

Taking action on climate change in Sefton

Welcome back to Sefton's Climate Newsletter!

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Star pupil puts 'action' into Climate Action Plan

An Ainsdale school's effort to include the children in climate planning inspired a brilliant invention by one of its pupils.

While all schools need to have a Climate Action Plan under government guidance, Kings Meadow Primary School decided to go the extra mile by putting pupils' voices at the heart of their plan.

A suggestion to improve waste management led to a brand-new waste and recycling system, and the birth of the school's Waste Reduction Army to lead a 'War on Waste'.

After being made aware that Year 6 pupil Harrison Brisk had created hand-drawn artwork for the bins, the Southport Eco Centre worked with the youngster to create a professionally produced board game.

The Waste Reduction Army board game, a fun and educational spin on Snakes and Ladders, has now become part of the Eco Centre's education offering.

You could even see the game make an appearance at a school near you in the future...

RETHINK AND RISE THE WASTE REDUCTION ARMY GAME



EVEN THE SMALLEST PERSON
CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!

ANSWER A QUESTION TO
COMPLETE YOUR MISSION



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USE IT
AGAIN
RECRUIT!



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REDUCE
FIRST, REUSE
NEXT, REPAIR
IF YOU CAN!

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MEND
IT - DON'T
END IT!



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Heat records broken in the UK – again

The Met Office has said that this summer is set to be the hottest on record.

Summer 2026's heat is set to outdo 2025, which was the hottest year ever seen in the UK since detailed records began all the way back in

1884. Last year saw new records for both spring and summer heat that look likely to be broken immediately.

All 10 of the UK's hottest years on record have happened in the last two decades. With drier summers and wetter winters, trends show that our weather is changing significantly and extremes that used to be rare are now commonplace.

It's a reminder that climate change isn't just real; it's happening now. It also signals that we need to adapt how we live, which can help the planet and your pocket!

Here are some ideas:

- Insulate your home - it can actually help keep you cool in heatwaves and warmer in winter – and help you save money reducing fuel bills or expensive air conditioning.
- No cost tip: if it's warmer outside keep windows closed, open them at night when air is cooler and cover windows during hot days to block solar heat.
- If you have some money spare, consider getting a water butt to collect rainwater for your garden. They start from around £30, but can end up saving you money.
- Avoid paving over your garden; keep grass or gravel to help absorb heavy rainfall to reduce your risk of local flooding. Paved areas can exceed 50°C in direct sun when air temperatures are in the mid-30s, posing severe burn risks to bare feet and pet paws. They absorb heat during the day and release it slowly at night – which is why cities are hotter than greener areas.

Our climate newsletters will continue explaining what we're doing to do our bit – but it'll take a massive collective effort to help turn things around.

Here's what the Met Office are saying



Success for young Active Travel champions

Maghull's Summerhill Primary School has won a region-wide competition aimed at celebrating active travel.

Active Travel is all about using non-motorised forms of transport for local journeys. Walking, cycling and wheeling are all ways to get from A to B in a way that's low on emissions and high on activity levels.

Summerhill Primary School is one of the schools currently benefitting from Sefton Council's School Streets plan, which reduces congestion around school gates and encourages various methods of getting to and from school.

Pupils were invited to a special Liverpool City Region event where they, along with pupils from four other schools, took part in activities and discussed how to make it easier for families to go to school without needing the car.

The Summerhill Primary School entry wowed the judges with its creative message, which landed them the title of competition winners. A massive well done to everyone involved!

Read about the Walking, Wheeling and Cycling event



Suggest an Electric Vehicle Charging Point

EV charging point selection, powered by you

Here's an update on developing news we covered in the last edition of the Newsletter.

It's now easier than ever to suggest where Sefton Council should install public electric vehicle (EV) charging points.

With EV use becoming more and more popular, the Council's Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy aims to make it possible for everyone in the Borough to have access to a charging point.

Government funding will support delivery of these charging points, with priority given to areas which have less provision already.

You can help us find the best places to put these charging points with the help of a geospatial mapping tool.

In simple terms, you can go to Your Sefton Your Say (by clicking the button below this article), scroll to the link at the bottom of the page and use an interactive map to put a marker exactly where you think a charging point should go.

You'll be able to do this for the rest of the year, but why not get started now? And keep an eye on the Climate Newsletter for future updates about the Strategy.



Going green at events is more than just an act

Sefton is getting involved in a new phase of an ambitious plan to slash carbon emissions in the live events sector.

The Vision for Sustainable Events group, which is the green forum for the UK's festival and events industry, has created a Green Events Code of Practice.

It sets out a standard for event organisers and hosts to practice sustainable methods of putting on events. That means everything from using renewable power sources to eliminating single-use plastic or having dedicated food waste facilities.

Their aim is to have halved carbon emissions in the industry by 2030.

Sefton, which proudly hosts such great events as the Salt and Tar Music Weekender (held this year at Lock and Quay) and the Southport Flower Show, joins the initiative in its second phase.

[Learn more about the Green Events Code](#)

Green Awareness Days Coming Up

Recycle Week

Monday 14th September to Sunday 20th September

A celebration of all things recycling, organised by the Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP). This year gives extra focus to the new simpler recycling that's available around the country, including right here in Sefton.

Screening event: The People's Emergency Briefing

Wednesday 30th September, 7pm at St Lukes Church, Crosby

A free screening of the People's Emergency Briefing, a film that discusses the environmental challenges facing our communities and encourages discussion. All our welcome at the event – just click the button below.

COP 31

Monday 9th November to Friday 20th November

The 2026 United Nations Climate Change Conference, or Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC - better known as COP - heads to Antalya in Türkiye.

[Events](#)

Quiz time!

Thanks for reading the latest edition of the Climate Newsletter.

Here's a quick quiz question - click the right answer to read more about the amazing opportunities on offer for children at the Eco Centre, which provides interactive and inspiring lessons. Schools and colleges can contact the Eco Centre right now to enquire about making a visit.

Where is the Eco Centre?

A: Crosby

B: Maghull

C: Southport

We'd love to hear from you!

What climate news or information would you like to hear about in the next newsletter?

- What the Council's doing to save energy
- Small steps you can take to make a difference
- More details about ongoing projects

Email the Climate Team

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