

Events

04/03/26

LancsCAN 3rd Forum

University of Cumbria,
Lancaster Campus

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17/03/26 - 2-4PM

24/03/26 - 10-12AM

**Planetary resilience
through community
transformation**

17/03/26 - in person

University of Lancashire,
Preston Campus

24/03/26 - Teams

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**LANCASHIRE COMMUNITY
CLIMATE ACTION FORUM 2026**

4 MARCH | 9AM - 4.30PM
UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA | LANCASTER

Together, let us mobilise community voices
and ensure that climate action is shaped by
and for the people who live here in Lancashire



Reserve your place to
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sustainable Lancashire
for future generations



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Local Nature and Recovery Strategy 2026

The Lancashire Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) was published on 16th January 2026. This strategy was prepared in accordance with the Environment (Local Nature Recovery Strategies) (Procedure) Regulations 2023 and took into account the results of a public consultation held in August 2025. The LNRS aims to halt and reverse local biodiversity loss, support thriving species populations, conserve natural resources, and provide wider environmental and societal benefits for Lancashire residents and visitors. The strategy is made up of two main elements: a statement of biodiversity priorities and a local habitat map, which together set out how and where action can be taken to enhance and connect habitats across Lancashire. [Link to website and publication.](#)

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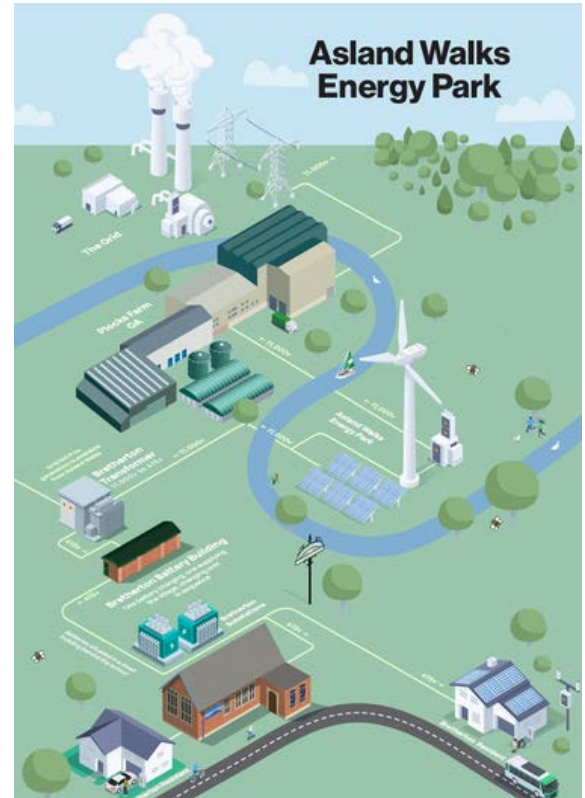


Asland Walks Energy Park

Project Overview

The Asland Walks Energy Park is a 100-acre development situated on Bretherton’s western edge. The proposed site features a balanced approach to renewable energy and ecological benefits:

- **Renewable Infrastructure:** A single 110m-high wind turbine, 30 acres of solar panels, and battery storage.
- **Environmental Commitment:** Approximately 60 acres will be dedicated to a habitat bank for ground-nesting birds such as curlews, lapwings, and skylarks.
- **Carbon Reduction:** The site is expected to offset 7,000 tonnes of carbon emissions annually, the equivalent of removing 500 petrol cars from the road.



Benefits to the Bretherton Community

This project is unique in its direct benefit to local community through the Bretherton Energy Co-op:

- **Discounted Energy Supply:** 5% of the power generated will be provided for use by residents and local businesses, at no cost. This is applied directly to bills as a discount, this supply is estimated to cover twice the village's current total energy usage. GA will use the remainder to cover a large amount of its requirements.
- **Financial Reinvestment:** Any surplus energy not supplied to the community will be sold to GA, or the Grid, with the unused proportion of the estimated £129,000 total annual value of the 5% used for community benefit projects, with potentially funds available to other local communities outside the village.
- **Local Amenities:** The plan includes a visitor centre, knowledge boards regarding local heritage and wildlife, and maintained access routes for the public to enjoy walks along the adjacent river and canal, so further communities can also benefit.



Asland Walks Energy Park (continued...)

Planning and Engagement

We have taken significant steps to ensure this project aligns with community interests and environmental standards. The University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) conducted an 8-month study that showed resident support for the Co-op's governance. Furthermore, our planning application to Chorley Council is supported by 26 different studies and risk assessments.

We believe the Asland Walks Energy Park serves as a model for how businesses and communities can work together to achieve energy independence and environmental stewardship.

Further information is also found at <https://brethertonenergy.co.uk/>

Call to Action

If you are interested in showing support for the Asland Walks Energy Park Project please provide an email showing support to dcon@chorley.gov.uk Chorley Council referencing 25/01256/FULMAJ



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Perspectives and Early-Stage Discussion: Planetary Resilience Through Community Transformation

We invite you to join us at a workshop to bring various stakeholder perspectives into early-stage discussions about some future research funding proposals that we are preparing at the University of Lancashire.

The proposals are being coordinated by the University's Institute for Planetary Resilience and Community Transformation (PACT). They will bring together academic experts from multiple disciplines, including social science, engineering, computing, environmental and natural science, in order to address complex real-world issues that require transdisciplinary insights for solutions.

Your participation will help shape and refine the proposals so that they address the most critical 'real world' questions and pursue outcomes that will be of best practical use.

Please **[register via the Microsoft Forms link](#)**. There will be two workshops:

- in-person, 2-4pm, Tuesday 17 March, at our Preston campus
- online, 10-12am, Tuesday 24 March, via Teams.

The wide theme for the discussions is 'planetary resilience through community transformation' and how increased resilience across environmental, social and economic systems can be pursued through engaging and working with local communities in a variety of ways. We will set out a number of broad propositions on which we would like your thoughts. We will also discuss ways in which you might possibly get involved in the proposals as we progress. Please see the attached sheet for further thoughts behind the work.