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Bradford on Avon has launched several sustainable initiatives over the last few years. Here are the latest details on the current ones:

1. Solar panels on the roof of St Margaret’s Hall

Solar panels were attached to the roof of St Margaret’s Hall in 2019.

The Feed into Tariff (FIT) figures for 2023/24 has generated an income (or savings) of £2063 with the income (or savings) since installation in 2019 reaching an overall figure of £8,805.

This overall income is slightly behind the projected generated income suggested at the outset.

The carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) saved since installation, according to the Solarsense tally, is 37,400 tonnes.

2. Electric Vehicle Charging points

EB Charging Ltd who are responsible for the electric charging points in Bradford on Avon have changed their name to Blink Charging UK after acquisition by the US parent company. The announcement was made in April 2023. Currently, public vehicles are parking in the 2 charging spots blocking electric vehicles from using them a fair percentage of the time.

3. Low Energy Cooking Appliances

The town council has bought several low energy cooking appliances, namely 3 air fryers, a pressure cooker and a slow cooker.

Since the launch of the initiative in November 2023 the air fryer is proving to be the most popular with 9 hires and there is still a small waiting list of around 9 to borrow it who are or will be being approached. The other two appliances have had a small amount of interest but no waiting lists.

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#### 4. Electric Bike scheme

We've been promoting the council's e-bike – and we now have 10 people interested in borrowing it.

We're just finalising the practicalities of the scheme – and will be contacting the first person on the waiting list shortly to arrange for them to borrow the bike.