



Taking action on climate change in Sefton

Welcome to the third issue of 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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Award-winning Retrofit Team



Last month, the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA) was awarded Best Local Authority Led Retrofit Project by "The Retrofit Academy" for its work on Sustainable Warmth.

Retrofit is the process of adding new materials, products and technologies into an existing building to reduce the energy needed, which in turn can lower heating costs.

Sustainable Warmth, the updated Fuel Poverty Strategy for England, sets out how we will tackle fuel poverty, while at the same time decarbonising buildings, so that those in fuel poverty are not left behind on the move to net zero.

One resident who thanks to the project was able to switch from liquid petroleum gas to an air source heat pump commented:

"I wouldn't entertain gas after this, it feels like we live in a different house now."

With an air source heat pump, people are able to set the

temperature in the property and it keeps the property at that temperature as opposed to turning the heating on when you need it.

The award is a fantastic recognition of the work we have undertaken and what has been achieved so far.

Sefton Council's Retrofit Team work closely with LCRCA colleagues and are proud to have supported this project. A big well done to all involved!

Sustainable Sefton Event Success



In March, over 30 accommodation providers from Sefton attended an event at the Waterfront Hotel in Southport to take up support from Sustainable Sefton.

Thanks to funding from the UK Government and in partnership with InvestSefton, environmental consultants Groundwork kickstarted a new programme of activity aimed at supporting businesses primarily in the town centres of Southport, Bootle, Crosby and Maghull with their sustainability credentials.

Sustainable Sefton will provide funded sustainability support to 60 businesses from the hospitality and retail sectors over the next 12 months, all of which will be supported by Groundwork consultants to develop a bespoke sustainability action plan.

[Read more](#)

Adopting a Climate Logo



In our previous newsletter we shared our 'climate stripes' and the rationale behind the decision to adopt visual representations of the climate related work being carried out.

And now, we're pleased to share the climate logo that will be rolled out across the Council

...and across the Council.

We believe a small act can have a big impact, and a climate logo can help to increase focus and awareness of the Council's climate commitment within the organisation and beyond.

Have Your Say On Coastal Erosion



There is a public consultation underway on Crosby Interim Coastal Defences and people are encouraged to have their say on the plans to protect coastal paths.

The consultation specifically focuses on the King Charles III coastal walking path and a national cycling route which is at risk of being washed away.

People can find out more and have their say at:

[Your Sefton Your Say](#)

Community Environment Fund



Liverpool City Region Combined Authority has announced a third year of funding for the Community Environment Fund.

The Combined Authority is looking to support community environment projects in order to raise awareness of the climate emergency, start to mitigate its effects and increase engagement and participation in environmental projects.

Green projects from across the Liverpool City Region can now apply for grants of up to £30,000 for initiatives that encourage long-term behavioural change, while improving the city region's environment and safeguarding its green spaces.

The fund has already supported 92 local environmental projects including community gardens, bikes for veterans, beekeeping and food growing initiatives.

[Find out more](#)

World Environment Day



Led by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and held annually on 5 June since 1973, World Environment Day is the largest global platform for environmental public outreach and is celebrated by millions of people across the world.

The campaign for 2024 focuses on drought, land degradation and desertification. Using the hashtag #GenerationRestoration, the campaign calls for governments, businesses, communities and individuals to give nature a helping hand and forge a more sustainable world for generations to come.

A helpful and practical guide has been produced that offers simple steps to making a positive difference:

[UNEP Practical Guide](#)

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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