

Newsletter Summary



[LancsCAN Youth Feature](#)



[Lunch & Learn: Nature Town - Blackpool \(Event\)](#)



[Local Power for a Brighter Tomorrow - Community Energy Preston \(Job Opportunity\)](#)



[Healthy Outdoors Guide \(Call to Action\)](#)



[FCMS Sustainability Updates](#)



[Youth Climate Action Fund – Supporting Youth-Led Climate Action in Blackpool \(Call to Action\)](#)



[LCRIG Innovation and Learning Festival - Low-Carbon Construction Material Exhibition](#)



[Trawden Community Wildlife Group](#)



[St Bede's Catholic High School: Circular Futures](#)



[Community Rail Lancashire Supports North West School Sustainability Conference](#)

Events

03/07/26 - 9:30AM - 4:30PM

Morecambe Bay Curriculum Annual Conference 2026

Great Hall, Lancaster University

[Event information](#)

16/07/26 - 12:30PM - 1:30PM

Lunch & Learn: Nature Town - Blackpool

Online

[Get Tickets here](#)

LancsCAN Youth Section

ARE YOU A YOUNG PERSON WHO
WANTS TO MAKE AN IMPACT ON
LOCAL CLIMATE ACTION?



LancsCAN Youth Newsletter

Hello from LancsCAN Youth!

Throughout June, we have been continuing to focus on our 'Youth Empowerment for Local Climate Action in Blackpool' project, in collaboration with the Boingboing Foundation. Workshops are starting at the end of June and will continue for the next few months so please don't hesitate to reach out if you'd like to be involved! Just as a reminder, the workshops are open to Blackpool-based young people aged 11-25, and are designed to provide young people with a welcoming space to develop skills and share their perspectives on local climate action. We also welcome support from organisations who are interested in the project as we're always looking to build new connections!

Following our mid-year review in May, we have also spent some time developing our plans for the next few months. We are particularly keen to recruit new LancsCAN Youth members in the coming months, so please reach out if you know any young people aged 18-25 in Lancashire who may wish to join our group!

If you have any questions about LancsCAN Youth or our current project with Boingboing, please reach out to Maya via lcymayal@zohomail.eu. We would love to hear from you!

Local News and Updates



Lunch & Learn: Nature Town - Blackpool

This month we will be hearing from community groups in Blackpool about the work they are doing to help the planet. We will also be hearing from the Blackpool Greenwave team, which is part of the Nature Towns and Cities Programme helping Blackpool become a new Nature Town.

As always there will be opportunities for Q&A, and for networking and sharing your news at the end of the presentation.

Our Lunch & Learn events are designed to allow members to showcase what they're doing, spread the word about upcoming opportunities, and support peer-to-peer learning. We also hope they will strengthen the network through interaction and help build the LancsCAN community. If you would like to get involved in future events, please contact the LancsCAN volunteers.

Book tickets here: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/lancashireclimateactionnetwork/2283445>

Photo by [Mark Mc Neill](#) on [Unsplash](#)



COMMUNITY ENERGY

Local Power for a Brighter Tomorrow - Community Energy Preston

Community Energy Preston has launched its new website, showcasing our mission to bring community-owned renewable energy to the city. Anyone interested can now sign up for updates, become a member, and follow our progress as we prepare for our first major project: installing solar panels at Preston College, with a community share offer launching this September.

We're also recruiting a part-time Project Coordinator to help drive this work forward. If you know someone passionate about community energy, climate action, or local engagement, please share the role with them - we'd love to hear from applicants who want to help shape Preston's clean-energy future.

Visit the new site, join the movement, or explore the job role at: 

<https://communityenergypreston.co.uk/>

Link to the Project Coordinator role at:  [Project Coordinator - CEP](#)

Local News and Updates



Healthy Outdoors Guide

In recent years, the UK’s major health and environmental strategies have increasingly recognised that access to nature is important for good health.

The 2025 Environmental Improvement Plan includes a landmark commitment: the development of a Standard Evaluation Framework for assessing the health impacts of outdoor interventions.

Natural England has worked with cross government partners from the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Sport England, Active Travel England and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. A wider stakeholder advisory group has also contributed valuable insight from the public health, environmental, voluntary and community sectors.

The result of this collaboration is the Healthy Outdoors guide – a practical resource designed to encourage more consistent measurement of the impact of outdoor interventions on people’s health and wellbeing.

The Healthy Outdoors guide is a practical tool designed for a range of organisations including government, the voluntary and community sector, the NHS, academia, evaluators, funders, and the private sector. It helps organisations to identify appropriate measures and principles that can help ensure evaluations are consistent, robust, and focused on health outcomes.

We would like to hear from people who have used the Healthy Outdoors guide so that we can monitor impact and to support future improvements to the guide. Please consider providing feedback on your use of this guide through this online form: [**Healthy Outdoors Guide-User feedback – Fill out form**](#) by Friday 24th July.

Website and Guide can be found here:

[**https://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/5520022657826816**](https://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/5520022657826816)

Local News and Updates

CHRISTMAS TREE PLANTING

2026



FCMS Sustainability Updates

Here at FCMS, we have an organisation wide group of Green Champions who are keen to get involved and help out the community with carbon reduction and sustainability activities. With this in mind, we thought we would share some ideas of things we have already been up to, in case any other organisations are feeling a little overwhelmed of where to start.

World Environment Day: Every June we make sure to champion the message of World Environment Day, but this year we wanted to make an impact and therefore ran two separate campaigns. The first (on World Environment Day, 6th June 2026), we had an organisational **No Print Day**. With this, we sent communications out to all of our locations asking them, to not print anything and had our Green Champions to support this at their locations. We had some really great feedback from our Champions of printing attempts that they intervened, and also some printers that we realise we don't actually need anymore – so all in all a great success and something we want to continue going forward and collect some impact data on.

The second campaign was a donation box for **The Big Food Project - The Big Food Project – Fighting Hunger and Feeding Hope**, a charity based across Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre aiming to bridge the gap between food waste, and food poverty. We encouraged all staff to take a look through their cupboards for any non-perishable foods that they would be willing to donate. This was a great success something we want to continue to support.

Local News and Updates



FCMS Sustainability Updates

We have also participated in the Fylde Coast Sand Dunes Project in St Annes for the past 2 years to restore natural defences against flooding on our beaches **Fylde Sand Dunes Project | The Wildlife Trust for Lancashire Manchester and North Merseyside**, local litter picks, and created our own wildflower garden at one of our sites.

Step by step, we are doing our bit to reduce carbon and promote sustainability. We would love to be informed of any ideas, ways that we can help or get involved with any other local groups, activities or learnings – please feel free to get in touch: amelia.anyon@nhs.net

Sustainability & Carbon Reduction Report FCMS

Local News and Updates



Youth Climate Action Fund – Supporting Youth-Led Climate Action in Blackpool

The Youth Climate Action Fund, delivered by Bloomberg Philanthropies, is empowering young people to lead climate-focused projects across 300 cities globally, including Blackpool, enabling them to take meaningful action in their local communities.

The fund provides small grants for youth-led initiatives that address environmental challenges and climate change. Projects must take place within Blackpool, but young people who live, study, or work in Blackpool - even if they live just outside the area - are still eligible to get involved.

A key element of the programme is that young people must be supported by a partner organisation (such as a school, college, community group, or third-sector organisation). This organisation will act as a sponsor for the duration of the project, receiving and distributing the funding, and providing guidance and support to help bring ideas to life. Young people may already be connected with an organisation or can link up with one as part of their project development. Additional support and guidance is also available from council staff throughout the process.

We welcome a wide range of project ideas. While all projects should contribute towards climate action, we are particularly keen to support initiatives where climate impact is a co-benefit - for example projects focused on education, public health, community wellbeing, or mental health that also deliver positive environmental outcomes.

Call to action: If you work with young people or know individuals aged 15-24 who are passionate about making a difference, we'd love to hear from you. There will be drop-in sessions throughout July – September across the Town to learn more and gain support for your application. Please get in touch at climate@blackpool.gov.uk to learn more.

Local News and Updates



LCRIG Innovation and Learning Festival - Low-Carbon Construction Material Exhibition

This month we had the pleasure of exhibiting our innovative low-carbon construction material at the LCRIG Innovation and Learning Festival. We are diverting clinical waste from incineration and transforming it into a more sustainable aggregate alternative, replacing sand which is a finite resource.

Now in its fifth year, the event brings together local authorities, suppliers, government and industry to focus on innovation and collaboration in highways and infrastructure. It is a really practical event. Alongside the exhibition stands, there are live demos, technical sessions and workshops, which makes it easier to move beyond theory and see how things are actually being applied.

The event brought together a tantalising mix of ideas and technologies from across the highways sector, from solutions already making an impact to emerging innovations shaping what comes next.

A lot of the discussion this year focused on resilience, decarbonisation and how data and technology are shaping decision making. The new Climate Ready Networks hackathon also showed how much attention is shifting towards practical responses to climate risks.

For us, the main value was the conversations. It was a hot bed of likeminded businesses working towards efficient, safe and sustainable highways. It was exciting to see what other innovators are bringing to Net Zero roads.

Between the talks, exhibitors, live demonstrations, and conversations, it was a fantastically interesting event to be part of, and we are very much looking forward to the future of roads.

Local News and Updates



Trawden Community Wildlife Group

'Do you fancy setting up a wildlife group?' Said my friend and neighbour, Joanne Webber one cold wet January day this year.

I agreed to her suggestion not really knowing what a retired teacher and doctor were going to do or achieve environmentally, but we both share a love of nature and the outdoor world.

It's still early days, but we hope that as a group, we can help to find ways of protecting, restoring and enhancing the habitats and nature that we are lucky to have in Trawden and the surrounding area.

Unfortunately, as we are well aware, many species are in decline across the UK mainly due to loss of habitat, modern building and agricultural practices, and the trend for ever more house building. And Lancashire is no exception.

We now have monthly meetings and have about 20 enthusiastic members who share their knowledge and experience and discuss ideas for future seasonal projects. We liaise with other local community volunteer groups, Trawden Parish Council and Lancashire County Council's Local Nature Recovery Strategy team.

So far some of our activities include planting saplings and creating a hedgerow, making and installing swift boxes, swift monitoring, and guided wildflower walks and surveys..

It's been very enjoyable so far and hopefully we can make a difference in the longer term.

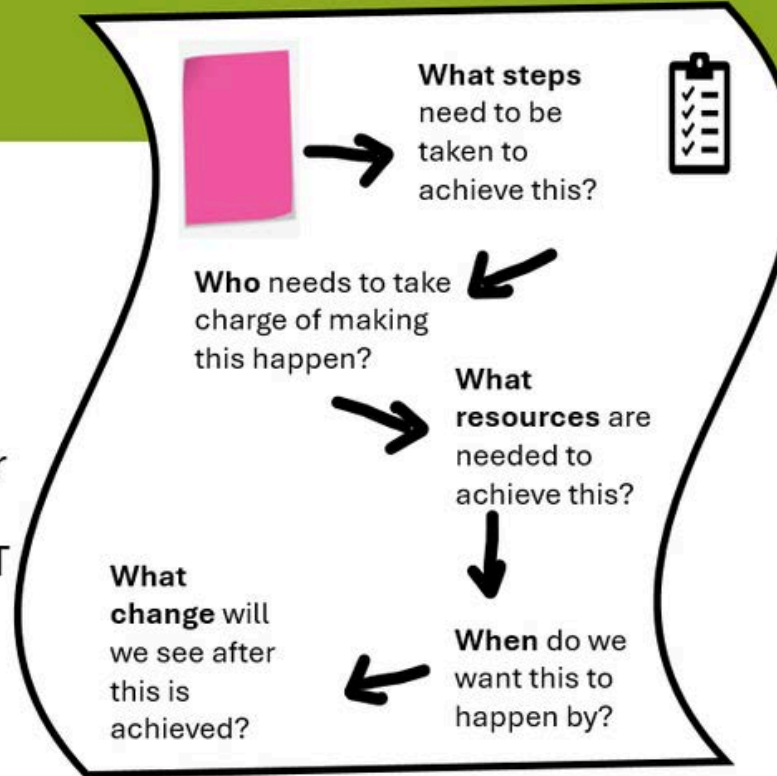
You can **find us at Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/trawdenwildlife/>**

Local News and Updates

Action Planning

- In pairs or 3s, choose one of the priorities from your grid – take the post-it off the grid and add it to the top left of your blank sheet
- Produce an action plan roadmap for that priority. Consider **WHAT, WHO, RESOURCES, TIMELINE** and **IMPACT**

Be prepared to share your plan!



St Bede's Catholic High School: Circular Futures

Over the past 6 months St Bed's Catholic High School in Ormskirk have participated in the Liverpool World Centre sustainability project called Circular Futures. Developed in partnership with Farm Urban, the project focused on circular economy models of reducing waste.

The schools' eco group worked through a series of workshops activities, including conducting research on attitudes and practice around waste issues in school.

The students shared their research results, prioritised possible actions and produced action plans which they intend to implement and bring about change. All students showed a much deeper understanding of the complexities of sustainability and circular models by the end of the sessions.

Local News and Updates



Community Rail Lancashire Supports North West School Sustainability Conference

On Thursday 25 June, Community Rail Lancashire attended the North West School Sustainability Conference, held at Blackburn Rovers Football Club.

The event welcomed more than 500 primary and secondary school students from across the North West, encouraging them to explore how they can make more sustainable choices in their everyday lives. Around 30 local organisations and businesses were also in attendance, showcasing projects and initiatives that are helping to create a greener future for the region.

Community Rail Lancashire used the opportunity to promote Accrington Eco Station and highlight the vital role that rail travel plays in reducing carbon emissions. As one of the most sustainable forms of transport, rail helps connect communities while supporting the transition to a low-carbon future.

Students visiting the Community Rail Lancashire stand also had the opportunity to try on railway uniforms and learn more about the wide range of careers available within the rail industry. The activity helped raise awareness of green careers and the important role the railway plays in supporting a more sustainable future.

The conference took place during a record-breaking heatwave, which led to some school closures and travel disruption. The extreme weather served as a powerful reminder of the challenges posed by climate change and reinforced the importance of taking action to create a more sustainable and resilient future.

A video of the event, produced by Blackburn Rovers in the Community Trust, can be viewed on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/reel/1018573627771912>

June Newsletter Entries

Your Chance to Contribute!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the June newsletter, there's some fantastic work happening across Lancashire! The LancsCAN team have also been busy shaping future plans, so keep an eye out for updates coming soon.

For the next July Newsletter we are looking for entries, events and projects to share, so please get in touch via email: lancscan@lancashire.ac.uk

We look forward to seeing all your July contributions!

LancsCAN Leadership Team