



# Taking action on climate change in Sefton

## Welcome back to Sefton's Climate Newsletter

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**Seeing out the year in style**

## **A warm welcome to our November edition of the Climate Newsletter!**

For our final newsletter of the year, we're looking back at what's happened this year, checking in on the big climate headlines, and looking ahead to some days worth remembering.

Learn more about how Sefton Council has saved energy and money this year, plus how we're helping people across the Borough do the same.

It has been another important year for our response to the climate emergency, as you'll see in the first news item...



### **Climate Annual Report shows positive change for Sefton**

Imagine an average car travelling 28.3 MILLION kilometres - if it went at 60mph, it'd take over three decades! That car would emit around 4,838 tonnes of carbon dioxide, which is how much Sefton Council has reduced its emissions by since 2019.

Rather than just preaching the importance of low-energy alternatives, the Council is leading the way with a number of green projects.

That includes adding solar panels to buildings, installing LED-powered streetlights and creating dedicated climate training for staff. It's all part of an ambitious goal of being carbon net zero by 2030.

**Cllr Mhairi Doyle said about the news:** “We’re making good progress towards this goal, with key projects continuing into next year. We will continue to make a difference and provide hope to the next generation.”

[Here are all the details](#)



**TURN IT DOWN**



Using heating controls can save around 8% of the energy costs

Take Action On CLIMATE CHANGE 

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## Learn about our energy-saving campaign!

To work towards its goal of reducing carbon emissions, Sefton Council’s Energy and Environmental Management team has been handing out advice to staff in a weekly campaign.

The Think, Act, Save campaign focuses on no-cost actions that reduce energy and water use both at work and in the home. Examples of handy tips include closing the blinds, turning all light switches off after leaving the room and shutting doors to keep the heat in.

Here’s another one for you – check out the below article on appliances that use the most electricity. There are some helpful pointers on how to bring the usage and bills down!

[Learn more](#)



# KEEP WARM KEEP WELL EVENT

## Healthy Green Homes team supports 'Keep Warm, Keep Well' events

If you're interested in meeting others, enjoying free entertainment and getting advice on everything from heating your home to staying fit, we have the perfect thing for you!

The first 'Keep Warm, Keep Well' event is from 10:30am to 12:30pm on Monday November 10th at the Beaconsfield Club in Bootle. That's followed by another event at the same time a week later (November 17th) at The Atkinson in Southport.

'Keep Warm, Keep Well' events are aimed at older members of the community. If that's not you, spread the word to friends, family or neighbours who might be interested!

The Healthy Green Homes Team can be found every Wednesday 10am-3pm in The Hive, Bootle Strand Shopping Centre, where they offer guidance, support with applying for grants, providing access to further services, and more.

[Read all about it!](#)



## News from around the world

### **COP30 – what does it mean for us?**

COP30, the UN's latest climate change conference, takes place between Monday November 10th and Friday November 21st. This year's conference is in Belem, the Brazilian city known as the 'gateway' to the vital and endangered Amazon rainforest.

Representatives from nations that signed the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (including the UK) will meet to discuss how nations are acting on pledges made at COP29 in Baku last year.

[Read more](#)

### **Met Office declares warmest summer on record**

While we all enjoy warm summer days, the news that this summer was the UK's warmest ever on record sends a concerning message.

The Met Office said that the mean temperature between June to August was 16.1°C (degrees Celsius). That exceeds every other summer going back as far as 1884.

**Head of climate attribution at the Met Office, Dr Mark McCarthy, said:** “In the current climate we could expect to see these sorts of summers roughly 1 in every 5 years.”

[Read the full story](#)

### **At least 2°C of global warming expected to hit UK**

The Climate Change Committee, a group of independent advisers, have told the government that the UK climate might experience at least 2°C of warming by 2050.

Such an increase would significantly affect the UK’s weather, with extreme events like heatwaves and flooding becoming more likely. Areas like Sefton’s large and arid dune system could also be at greater risk of wildfires.

It follows news reported earlier this year that the increase in carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) found in the atmosphere hit a new high between 2023 and 2024.

[Read the full story](#)



## Environmental awareness days for your calendar

COP30 isn't the only important event starting soon, as you can see below...

### **Switch Off Fortnight – Monday 10th to Sunday 23rd November**

This nationwide campaign is aimed at schools – but we can all take part! By switching off all lights and appliances that aren't in use, we can save a lot of electricity in just two weeks.

[Check out this bright idea](#)

### **World Sustainable Transport Day – Wednesday 26th November**

Hop on a bike, board the bus or take the train – 26th November is a day to think about sustainable transport solutions!

[Get on board here](#)

### **Veganuary – January 2026**

Could trying vegan alternatives for a month save energy? The meat industry is one of the biggest contributors to carbon emissions – so a collective effort to cut down even for a month could make a difference.

[Tuck into Veganuary](#)



## We're dreaming of a green Christmas...

No matter what you choose to eat, many of us like to indulge at Christmas, which can lead to unnecessary food waste. Here's a detailed guide on food planning from Love Food Hate Waste that you might find useful.

[Love Food, Hate Waste](#)

If you end up with leftovers, here are some ideas on how to make the most of them...

[Leftover tips](#)

## Help us get ready for 2026!

We hope you've enjoyed reading this newsletter, and we'd love to know - what would you like to hear more about in the next one? For example:

- What the Council is doing to be more sustainable
- Advice on how you can save money

- Interesting facts and stats about the climate

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