

Welcome to Sefton's first Climate Newsletter 🤝

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You said, we did!

Last summer, the Council ran a public climate consultation where we gathered residents' views and opinions on the climate emergency and the Council's work.

A key takeaway was the desire for more information sharing on what the Council is doing, how residents can save energy at home, and how we can reduce our carbon footprint.

And so we have created our first climate-specific email newsletter! The newsletters will be shared quarterly, with the next edition coming in January 2024.

Without further ado, let's get into it!



What is 'Climate Change'?

Climate change is the term to describe the long-term shifts in weather patterns and temperatures.

Since the mid-1800s, humans have contributed to the release of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases into the air. This causes global temperatures to rise, resulting in long-term changes to the climate.

What is the Council doing?

In July 2019 Sefton Council declared a Climate Emergency. In declaring a Climate Emergency, it was agreed the Council is committed to reducing carbon emissions and resolves to go further than the UK100 Agreement ([learn more about this here](#)).

The Council also agreed to act in line with the scientific consensus that we must reduce emissions to net zero by 2030.

by 2030, and therefore commits to:

- Make the Council's activities net-zero carbon by 2030
- Ensure that all strategic decisions are in line with a shift to zero carbon by 2030
- Achieve 100% clean energy across Sefton Council's full range of functions by 2030

More information on climate change in Sefton can be found by clicking below:

Sefton Climate Emergency



Climate Emergency Annual Report 2022-23

The Council have shared the latest annual report for 2022-23 which highlights the progress made towards our ambitious net zero 2030 target.

The document reports that:

- **Emissions have reduced by 748 tonnes (7%)** in the last year
- Since 2019, there has been a **2,036 tonne reduction** in emissions, which is a **18% decrease**
- As of April 2023, all electricity used by the Council is now generated from **100% renewable sources**
- **3,000 school children** received climate related education from the teaching team at the Eco Centre in Southport
- Over **200 homes** in the borough had energy-saving solar panels and battery storage installed, thanks to the Liverpool City Region's Solar Together project
- Several domestic retrofit programmes were delivered across the region which **increased the energy efficiency** of local homes and helped residents **save money** on heating bills

While we are proud of what has been achieved so far, we recognise there is still a long way to go.

You can read the full annual report by clicking below:

Sefton Climate Emergency Plan | Annual Report 2022-2023





Solar Together is back!

The Liverpool City Region project, Solar Together, is back for residents in Sefton.

Launched in 2022, the scheme aims to help home-owners to buy solar panels and battery storage at lower prices, helping to cut energy costs while also reducing carbon emissions.

There is also an option to have electric vehicle charging points fitted.

It is free to register and there is no obligation to go ahead with an installation. To find out more, head to:

[Solar Together | Sefton](#)



Bootle Climate Action Festival returned for its second year

Over 400 people came along to the event, ran by social enterprise [Regenerus](#), which was hosted at Salt and Tar, Bootle Canalside.

The purpose of the festival is to bring local people together to highlight the global climate emergency and how we can all live more sustainably.

The festival featured exhibitions, displays and demonstrations on 'green' topics including recycling well, saving energy, healthy eating and cutting down food waste, growing your own food and shopping local, and how to make useful new things out of old plastic.

Find out more about the event by clicking below:

[My Sefton News](#)



Get in touch!

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

• Are there climate-related topics you would like to learn more

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- 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?

[Email the Climate Team](#)

Stay up to date

To make sure you don't miss any climate-related news, be sure to check our Climate webpages!

Here you can find out what events are happening, both globally and locally, the different projects we're working on, and what schemes are available to Sefton residents.

www.sefton.gov.uk/climate

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