



Greener Working at Surrey & Sussex Police

We are committed to reducing our organisations carbon footprint, looking at ways we can become more sustainable – a responsibility we take seriously.

Within the police, we can do this by reducing waste, our energy consumption and water usage, increase our recycling, as well as encouraging biodiversity across our police sites.

Climate change will affect us all and we recognise that everyone who works for Sussex Police has a role to play in reducing our carbon footprint.

Small actions can lead to big outcomes.

We appreciate that for some, learning about climate change may feel overwhelming, where you may be thinking how does it impact policing and my role?

We have developed a video that provides an overview of what net zero is and why organisations across the world are making strides to achieve it, including us.

VIDEO: <https://vimeo.com/887303327/46df246649>

Patrick Hepple, Environmental and Sustainability Manager for Surrey & Sussex Police says, *“Climate change is more than just a challenge, it presents an incredible opportunity for all of us, including the way we police. It's a chance to make a real difference within Sussex Police. We have a fantastic opportunity to enhance our workplace, collaborate more effectively, and contribute to a healthier planet for us and the communities we serve.”*

Could you become a Green Champion for Surrey & Sussex Police?

Help us implement green change in the policing environment. You'll advocate for sustainability and support your colleagues by promoting and implementing environmentally friendly practices within the workplace.

Attending the 'Green Champion Group' once every three months, you'll feedback any learning and share any green ideas you may have.

We welcome your contribution, if you'd like to find out more, please email Environmental.Questions@sussex.police.uk.

What have we achieved so far?

We recognise that implementing change takes time, but we have made significant progress.

- We have consistently reduced our energy usage for the fourth year in a row across both forces.
- Since 2019, CO2 has been reduced by 20.2% in Sussex and 28.9% in Surrey.
- In 2023, we saw a huge CO2 reduction of 14% in Sussex and 16.2% in Surrey
- Both forces have transitioned from diesel to petrol, reduced estate size and are investing in new more sustainable technologies.
- Last year we saved £124,446 across both forces throughout the winter, which can reinvested in other areas of the forces.