



Taking action on climate change in Sefton

Welcome back to Sefton's Climate Newsletter

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New year, same us!

Hello, and thank you for reading the first Climate Newsletter of 2026!

Last year was another fantastic one for our energy-saving efforts, as we took another step closer to being Net Zero by 2030.

Even though we're already nearly quarter of the way through the year, there is plenty yet to come.

Read ahead to learn about wonderful winter work, key dates that are just around the corner, and an important landmark for Sefton sustainability.



Winters warmed by Healthy Green Homes team

As the sun comes back out and we head into spring, the worst of the cold weather is hopefully behind us.

Throughout a long and chilly winter, our Healthy Green Homes team has been hard at work, helping 250 residents.

The team lends a hand in many ways, whether it's suggesting cost-cutting measures, helping those in energy debt and securing funding through grants.

101 boilers were replaced or repaired. That saved 22.2 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions - which is the same as **70 transatlantic flights!**

The team's efforts don't stop now the days are warming up. If you need advice, or know someone who does, the team is in the Hive at Bootle Strand between 10am and 3pm every Wednesday!

[Learn more about Healthy Green Homes here](#)

**GOODBYE
STANDBY**

Appliances left on standby can still use up to 50% of the energy required to operate

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We thought, we acted, we saved

In the last edition, we told you all about the Think, Act, Save campaign - which was all about Sefton Council staff taking small steps to cut down on energy use.

We're already seeing the benefits. For example, the Meadows Leisure Centre had a whopping 12% drop in electricity use from October to December 2025, compared to the same period in 2024. A combination of energy-saving measures and improvements to the centre's solar array has snipped over £6,000 from the energy bills.

Bootle Town Hall and Formby Library saw a reduction in electricity use between October and December as well. A combined reduction of around 11,000kWH (the equivalent of keeping an LED light bulb switched on for 1,500 years) meant that energy bills were around £1,000 lower than in the last three months of 2024.

We're going to continue thinking of ways to limit energy use. If you'd like to know what you can do at home or at work, just click the button

below!

How can I help?



Here come food waste collections!

The first 9,000 food waste caddies **have arrived in Sefton** as the country gears up towards regular collections.

From later this year, Sefton households will be able to put out food waste for weekly collection. And why's that good for the environment? It means that food waste turns into something extremely useful.

The waste will go to a facility where it'll be anaerobically digested and turned into natural energy sources. One great example is biogas, which can be used for fuel or fertiliser.

It also means cutting down on methane production from food waste being taken away with general rubbish. Keep an eye out for more news

soon!

Here's all the info on food waste



Update from our Bereavement Services team

Energy-saving can happen everywhere, and Sefton Council's Bereavement Services team is one example.

The team's top priority is helping families through loss with care and compassion. At the same time, they've worked on ways to help the service run efficiently.

Huge improvements mean that key machinery is using less power and operating for a shorter time. Little changes like turning off lights and switching off televisions when no services are on have also brought down electricity use.

Thanks to the Bereavement Services team for sharing an update and showing us that anyone can become even more efficient at work.

Green Awareness Days Coming Up

Great British Spring Clean

Friday 13 March to Sunday 29 March

It's the 11th Great British Spring Clean. Organised by Keep Britain Tidy, the event encourages volunteers to get involved in litter-picking activities. More than 462,000 bags of litter were collected last year!

Keep an eye on Sefton Council's news and social media pages for details on how you can get involved.

Global Recycling Day

Thursday 18 March

Before the Great British Spring Clean starts, Global Recycling Day is a chance to consider how we can protect the circular economy and fight climate change.

Earth Day

Wednesday 22 April

Since its first inception in 1970, Earth Day has been a global movement dedicated to celebrating climate action. How will you mark the day?



MySefton News

Quiz time!

Our School Eco Savers League is a fun and friendly way for Sefton schools to showcase all the wonderful work they're doing for the environment. Each school earns points after sending an update each term, and awards will be presented in September.

This newsletter's question is: **how many key areas of action are used to help schools earn points?**

Click the right answer to learn more about the School Eco Savers League!

A: Seven

B: Eight

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

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