



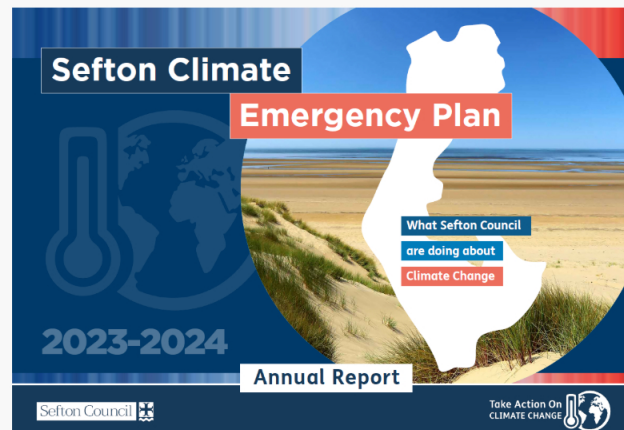
# Taking action on climate change in Sefton

Welcome to the fourth 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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## Climate Emergency Annual Report 2023-24



The Council has published its fourth Climate Emergency Annual Report documenting the work and progress made towards the Council's ambitious net zero 2030 target.

Since 2019, when the Council began to track its emissions, there has been a 4,701 tonne reduction in total emissions, which represents a 41% decrease.

Emissions have continued to reduce every year with 2023-24 achieving a reduction of 29%, almost double the previous year's decrease.

Learn more about what has been achieved this past year by reading the full report:

[Climate Emergency Annual Report 2023-24](#)

## **Salt and Tar Sustainable Values**



Salt and Tar is a multi use outdoor event venue on Bootle's canal side. Through the delivery of events, culture, music and art, it is striving to be the key catalyst to the town's wider regeneration project symbolising change and hope for the community.

The venue aims to incorporate sustainable values into how they operate.

So far, Salt and Tar have established the below list of processes and ways of working while continuing to seek sustainable options across all operations.

- Introduced an onsite compost for naturally fuelling the urban planters
- Bunting decoration used at the venue was hand sewn by In Another Place volunteers and created from second hand materials
- Prioritised social value as a key factor when procuring contractors to ensure all staff are local and use public transport where possible such as Logika Security, Sound City, Event Cntl, Big Comedy UK
- Local supply chain encouraged by using local food and drink traders and market makers
- Waste management managed by Sefton Council's in house cleansing team recycling waste where possible
- Promoting the great public transport connections for visitors to get to Salt and Tar and working with Merseyrail to support us on social media campaign

[Learn more about Salt and Tar](#)

## **Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme**

The Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme is Government-led and provides grants for public sector bodies to fund heat decarbonisation and energy efficiency measures.

The Liverpool City Region (LCR) has secured funding which will allow two buildings in Sefton to benefit from the scheme.

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Further information will become available as the scheme progresses over the next year.

## **Free Trees for Schools and Communities**



The Woodland Trust is giving away hundreds of thousands of trees to UK schools and communities.

Applicants are able to apply for the following tree packs: hedge, copse, wild harvest, year-round colour, working wood, wild wood, wildlife and urban trees.

The scheme is currently taking applications for tree packs to be delivered in March 2025.

[Learn more](#)

## **Upcoming Climate Awareness Events**



### **Zero Waste Week, 2 - 6 September**

#ZeroWasteWeek is an award-winning, grassroots annual awareness campaign that takes place online and on-the-ground.

It helps householders, businesses, organisations, schools, universities and community groups reduce landfill waste and save money, preserve resources and protect the environment.

[Learn more](#)

## The Great British Beach Clean – 20th to 29th September 2024

The Great British Beach Clean encourages thousands of people across the UK to head to the coast to help clean up our beaches. During this time, hundreds of beach cleans will take place up and down the UK. Data from the litter collected then helps drive the Marine Conservation Society's conservation work.

Keep an eye out on social media for Green Sefton hosted events during the week.

[Find out more](#)

## 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.

[Learn more about the day and how you can get involved](#)

## 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?

[Email the Climate Team](#)

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