

## **One Walsall Clean Air Measures**

### VCS support services

Through our services, One Walsall supports a wide range of VCS groups and projects which help achieve the Board's Air Quality priority, including:

- Capacity building projects and groups which promote sustainable travel (e.g. bike recycling, cycling and walking programmes)
- Supporting residents to engage in volunteering opportunities which promote activities to enhance and protect the physical environment (e.g. community clean-ups, green spaces projects and active lifestyle programmes).
- Support and promote campaigns to raise awareness of environmental matters amongst residents (e.g. Friends of the Earth Walsall, Friends of Green Spaces groups).

### Internal practices

One Walsall has invested in new technology and developed organisational policies seeking to reduce our environmental impact:

- All staff are equipped with mobile working technology and our flexible working policy supports staff to work from any suitable location, reducing staff travel.
- Training and events delivered by One Walsall are held in community venues close to the target audience to ensure travel requirements are reduced for attendees.
- Where staff are working on community-specific projects we identify opportunities to co-locate within local venues to ensure minimal travel.
- Our Travel and Expenses Policy prohibits the use of personal vehicles for long journeys out of borough and incentivises travel by public transport.
- We aim for a paperless working practice and have invested in electronic information management and storage measures.
- We offer online support services to reduce the need for staff and customers to travel to meetings, and video/telephone conferencing is utilised for meetings where appropriate.
- We source local suppliers for goods and services to reduce carbon footprint.
- We are in discussion with Public Health to extend the pool bike offer to One Walsall staff to further support staff to reduce the need for travel by car for work-related journeys.