

A Green and Pleasant Place

So do you stand with Donald Trump or with David Attenborough? An ideological rather than a political question, perhaps. Or perhaps not. One thing is clear. We have a problem on a global scale. There's nothing that we can do as individuals to combat the use of fossil fuels in China, India or other emerging super industrial nations

Or is there? Because if we all go on thinking like that, our planet as we know it is heading for catastrophic change.

Self-evidently, Riding Mill is known to be very green. By that, we normally mean that there are lots of trees. However, you will certainly have been party to the growing discussions around the opportunities which present themselves even in small communities to combat the threat of global warming. There are real ways in which a small place like Riding Mill can help take the lead in really going green in the ecological sense. The excellent news is, that a real start has been made:

We already have residents who have made their homes carbon neutral. The number of people buying electric cars is growing slowly but steadily. Solar panels are much in evidence throughout the village

There are a lot of people resident in our village who have real influence and whose opinions are listened to. We all have a route to the corridors of power through our elected politicians.

What would it take to make a place like Riding Mill carbon neutral? What would be the point of this? Does it matter? Would this have any Real effect? What can your Parish Council do help make things happen? . **Act local, think global**