led by	Carbon reduction	Health improvement
<p>Healthy Homes supports Frome residents to make their home a warm, healthy environment by providing advice on energy efficiency, insulation, bills and financial support.</p> <p>From 2023 Retrofit undertakes comprehensive assessments of older properties to provide bespoke advice, information and resources.</p>	Frome Town Council	Cuts carbon by reducing the amount of energy needed to keep a home warm.	<p>Cold homes cause ill health through exacerbating respiratory and cardiovascular illness.</p> <p>Reduced energy bills mean reduced stress and more money to spend on other outgoings such as food and leisure.</p>
<p>Cycle Together allows Frome residents to borrow an electric bike (e-bike) for four weeks, improving health whilst reducing pollution and congestion.</p> <p>From 2023 Frome Community Bike Project maintenance workshops will help all cyclists to ride more and ride safely.</p>	Frome Town Council	Shifting travel from car/bus/train to bicycle cuts carbon.	<p>More activity improves physical health while the confidence and ability to cycle improves mental health.</p> <p>Social rides increase social connection, nature connection and wellbeing.</p>
<p>Choosing Wisely supports patient access to low-carbon treatments and healthier lifestyle options as alternative prescriptions to address health issues where appropriate.</p> <p>This strand also supports Frome Medical Practice staff to change their own lifestyle towards health and wellbeing gains.</p>	Frome Medical Practice	<p>Deprescribing (including substituting medications) can reduce carbon footprint.</p> <p>Hospital admissions and travel to appointments reduced.</p>	<p>Deprescribing is aligned with patient health gains, for example lower carbon dry powder inhalers are more effective than traditional inhalers.</p> <p>Active travel and social prescribing improve both physical health and emotional wellbeing.</p>
<p>Green Connectors workshops give participants the opportunity to explore the climate-health win-win, to learn about the support in Frome to achieve this and how to signpost to this in the community.</p>	Frome Medical Practice	<p>Connects people to a range of activities that cut carbon.</p> <p>Raises awareness of carbon footprint related to health services.</p>	Designed to improve physical and mental health.
<p>Future Shed is a space for supporting knowledge-sharing and networks of action for green-healthy initiatives and enterprise.</p>	Edventure Frome	A range of initiatives cutting carbon through reducing waste (e.g. textile and food waste).	<p>Improving mental health through social connection and increased skills.</p> <p>Improving physical health through connecting to local food networks and natural assets.</p>
<p>Storytelling builds community engagement and wider knowledge-sharing about the overall programme and its events through multiple media.</p>	Cross partnership	Amplifies the climate health win-win message across the partnership and community.	Increased reach and impact within and beyond Frome.

Summary of key lessons



Do:

- **Engage with your local GP practice or health centre**, which will have access to funding for social prescribing that could be used for climate-related activities.
- **Build on existing work** e.g. social prescribing, community engagement and wider activities.
- **Think about the synergies between different projects, communities and providers** so that you can amplify and celebrate each other's work.
- **Design projects that are accessible** by as many as possible and market to all audiences.
- **Make use of the different perspectives and opportunities which each partner brings to the projects**; this is how systemic change can be achieved.
- **Give people long enough to stimulate behaviour change** – for example a four week bicycle loan is more effective than two weeks.
- **Identify and build on the work of existing local groups** focused on sustainability or related topics.
- **Create and host a space where the community can meet and be motivated** by new or existing areas of interest e.g. food or textiles.
- **For complex partnership projects like this one, think carefully about structure and governance** at the outset.
- **Think about how to evaluate the project and put systems in place** at the outset to track activity and outcomes, and to enable continuous improvement.
- **Stick with it** – it can take time for people to learn about what you're doing and engagement can take a while to build.



Don't:

- Focus primarily on climate as a key motivator unless you already know this matters to your audience; using health as the core message resonates with everyone.
- Leave anyone out – it's important to consider how to make the project accessible to different groups and take the project to them if necessary.
- Run engagement or training sessions that are too long or too prescriptive.
- Forget to allow time for reflection – include time for this in your planning and budgeting.
- Focus only on quantitative data when evaluating the project; qualitative data can be very valuable, for example in identifying behaviour change, and powerful in terms of storytelling and engaging new audiences.



Figure 1 - Frome Climate Action Group 2022

Impact and key successes

CAF's vision is to empower and inspire people in local communities to take positive action on the climate emergency, thus demonstrating what's possible when people take the lead in tackling climate change.

To understand and measure the impact of the partnership, the Green and Healthy Frome team began by collecting baseline data through a town-wide survey, conducted in August 2021 as part of the project's development phase. The Frome Futures survey captured an understanding of perceptions, attitudes and behaviours towards health, climate and the relationship between the two. To measure personal and wellbeing, the team incorporated into the survey the 'Personal Wellbeing' questions used by the Office for National Statistics (comprising questions asking about life satisfaction, happiness, worthwhileness and anxiety), which enables them to compare the results to national data. A follow-up survey will be undertaken in 2026 during the third year of the project's full grant delivery phase.

Impact

During the project's two year development phase (April 2021–March 2023), the impacts were:

- >105 tonnes carbon saved.
- 61% reduction in carbon footprint from transferring patients from higher to lower carbon asthma inhalers.
- 44% of Cycle Together participants increased cycling as opposed to car use.
- Healthy Homes – an average saving per household of £140 in reduced energy bills. Collective saving to Frome residents of over £150,000.

- 209 individuals from the community and 17 different organisations trained as Green Connectors.
- 1,500 people reached by the Future Shed's activities, events and networks.



Figure 2 - Green Community Connectors

Feedback from some of the project participants...

"It has helped me to feel more connected to my community and encouraged me to be more involved in community initiatives."

"I'm less worried about winter and increasing energy bills now I have ore efficient new heating. It's a big weight off my shoulders."

"I like that it has made me think more about the connection between health and the environment."

key learning

Key learning about the evaluation process

Developing and making time for evaluation is a key part of Frome's project, but it's not always easy. The team share what's been important in for them:

- Evaluation can play a key role in collectively **defining a 'story of change' and instilling clarity and coherence** among the project team about the overall purpose, objectives, approaches and achievements.
- Allocating more resources to evaluation for the full award has enabled more thorough **monitoring of activities and community engagement against objectives**. There is now an Evaluation Lead at Frome Medical Practice to support the project-wide Climate Action Researcher based at Frome Town Council.
- While 'hard' quantitative data is important for measuring outputs such as carbon emissions and cost savings, for 'softer' outputs – such as those relating to wellbeing and community – **qualitative insights (e.g. from focus groups or participant interviews) can be used to tell stories of meaningful change**. This approach is more time-consuming, but building-in time for it can be hugely valuable.
- In turn, this **emphasis on evaluation can help to grow the impact and legacy of the project**. Working closely with the project's Storytelling work package and building a wider network across research and policy sectors has opened up opportunities to reach a wider audience for the project's approach to climate and health. **Data analysis** can also be used to evidence future funding applications, as was the case for Green and Healthy Frome.
- As well as what is delivered, **reflecting on how delivery of the project changes over time, and the internal and external obstacles confronted**, is an essential part of evaluation. Particularly when aiming to inform policy and systemic change.

The approach in more detail

In this section we start by explaining how the project partnership works before providing a description of each of the main components of the project.

The Partnership

An effective partnership is key to the success of Green and Healthy Frome with the three core partner organisations providing a powerful alliance. They blend civic participation (Frome Town Council), community enterprise and community-led action (Edventure Frome) and population-wide health and wellbeing (Frome Medical Practice). The partnership is greater than the sum of the parts, enabling a programme about health and climate with multiple routes in, reaching communities and participants in different ways.

Frome Medical Practice has a social prescribing platform, which provides an holistic approach to enhancing health and wellbeing with an embedded dual focus on climate. Social prescribing links Frome Medical Practice patients and the wider population with non-medical sources of support within the community. It connects people to the assets on their doorsteps. The partnership has harnessed health as a lens for looking at climate change – the health of ourselves and the health of the planet are firmly connected, and if we improve one, we'll improve the other.

Frome Town Council is comprised of independent councillors which means that party politics are not at the forefront of decision-making. This enables activity and action that would otherwise be difficult to achieve. Frome Town Council is working on key themes including climate, health, wellbeing, transport, infrastructure. They invest in strategies and programmes which support these themes and the intersections between them.



Figure 3 - Green and Healthy Frome team members

Edventure Frome is a community interest company and social enterprise school with a decade of experience in supporting and enabling community enterprise and helping to create livelihoods that matter. They have partnered with others to create innovative projects such as the SHARE Library of Things, a Remakery, and the Community Fridge. Edventure Frome also supports young people by providing mentoring, positive activities, training and support into employment.

Each partner has clear responsibilities and outcomes to deliver. The project team meets weekly to share successes, solve problems and identify partnership working opportunities to amplify impact. With a larger team from 2023, the project hosts bi-monthly managers' meetings to review performance and develop strategy. The project advisory group meets quarterly to ensure that learning is used to drive strategy and continuous improvement, with a particular focus on community inclusion and engagement. Each partner and ally is linked to wider individuals and organisations, enabling us to harness the support and enthusiasm of the whole community.

Storytelling and communication

Storytelling is a key theme of the project and focuses on sharing the project’s learning by explaining what action has been taken and celebrating the positive changes which have happened. Storytelling raises awareness, invites participation and inspires action. The project creates stories using commissioned short films and organic content which is distributed via social media, local press and printed media. The team also creates [toolkits](#) to demonstrate their impact and learning, and to provide a blueprint for others looking to adopt new ways of engaging with their communities.

In going forward, there will be a greater focus on storytelling co-produced with the project’s communities and beneficiaries including via newsletter, blog and audiovisual channels. During 2024, [OpenStoryTellers](#) will produce an exhibition and film created by people with learning disabilities whose voice is often unheard in the climate debate.

Storytelling is led by a dedicated Green and Healthy Communications Lead at Edventure who collaborates with communications staff at other Green and Healthy Frome partner organisations to plan, share ideas and coordinate content across the programme. For further details please see the Climate Action Fund Learning Signpost #12: [Storytelling](#).



Figure 4 - Climate Action Fund Learning Signpost #12: Storytelling

Frome Times Wraparound: During COP26 (The 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference), Green and Healthy Frome collaborated with the local newspaper to create a fake newspaper set in 2030. Members of the community were invited to submit articles, advertisements, illustrations, and poems that spoke to the theme of climate change and imagine what it would be like living in Frome in 2030. This created an inspiring vision for how the town and wider world could look if everyone worked together to avert climate change and prioritise health and wellbeing. The newspaper was delivered to 13,000 households extending Green and Healthy Frome’s reach significantly, engaging and encouraging residents to think about the longer term effects climate change would have in their community. Due to the reach of this publication, it was not possible to measure population-wide impact, but the team frequently use the collective vision of 2030 as a conversation starter in outreach to new groups and individuals.



Figure 5 - Frome Times Wraparound



Figure 6 - Green and Healthy Frome Health & Climate Conference, July 2022

In July 2022, the project organised a **Health and Climate Conference** which attracted 150 people from over 40 community, charity, public and private sector organisations, including healthcare professionals and energy sector specialists. The event showcased the links between health and the climate crisis, with presentations on climate justice and inequality from a diversity of contributors, including health professionals. The event encouraged people to think about the bigger picture and connect it to new ways of taking action in their communities and organisations. Local stakeholders learned more about both climate/health links and about how to become involved in Green and Healthy initiatives available within Frome and local networks pitched their Green and Healthy visions at the conference. From these grew the concept of Future Shed residencies which have proven highly effective in the full award phase (see below). 40% of attendees were from outside Frome and the conference hosted national experts including Dr Rita Issa, Climate Researcher, Activist and GP from the Bromley-by-Bow Centre in London, enabling amplification of learning to inspire communities both within and beyond Frome.

After presenting at the Conference, the Chief Executive of the NHS Somerset Integrated Care Board organised a board visit, including the Regional Director for NHS South West, to Frome Medical Practice to take part in a sustainability workshop to learn more about the initiatives being put in place as part of the programme.

Green Connectors

To increase awareness of and involvement in local initiatives that are good for people and for the planet, a network of Green Connectors has been established. The Connectors can refer people through to [Health Connections Mendip](#) for signposting to all sorts of local initiatives that support the health of the individual and of the planet. An online directory of all these initiatives has been produced which the Green Community Connectors can refer to.

People become a Green Connector by attending a single short workshop at no cost or via sessions provided to individual local businesses, organisations and faith communities. Workshops are designed to help people feel more confident talking about climate and health win-wins and build knowledge on the support available in Frome.



Figure 7 - Training up members of Broadway Community Gardens to become Green Community Connectors

Future Shed

Future Shed is led by Edventure Frome and offers practical support to get green and healthy initiatives and enterprises off the ground through building networks, connecting people and providing 'start-up' coaching. It's about giving people the community space to meet up and to think about how climate and health are really connected.



Figure 8 - Stitching during Sustainable Fashion Week (photo credit Celie Nigoumi)



“Our concept of participation is about ‘widening the circle’ and being aware of ‘who’s not at the table’; through community- led organisation, we know that people talk to other people and the network spreads and diversifies. The key thing that we have learned is how important it is to create a supportive space where you can host the community. To widen that circle, always to encourage people to come into the space and to join up through working with others. So, for example, the Textile Reuse Network – it started with just two people at a table and then gradually word spread and now we’ve got over 160 people in that network. So I think making that space is one of our great learnings and making sure that space is supported.”

Sue Palmer, Future Shed lead

There are currently (November 2023) four groups in residence with Future Shed: Frome Food Network, Everyone Needs Pockets (ENP) Textile Reuse Network, Frome Families for the Future (FFFF) and the Frome Seed Library.

FFFF’s River Vision Project focuses on enhancing access to one section of the River Frome by creating steps and a platform where people can explore, learn about and celebrate the river and benefit from being in nature. The project aims to build a collective sense of belonging and responsibility towards conserving the river and is aligned with Frome Town Council’s climate and play strategies.

Everyone Needs Pockets was part of international [Sustainable Fashion Week](#) (September 2023), hosting a weekend of activities in Frome about the re-wear revolution. The programme was supported by 41 volunteers and attracted 424 participants. More than 800 passersby witnessed a ‘Stitch It Don’t Ditch It’ session and 1,440 items of clothing were swapped.

“I’m a member of Everyone Needs Pockets in Frome. We strongly believe in keeping waste textiles and old clothes out of landfill. I think it’s hugely important for health and wellbeing. I get a huge buzz out of knowing that anything that I mend is not going to landfill”.

Tina

Choosing Wisely

Choosing Wisely is led by Frome Medical Practice, focussing on small changes people can make to their lifestyles that will have a positive impact on their health, including being more physically active and eating well. This links to the Healthy Homes and Cycle Together projects (detailed below) with the Green Connectors being a key way of signposting people to these schemes. Choosing Wisely also involves staff interventions, infrastructure and deprescribing, for example, substituting carbon-intensive asthma inhalers for lower carbon dry powder alternatives. Early data shows that patients are also reporting a reduction in asthma symptoms, a climate and health 'win-win'.

"We've had a long history here in Frome of wanting to improve the wellbeing of our population and working closely with our community. By working together, everybody here at the practice and our patients have a better understanding of the link between our wellbeing and the health of the planet. We are better as three organisations coming together than individually if we were to work on our own."

GP Helen Kingston, Senior Partner at Frome Medical Practice



"[The Retrofit] advisor visited my home and produced an amazing report with various different scenarios. Simple things that we can do around insulation and right through to fitting an air source heat pump. And we can now see the difference it's going to make if we improve the insulation in our loft or we put in floor insulation. This helps people make informed decisions of what they can do to make their homes warmer, but also healthier because a warm home is much better for people with asthma – and they're just much nicer places to be in, aren't they?"

Rosie



Healthy Homes

Frome Town Council's Healthy Homes project focuses on providing advice and direct support to make small scale improvements and signposting to grants for people living in cold, drafty and energy inefficient homes. Frome has a lot of old, traditionally built properties that can be expensive to keep warm, and cold homes can cause ill health, exacerbating the risk of cardiovascular and respiratory illness. Frome Town Council provides communications and advice, while Frome Medical Practice has integrated Healthy Homes information into letters and texts that go out to patients with respiratory issues, connecting patients to the support available in Frome and referring them to the Centre for Sustainable Energy's free and impartial energy advice service. During 2023 the new retrofit service was launched, providing assessment and comprehensive recommendations to homeowners based uniquely on their property and lifestyle.

Cycle Together

Find further details about Cycle Together in the Climate Action Fund Learning Signpost #9 [Transport](#).

Encouraging and enabling active travel (walking and cycling) is key to cutting carbon emissions. Cycle Together is led by the Town Council for anyone thinking of starting to ride a bike for fitness, leisure or as a cheaper and more reliable way to get to work. Participants borrow an e-bike for four weeks cost-free, and attend up to six hours of free training and guided group rides during the hire period. They also receive a lock, lights, helmet, panniers, and high vis clothing. The objective is to make participants feel more confident about cycling and to include cycling in their everyday journeys. From the end of 2023, Frome Bike Project will deliver Cycle Together alongside bike maintenance workshops, repair services and support to fit electric bike conversion kits.



“I think cycling is a brilliant way to get around, it’s so good for your mental and your physical health, it’s a great way to connect with nature, it’s a great way to build community and meet other people and it’s really cheap.”

Emma Parker,
Cycle Together lead

“I hadn’t been on a bike for so long and even though you remember the muscle memory, it is just knowing your place on the road. As someone living with various mental health conditions, just having the confidence to be able to do something even small, like going out to the shop on my bike, is fantastic. My mental health has improved and I’m not an unfit person, but sometimes my asthma can hold me back. It just reminded me that I can do a lot more than I think I can.”

Roisin

Figure 9 - Cycle Together

Learning so far

This section summarises overarching learning from the project. Detailed learning related to specific aspects of Green and Healthy Frome can be found in the following CAF learning signposts:

- [Transport](#)
- [Education and training](#)
- [Partnership working](#)
- [Storytelling](#)
- [Behaviour change](#)

Joint working

- It's important to develop a **sense of shared ownership**. The project aims to be inclusive of individuals and groups and foster a sense of belonging within their community. To do this, they regularly consider who isn't involved and then look to other parts of the community for trusted links to under-represented groups. (Further information is provided under 'effective engagement' below.) The team have discovered that by going into local organisations such as schools, businesses and faith organisations with a tailored approach, they can encourage people to become involved whilst empowering them to cascade positive climate and health messages to wider audiences.
- It can be challenging to **balance short-term challenges with long term aspirations**. Crises such as cost of living understandably make people focus on the short-term. However, climate challenge requires the partnership to focus on long term goals, including ambitions that will exceed the lifetime of

the project. For these goals, the objective is to create sound foundations for a community that is sustainable in the long term.

- The **whole is greater than the sum of its parts**. Before the project began, there were groups focused on different ways of addressing climate but without the capacity to start stronger networks and community building. They are now working to strengthen the container in which all partners operate, by celebrating the partnership and focusing on what they can deliver together.
- Frome Medical Practice (FMP) is the universal primary care service in Frome so has **exceptional reach** in terms of population wide impact and messaging. NHS Somerset's integrated care board has invested in FMP, enabling the Practice to support other primary care providers in the county to complete the RCGP Green Impact Toolkit and achieve an award within the scheme. FMP frequently contributes to national publications, research and events which promote best practice in sustainable healthcare.

Effective engagement

- **Respond to the needs of the audience:** for example 'green connector' training sessions have evolved in response to feedback. They are now delivered in satellite settings as well as the Medical Practice and are bespoke and flexible to the needs of each group.
- **Create a space where people can 'dip their toe':** Future Shed has become a gathering point for the community and an incubator for friendship, networks and climate-health action.

- **Think about accessibility:** go out to community groups, advice hubs and events such as children’s festivals and targeted advice sessions (e.g. money, housing, refugee support). Involve inclusion projects in developing your story, for example our work with OpenStoryTellers (above). Green and Healthy Frome projects are delivered in schools, green spaces and publicly accessible venues and via home visits (housing advice).
- **Food is a key focus:** it’s where climate and health meet, it brings people together and enables different people to meet and exchange. Food is a way to engage people of all ages and backgrounds.
- Ensure that **onward referral and signposting routes** are in place before sessions and events start. For example, Green Connectors refer to Health Connections Mendip and they also offer a programme of events and activities for a wide range of people, providing a constant flow of opportunities to engage.
- Help local organisations to **identify and mobilise allies:** e.g. the work with Frome College has enabled engagement with younger people whilst providing professional and community support to help the College to identify and achieve climate and health win-wins.
- Now that the project has reached a **wide public audience**, the partners are considering how to engage the farming community, businesses and higher income households as these are key groups in terms of potential carbon savings.

Motivations

- Recognising and understanding the diverse range of **factors that motivate individuals** is crucial for effective engagement strategies. Often an individual’s motivation is not about climate change (initially) but more around the need to save money or the desire to improve health and reduce exposure to harmful environmental factors.
- Those **most likely to engage in climate issues** tend to be more socioeconomically privileged. It’s important to remember that deprived communities are more vulnerable to climate and health risks and might perceive climate action as ‘not about us’. It’s vital that initiatives are designed in a way to make them as accessible as possible to these groups.
- Staff within partnership organisations also need to be **motivated and engaged**. Reminding staff of health and climate co-benefits, and bringing services such as e-bike loan to where they work, can help to remind them of the project’s positive impact.
- The Future Shed provides a **wide range of topic-led activities** which draw on personal motivations e.g. textiles, food, family, the river Frome and seed sovereignty. Activities open conversations around climate and wellbeing and promote awareness and action.



Links

To find out more, see:

- [Green and Healthy Frome project website](#) where, via the icons on the home page, you can access the project's short films which give a flavour of each initiative. You can also access a range of [toolkits](#).
- [Frome Medical Practice website](#)
- [Edventure Frome website](#)
- [Frome Town Council website](#)
- Contact Project Manager becky@edventurefrome.org



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The Climate Action Fund is a ten-year £100 million fund supporting communities across the UK to take action on climate change.

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