



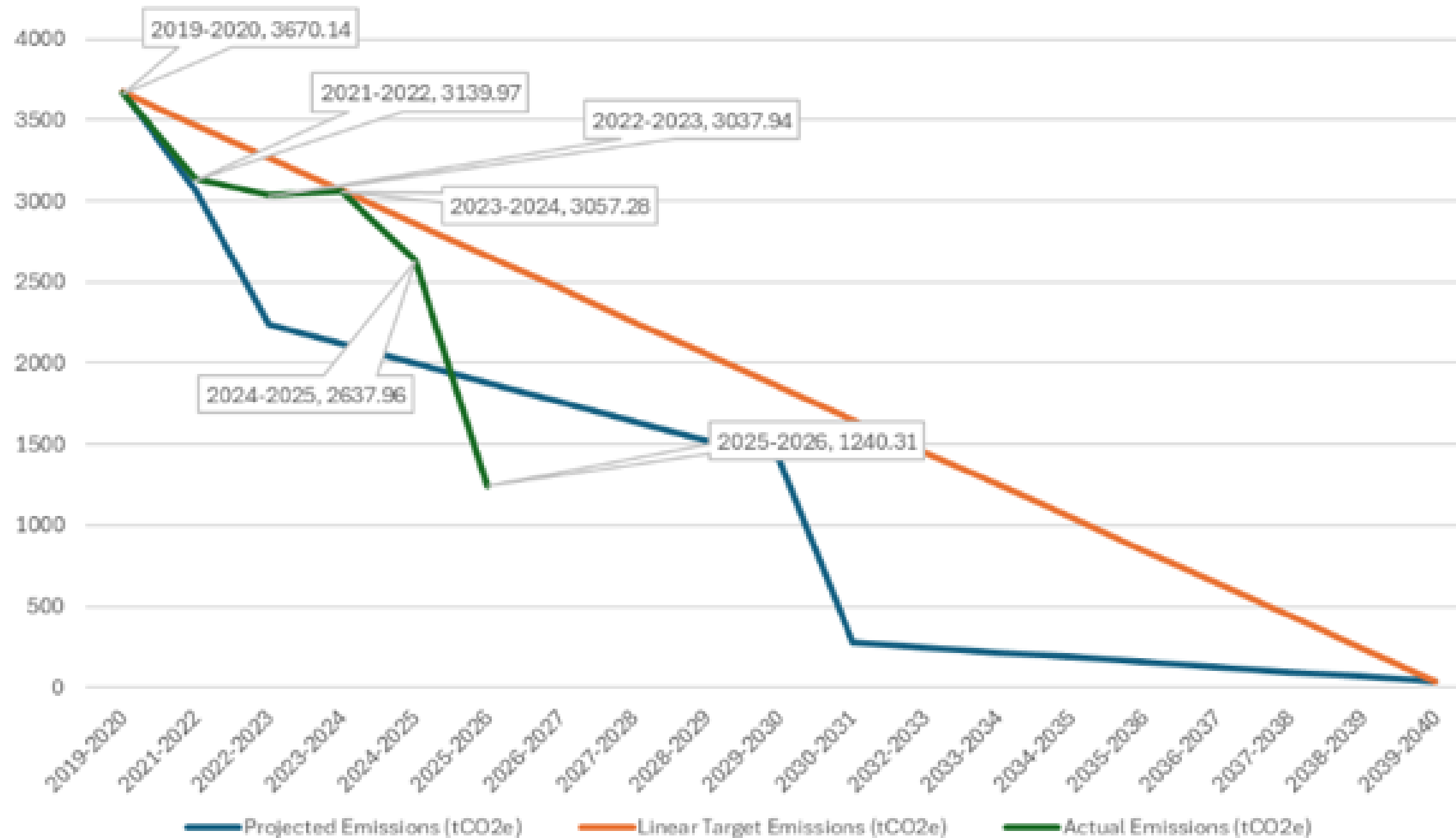
Annual Climate Report 2025-26

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Overview and Scrutiny Panel
Thursday 3rd September 2026
Environment, Communities and Partnerships



GHG Emissions

HDC Trajectory to Carbon Net Zero by 2040



Estimated total carbon savings from Council emissions (Scopes 1, 2 and some 3) between 1st April 2019 and 31st March 2026 are 2,429.86 tCO2e. This is the equivalent of producing over 467,000 t-shirts.

Combination of Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions

- Scope 1 - direct emissions from our owned or controlled sources
- Scope 2 - indirect emissions e.g. from the generation of purchased energy
- Scope 3 - all other indirect emissions in a company's value chain

Our recorded Scope 2 electricity emissions have been purchased from a Green Tariff, which have reduced those emissions to 0. HDC has the relevant energy guarantees of origin (REGO) confirming the electricity is from renewable sources.

Key Achievements

Emissions Reductions:

From March 2019 to March 2026, HDC emissions have reduced by 2,429.83 tCO2e* (66.211%). This primarily covers Scope 1 and 2 emissions and is largely thanks to switching our fleet’s fuel from standard diesel to HVO and switching to green energy tariffs.

Fleet Transition:

HDC initiated a pilot project to use hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO) as an alternative fuel, which is estimated to reduce our fleet’s greenhouse gas emissions by 82% or 1,110 tonnes tCO2. The fleet transitioned to HVO following the procurement process in June 2025. There has been a reduction of 960.1 tonnes of CO2 year on year (a 74% reduction without a full annual set of data). This transition was undertaken without reducing operational capability and forms part of maintaining an efficient and resilient fleet.

Facilities Upgrades:

Between April 2025 and June 2025, the One Leisure sites had their roof mounted solar panels installed. Roof-mounted solar installations generated 409,490 kW of electricity during the year, delivering £86,978 of avoided energy costs and reducing HDC’s exposure to future energy price increases. More details are included in Appendix 3.

Green Tariffs:

All of HDC’s main corporate sites (including One Leisure) moved onto green energy tariffs from September 2024. This means the gas and electricity are from renewable sources, resulting in a 0% tCO2 for Scope 2 emissions.

Community engagement:

HDC’s 3rd Annual Climate Conversation entitled “Together For Tomorrow” in November 2025 brought together residents, businesses, landowners, parish councils and experts to discuss practical approaches to reducing energy costs, improving resilience and protecting local environments.

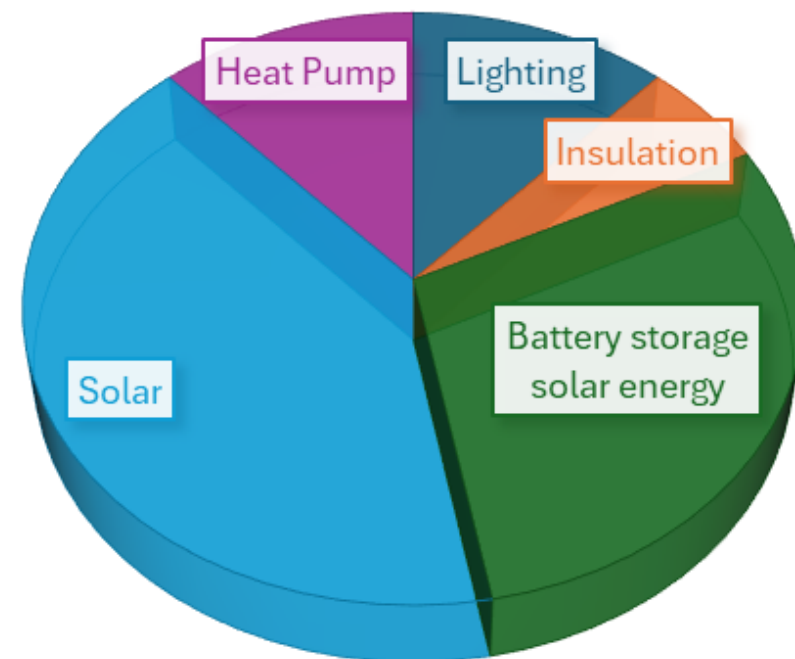
*These figures will be updated in September 2026 when the latest conversion factors become available.

Net Zero Villages

The Net Zero Villages Grant Scheme is a CPCA-provided fund aiming to help rural communities reduce their carbon footprint. A total of £257,376.60 was available for grant distribution, which ranged in amounts between £5,000 and £50,000.

The 11 successful applicants were located in: Yaxley, Great Staughton, Bluntisham, Little Paxton, Southoe, Fenstanton, Catworth, Great Gransden, Ramsey, Warboys and Stilton.

TACKLING ENERGY USE



Plus one project enabling access to public transport

Ongoing Project Monitoring

Monitoring will take place 12 months after completion and review:

- Reduction in carbon emissions.
- Reduction in energy consumption.
- Reduction in the running costs of community facilities.
- Improved access to public transport, local services, or active and low-carbon transport options.

Projects will be asked to provide qualitative and quantitative evidence where available, including energy bills, carbon savings estimates, user feedback, case studies, and examples of behaviour change or wider community benefits.

Annual Climate Conversation 2025-26 •

HDC hosted its third Annual Climate Conference on 5th November 2025. Over 120 people gathered to hear from a variety of keynote speakers, engage in workshops and attend question a panel of experts. There was a wide variety of stallholders from local energy companies to wildlife trusts, providing information, advice and giving out freebies – showcasing their work and contributions to the agenda.

