



Taking action on climate change in Sefton

Welcome back to Sefton Council's climate newsletter, an e-bulletin to highlight local news, events and actions you can take in support of the climate emergency response.

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Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme Phase

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It's recently been announced that the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority coordinated a joint application and have successfully secured funding via the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) totalling £30.5 million.

The funding will be used to decarbonise and upgrade 30 buildings across the Liverpool City Region, with Sefton Council receiving more than £5 million to upgrade several key buildings.

The work will focus on improving the building fabric, including insulation and glazing, as well as installing low carbon heating systems.

This external funding will help the Council reduce its carbon emissions as it strives to reach net zero by 2030.



The first of its kind, bespoke immersive experience room has launched in The Strand Shopping Centre, Bootle as part of a five-year programme to promote climate action within the local community.

The immersive room experience focuses on educating residents on energy-saving measures, sustainable transport, and emerging 'green' job opportunities.

Following the immersive experience, people can access advice and training on a range of climate-related topics, from retrofit schemes, cost-free lifestyle changes, to green jobs training opportunities.

Open every Wednesday from 10am – 3pm, people can find the immersive room in the HIVE unit next door to New Look in The Strand (76-80 The Strand Shopping Centre, Bootle, England, L20 4SR). No booking or payment is required to take part.

[Learn more](#)

Drought declared in the North West



The Environment Agency has declared drought status for the north-west of England following the driest start to spring in 69 years.

Reservoir storage levels in the region are also receding and are currently lower than they were at this time during the 1984, 1995 and 2022 drought years.

The recent rain, while welcome, is not enough to reverse the dry start to the year.

Andy Brown, Water Regulation Manager at the Environment Agency said:

"Drought is a naturally occurring phenomenon. As we see more impacts from climate change heavier rainfall and drier summers will become more frequent. This poses an enormous challenge over the next few decades."

[Learn more](#)

Bootle schoolchildren scoop national award for environmental project



Innovative pupils from a Bootle school have scooped a national prize for an invention to help tackle climate change.

Backed by Mayor Steve Rotheram's Community Environment Fund, the team from Kings Leadership Academy Hawthornes in Bootle won over judges with their 'Bouncepadz' idea which uses kinetic energy to convert footsteps into electricity in high traffic areas.

[Learn more](#)

Formby High 'Solar for Schools' Programme

Formby High is a pioneer of the 'Solar For Schools' programme, having rooftop solar panels installed and educating the children on sustainability, the environment, and job opportunities in renewable energy projects.

The solar panels at Formby High saved the school £4,000 in just four weeks.

The Government plans to expand rooftop solar to 200 more schools later this year, with investment through Great British Energy.

Save the date: upcoming climate campaigns



Great British Beach Clean – 19 to 28 September

Every September thousands of people across the UK head to the coast to take part in the Great British Beach Clean. Find out how you can get involved and how it helps.

[Great British Beach Clean | What you can do | Marine Conservation Society](#)

World Car Free Day – 22 September

22 September is World Car Free Day, when all around the world, towns and cities allow people to experience streets free of motor traffic as well as making travel easier for those who rely on private vehicles for health and mobility reasons.

[World Car Free Day](#)

Fairtrade Fortnight – 22 September to 5 October

Once again the UK will be celebrating the difference we can all make when we choose Fairtrade and campaign as part of the global fair trade movement.

[Fairtrade Fortnight - Fairtrade](#)

Get in touch!

We would love to hear from you and what you would like to see in our climate newsletter.

- Are there climate-related topics you would like to learn more about?
- Do you want to know more about the Council's climate work and targets?
- Would you like to stay up to date with climate-related events and schemes happening across the borough?

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