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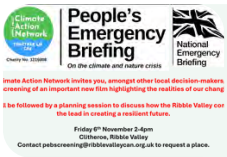
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November

02/11/26 - 10AM - 3PM
Lancashire Resilient Food Networking Session & Project Visit
TBC Lancaster, Lancashire
Link to Book Tickets

03/11/26 - 7PM - 9PM
People's Emergency Briefing Community Screening
Crag Bank Village Hall, Carnforth, LA5 9UR
Link to Book Tickets

The Young Foundation - Workshops
North West - 05/11/26 @ Friends House Manchester (M2 5NS)
North East - 06/11/26 @ Priory Street Centre York (YO1 6ET)
Link to Book Place

06/11/26 - 2PM - 4PM
People's Emergency Briefing Clitheroe
Location confirmed on booking
To Book Place email - PEBscreening@ribblevalleycan.org.uk

10/11/26 - 1PM - 2PM
Plig-in Solar - what's it all about?
Online
Link to Book Tickets

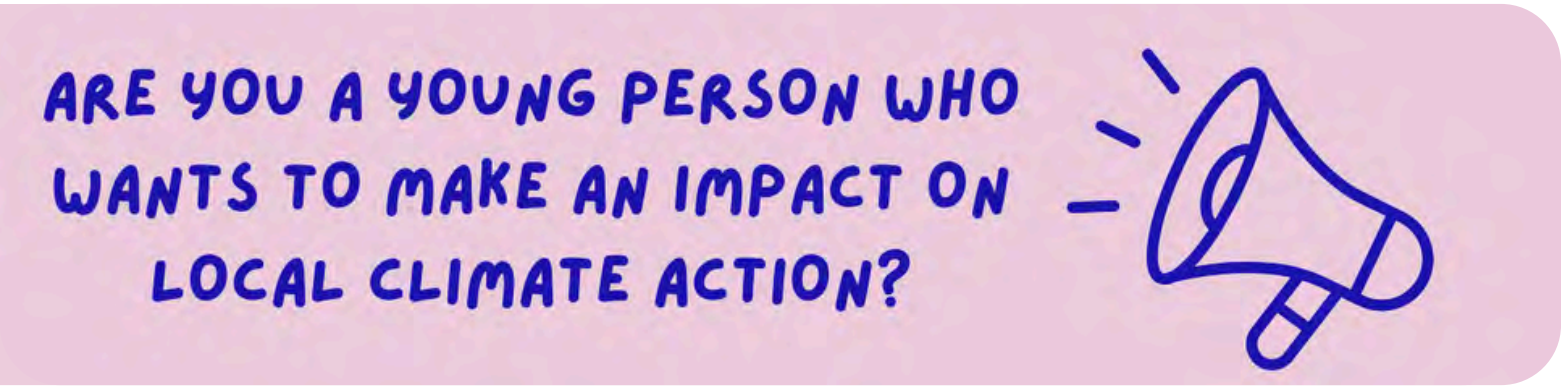
November

18/11/26 - 9:30AM - 4PM
LANDS Assembly
LICA Lancaster University, Bailrigg, LA1 4YE
Link to Book Tickets

19/11/26
DanceSyndrome Show
The Quays Theatre at the Lowry, Salford Quays
Link to Tickets

26/11/26 - 12:30PM - 1:30PM
LancsCAN Lunch & Learn - Housing
Online
Link to Book Tickets

LancsCAN Youth Section



LancsCAN Youth Newsletter

Hi from LancsCAN Youth!

In October the final workshops took place for the 'Youth Empowerment for Local Climate Action in Blackpool' project, which we have been working on with the Boingboing Foundation. We'll hopefully be able to share some updates about the findings of this project soon!

We have also continued to prepare for our upcoming research into local young people's priorities for climate action. We will soon be sharing more information about this, and would hugely appreciate support in spreading the word to any young people in Lancashire aged 18-25!

Please email **LCYMayaL@zohomail.eu** if you'd like to find out more! :)

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LancsCAN Lunch & Learn - Housing

This month we will be hearing about Housing and Energy, featuring an update from Kate Gilmartin about Rossendale Net Zero Terraced Streets projects alongside other speakers.

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.

Further details about LancsCAN can be found online - **https://sites.edgehill.ac.uk/lancscan/**

Book your tickets for the event here.

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Preston City Council

Good for Us, Good for the Planet - Climate Event Grant

Community climate event grant scheme

Preston City Council is offering grants of up to £500 to Community and not-for-profit groups in the Preston District to run free public events focused on climate and wellbeing.

Good for Us, Good for the Planet highlights how taking action on climate change can also help us live healthier, happier and more connected lives.

The grant allows community groups, artists, musicians and Preston residents to try new ideas, work together and help create a more sustainable future.

About the grant

The scheme aims to encourage people to engage with climate change by supporting community events that demonstrate the wider benefits of climate action.

Events should show how climate action can improve wellbeing, enhance the local environment or bring communities together.

We also welcome applications from groups working in partnership with other local organisations.

What events can be funded?

Your event must:

- be free to attend and run on a not-for-profit basis;
- link to at least one of the **Preston's Green Pledge Themes;**
- take place within Preston;
- take place before 31 March 2027;
- use the Good for Us, Good for the Planet branding;
- take place at an accessible venue.

This funding will not support events that have already taken place.

For more information about the grant and how to apply visit our website.

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People's Emergency Briefing Community Screening Grant

We are offering grants of up to £200 to support community organisations to host screenings of the People's Emergency Briefing film within the Preston district.
Ten grants of up to £200 are available. The funding is to cover costs directly incurred in arranging and promoting a screening of the film.
The People's Emergency Briefing film is made of footage from last November's National Emergency Briefing. The National Emergency Briefing was a day-long event which brought together leading UK experts in climate science, food security, health, economics, national security and nature. The experts presented this information to Members of Parliament.

What is the People's Emergency Briefing film?
The People's Emergency Briefing film presents a clear, measured overview of how the climate and nature crisis is affecting everyday life in Britain - and what the evidence says about risks and responses.
Presented by Chris Packham.
The initiative is explicitly non-partisan and is supported by a wide range of organisations including National Trust, Church of England, Exeter University, the Royal Meteorological Society, WWF, National Education Union, and many more.
Screenings of the film are being held by community groups across the country, and over 1,600 have been held so far.

For more information on this campaign, visit the **National Emergency Briefing**.

For more information about the grant and how to apply visit our website.

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People's Emergency Briefing - Lancaster & Morecambe Community Screening

Lancaster & Morecambe Greenpeace are hosting a screening of the People's Emergency Briefing in Carnforth. Please come along and join us.

The film features Chris Packham, leading climate and nature scientists, a former general, and Jennifer Saunders - all being pretty frank about where things are heading and what can be done about it. Film followed by discussion, facilitated by Dr Jan Maskell, Psychologist and Sustainability Consultant

📍 Crag Bank Village Hall, Carnforth, LA5 9UR
🗓️ Tues 3rd November 7-9pm
🎟️ Free - booking required
🔞 16+

Reserve your place here: **https://buytickets.at/greenpeace/2388517**

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Plug-in solar - what's it all about?

A free webinar for anyone interested in the science and economics of plug-in solar.
There's been a lot of buzz around plug-in solar panels after they went on sale in the UK for the first time in the summer.

If you're curious about the science and economics of this technology, and would love to ask an experienced solar installer what they think about it - come along to our webinar.
Our Operations Director Paul Chandler, who has been installing solar for over 20 years, will be sharing his thoughts and answering your questions.

- **Online event - Book Tickets here**

- Tuesday, November 10 • 1 PM - 2 PM GMT

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Ribble Valley Climate Action Network
TOGETHER WE CAN
Charity No. 1219008

People's Emergency Briefing
On the climate and nature crisis

National Emergency Briefing

People's Emergency Briefing - Clitheroe

Do you know a community leader, local business owner or person of influence in the Ribble Valley or surrounding area? Please invite them to our People's Emergency Briefing breifing.

Ribble Valley Climate Action Network (RVCAN) invites local decision-makers to a selected audience screening of the People's Emergency Briefing on Friday 6th November (2pm-4pm) in Clitheroe. (Location details will be confirmed on booking). Film trailer found here: **https://www.nebriefing.org/the-film**

Climate change brings direct risks to our local property, nature, and livelihoods. This event is a unique opportunity for businesses and community leaders to come together and hear from leading UK experts in climate science, food security, health, economics, national security and nature, and establish proactive local solutions.

How to join us:
Places are limited. **Please email PEBscreening@ribblevalleycan.org.uk to book your seat and receive full venue details.**

📣 Please join us in this important conversation.
👋 Share with other partners and networks.
✉️ Get in touch for more details and venue information.

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North Lancashire's 'remarkable' national food award win

North Lancashire has become the first region in the North West of England to receive a prestigious Gold Sustainable Food Places award.

The **Sustainable Food Places (SFP) Awards** recognize towns, cities, boroughs, and counties in the UK that take a holistic, cross-sector approach to transforming their local food systems.

Paul Hart, Lancaster City Councillor and cabinet member for Environmental Services described the award as a "remarkable accomplishment".

North Lancashire - which includes Lancaster, Morecambe and Heysham, Carnforth and The Lune Valley - received a Silver award in 2023, enabled by North Lancashire's FoodFutures partnership and backed by Lancaster City Council.

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The 'North Lancashire is Golden campaign' has run since with partnership-wide backing, supported by the FoodFutures working groups and more than 20 'gold pledges', which have been shared on Youtube.

FoodFutures submitted North Lancashire's Gold application over the summer following a visit from representatives of the national network in July.

Jamie Murphy, chair of FoodFutures North Lancashire, said: "This is such an amazing achievement and a tribute to all the hard work from everyone involved in our partnership."

The full press release is here:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TZXeMuPJAgACZ2W7rA1SqjtgidSOs0DgvHAlLDnYoCo/edit?pli=1&tab=t.0

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Young people leading young people: inside Lancashire's pupil-led climate conference

When 62 secondary school students, Police Cadets and Scouts turned up at Ewood Park this June, they weren't there as visitors. They were there as guides each one responsible for shepherding a group of primary-aged children through a day of climate action, questions, and hands-on learning.

That's the model at the heart of the Sustainability Learning Conference, now in its ninth year and hosted this summer by Blackburn Rovers Football Club in partnership with Blackburn Rovers Community Trust and the Lancashire Schools Sustainability Forum. This year's event brought together 48 primary schools and 13 high schools more than 500 pupils and staff in total for a day built almost entirely around pupil voice and peer-to-peer learning.

Guides, not just guests

At the centre of the day were 52 Key Stage 2 groups, each supported by a guide drawn from six local high schools and youth organisations. The role is a genuine responsibility, not a token one: guides helped younger pupils navigate the venue, supported their engagement with activities, and encouraged the kind of curiosity and questioning that turns a school trip into real learning.

For the secondary students and cadets themselves, the experience cuts both ways. Taking charge of a group of nine-year-olds for a day demands confidence, organisation and communication skills that, by the organisers' own account, stay with young people well beyond the conference itself. Smaller guided groups also meant pupils got more direct time with marketplace stallholders and workshop leaders, rather than being swept along in a crowd.

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A day built around participation, not presentation

Younger pupils spent the day moving through a marketplace of 39 hands-on stands run by environmental groups, charities and education providers including Friends of the Earth, the Bee Centre, Ribble Rivers Trust and Solar for Schools alongside an hour-long science show from Science Boffins. Secondary students took on STEM challenges, entered the Trashion Show and a rap competition (judged this year by the Mayor of the Ribble Valley), and heard from professionals in green careers seminars run by Another Way and Solar for Schools.

The result, organisers say, is a model built on cross-generational learning: primary pupils go home with ideas to share with their families; secondary students carry new confidence and leadership experience back into their own school communities; and teachers pick up ready-to-use classroom resources from a CPD programme attended by 120 school staff and governors.

It seems to be landing. Feedback scores from the day came in at 8.9 out of 10 from students and 8.7 from teachers, with several secondary pupils reporting the day had shaped their GCSE option choices, including a newfound interest in ecology as a career.

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What's next

Sustainability Learning CIC has confirmed two conferences for 2027: a new Midlands Sustainability Learning Conference at Birmingham City FC on Earth Day, 22nd April, and a milestone 20th conference, marking ten years at Blackburn Rovers on 24th June 2027.

For a network built around empowering the next generation to lead on climate action, the message from this year's conference is a simple one: young people aren't just the audience for climate education. Increasingly, in Lancashire at least, they're the ones delivering it.

Sustainability Learning CIC is a Community Interest Company, run almost entirely by volunteers, that has reached over 6,000 students and 200+ schools across four regions in 18+ years. Find out more at **www.sustainabilitylearning.co.uk**.

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All Aboard for a Sustainable Future: Inspiring the Next Generation of Railway Careers

Over the past month, Community Rail Lancashire has attended several careers fairs across Lancashire, engaging with thousands of students as they explore their future education, training and career opportunities.

These events have provided a valuable opportunity to raise awareness of the railway industry and highlight the wide variety of exciting, green and sustainable careers available within the sector.

Rail is one of the most environmentally sustainable forms of transport, and it will play a crucial role in helping the UK achieve its net zero ambitions and build a greener, more sustainable future. However, many young people are unaware of the diverse range of career opportunities available across the railway industry, beyond the more familiar roles of train drivers and conductors.

From engineering, infrastructure, environmental management, biodiversity, sustainable transport planning and customer services, the railway offers opportunities for people with a wide range of interests, skills and qualifications. These roles can enable young people to make a real difference, contributing to a more sustainable transport network and helping to tackle the environmental challenges facing future generations. Through its attendance at careers fairs, Community Rail Lancashire is helping to connect young people with these opportunities, encouraging them to consider how their future careers could contribute to a greener railway and a more sustainable Lancashire.

By inspiring the next generation and raising awareness of the environmental benefits of rail travel, we can help ensure that young people recognise the railway not only as a way to travel, but also as an exciting industry in which to build a rewarding career and play a part in creating a cleaner, greener future.

Find out more here - **https://trained.website/project/careers-in-rail/**

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Global Link - Claver Hill Community Farm

Global Link's food growing project at Claver Hill community farm began in 2019, with asylum seekers and refugees volunteering on a weekly basis under the supervision of Zia Khan, then Vaso Makri, now Zia again. For many years, the gardening project focussed on mental health and well being – providing a space in nature for people to volunteer, dig the soil, feel the satisfaction of watching things grow, meet local people, as well as each other through shared meals and barbeques. The vegetables produced were almost a by-product - occasionally used in Global Link's weekly lunches for asylum seekers and refugees, or preserved, but were mostly given to the volunteers who had grown them.

Now, however, all of our produce (onions, garlic, potatoes, broad beans, mint, Afghan) chives, parsley, various salads, courgettes, chard, kale, peppers, including chili peppers, peas, pumpkin and tomatoes)is used in the community meals cooked by asylum seekers and refugees. This includes for other refugees at Global Link every week, as well as for local people in Morecambe, initially at Stanleys Community Centre in the West End of Morecambe and now at Bare Methodist Church. Local residents have enjoyed the meals, and enjoyed meeting asylum seekers and refugees, learning a little about where they are coming from, and why, through the sharing of some digital stories.

These vegetables and salads only started becoming available in June, but from June until the end of October, Global Link has purchased almost no vegetables for our community lunches. Every week, we have eaten courgette, herbs, onions, tomatoes, chard and potatoes, cooked in different ways, from Afghan Bolani (a deep fried pasty stuffed with Afghan chives), to different kinds of Taboulleh (parsley and bulgur wheat salads) to different kinds of curry, to Italian courgette and tomato dishes, to cheesy chard bakes to Pomme Dauphinoise. We have mostly eaten vegetarian food, with meat much missed by some of our diners!

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Global Link - Claver Hill Community Farm

As well as the value of community meals bringing people together, as Zia says, the gardening project has had a positive impact on the wellbeing of asylum seekers and refugees who are living with uncertainty about their future. Gardening encourages them to leave their rooms, spend time outdoors, connect with nature, and take a break from worrying about their situation. It provides a sense of purpose, achievement, and hope as they plant seeds and watch them grow. Participants particularly enjoy harvesting and using the fresh produce they have grown, giving them a sense of pride, satisfaction, and accomplishment. The project also reduces isolation and loneliness by bringing people together, encouraging friendships, building confidence, and creating a sense of belonging. Most importantly, it offers a safe and supportive space where participants can relax, share positive experiences, improve their emotional wellbeing, and find moments of happiness and hope despite the uncertainty they face.

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Go Local this November to win £1,000 in prizes

Want to explore more of what's on your doorstep and get rewarded along the way?

Go Local with **BetterPoints Lancashire** this November for your chance to **win a share of £1,000** in prizes!

BetterPoints is a free app that rewards you for making healthy and sustainable travel choices, including walking, wheeling, running, cycling and using public transport.

Earn points for your everyday journeys and then exchange them for vouchers or donate to charity.

Explore your local area to win this month

Throughout November, discover your local area for the chance to win a share of **720 daily and weekly prizes**. You can also answer a weekly question about your local experiences for a chance to win 25,000 BetterPoints (£25).

Download the free BetterPoints app and start earning rewards today: **https://lancs.betterpoints.uk/**

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Join the Morecambe Bay Curriculum Green Working Groups

Morecambe Bay Curriculum is a teacher-led approach to valuing and learning about the locality, environment and sustainability, encouraging and empowering local children and young people to become the change-makers and the innovators the planet needs.

Join the MBC Green Working Groups

- To make a difference beyond the constraints of the current curriculum.
- Be part of an award-winning movement of like-minded practitioners, gaining significant regional, national (including DfE), and international recognition.
- Enjoy fully funded CPD.
- Funding to develop and support piloting and evaluating your teaching and learning ideas and share with the wider MBC community.
- Early opportunities to engage with and influence the education offer at Eden Project Morecambe.
- Be part of an exciting regional and national network with strong links to Eden Project, Lancaster University and University of Cumbria.

About the MBC Green Working Groups

Over the next 2 years, members of each of the 6 Green working groups will be supported to work collaboratively, to explore what climate action looks like in each education phase, from Early Years to FE, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and Alternative Provision (including home education).
Check out our **MBC resources pages**, for examples!

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Time Commitment

This 2year project begins in February 2027 and culminates in January 2029,
Your commitment would include.

- Attend 2 half day CPD sessions (supply cover and travel costs provided)
- Attend 1 online 90minute twilight per half term, hosted by MBC, hear from experts to inform and provide insight to support you develop your climate action themed project.
- Support to develop and evaluate activity.
- Work collaboratively with Group members, on-line and in-person
- Trial your group's resources/projects within your education setting, to inform final development.
- Opportunity to share resources/projects with the wider education community at the MBC conference.

Funding Available

- Cost of supply cover for two half day CPD sessions (rate: £150 per half day)
- Cost of travel to CPD sessions and any in-person working group meetings covered
- £100 per member, to support you to bring projects to life in your setting
- £1500 per group, to allocate towards climate action activity/ies

Who can join an MBC Working Group?

Practising teachers, educators and youth workers. Practitioners working in charities, local government, in Higher Education, retired colleagues or those from other organisations that support the educational sectors.
Morecambe Bay area includes Barrow and Furness, Westmorland and Lonsdale, Morecambe and Lunesdale, Lancaster and Wyre, Fylde, Blackpool North and Fleetwood

Why not apply? It takes 10 minutes!
Closing date Friday 4th December

This opportunity is funded by the National Lottery Community Fund,
as part of the Our Bay Our Future programme.

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Value of lets schemes - “Waste not, Want not”

Local Exchange and Trading Schemes (LETS) are community run bartering networks that use local paper currency credits to exchange goods and services and share them without using actual money.

Instead of asking what’s in it for me, we should be asking what’s in it for other people in the Community to cut down on the waste of surplus goods and services. By sharing resources, such Schemes reduce the need for people to purchase personal materials, which add to the damaging impacts of Climate Change in Communities, which are trying to live sustainably.

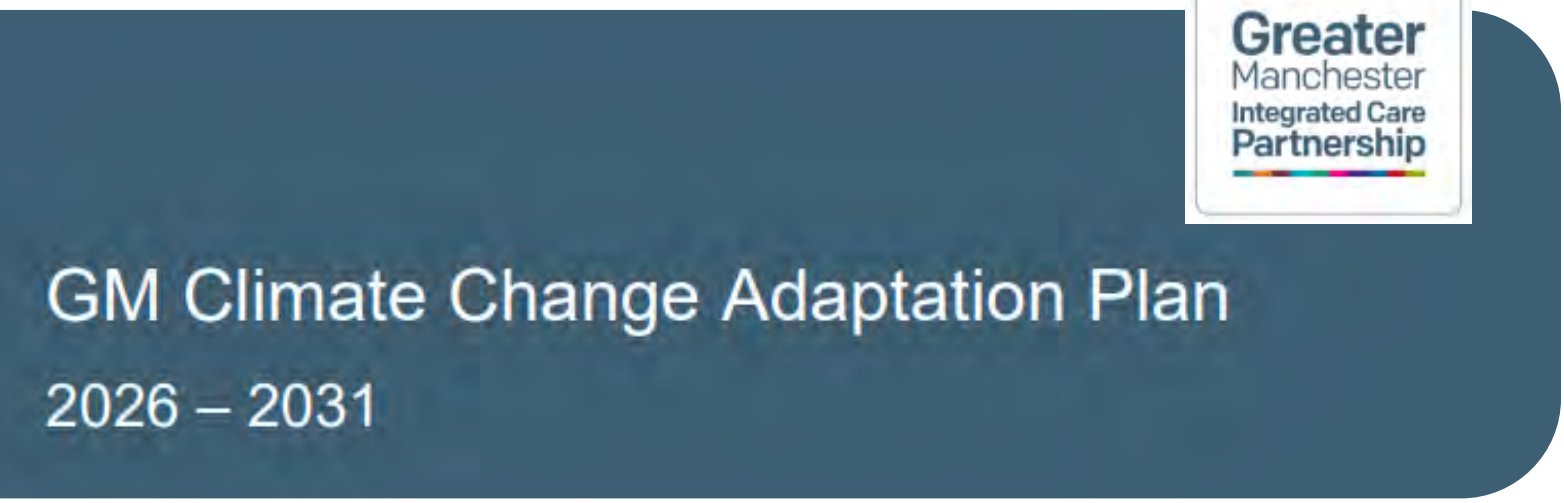
The Economic Social and Community Values of LETS Schemes are:

- Exchange Trading enables members to trade services, such as childcare, gardening, DIY repairs, and mentoring as well as sharing goods, such as tools and equipment.
- An interest-free currency is created through mutual credit on a ledger when trading occurs, which does not earn interest and discourages hoarding.
- An equal valuing of time and commitment is practised in many schemes.
- Social inclusion is encouraged as it empowers unemployed, retired, or socially excluded people to feel that they are equal and valued.
- The confidence and skills of members are improved, which encourages networking and a sense of self-worth.
- A reduction in individual isolation, which fosters friendships, social cohesion and a sense of belonging to a community.

If you would you like to know more about how LETS Schemes are established and valued; find out more about how LETS Schemes work in practice and where to locate a local scheme near you, please contact the National Organisation at:
https://www.letslinkuk.net/

There are registered Lancashire LETS Schemes in Blackburn & Accrington, Burnley, Clitheroe and Ribble Valley, Lancaster.

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GM NHS Climate Change Adaptation Plan launch

More frequent extreme weather events such as heatwaves and flooding are already affecting communities across the UK, exacerbating health inequalities, increasing demand for services, and disrupting the infrastructure and supply chains that support patient care.

The summer of 2026 was the hottest on record with 5 heatwaves, and 4 major wildfire incidents.

To help us become more resilient to these impacts, NHS organisations across Greater Manchester have developed a system-wide Climate Change Adaptation Plan. The plan supports the NHS in GM to strengthen resilience, and ensure health and care services remain effective and responsive in a changing climate.

The plan incorporates a technical evidence base structured around a GM-wide climate risk assessment identifying priority risks to population health, service delivery and physical infrastructure. These risks are translated into a targeted high-level action plan addressing the risks and opportunities most relevant to the healthcare system in Greater Manchester. To ensure the plan also reflects any specific site, organisation or asset specific climate risks, an annex has been incorporated within the plan to help guide this process

🔗 **GM NHS Climate Change Adaptation Plan - Executive Summary**

🔗 **GM NHS Climate Change Adaptation Plan**

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Learning from our buildings: solar, schools and Lancashire's young people

Across Lancashire, school roofs are quietly becoming power stations — and classrooms. Solar panels cut bills and carbon, but the bigger prize is what young people learn from them: where their energy comes from, how it is measured, and what they can do to use less of it.

I have spent 18 years running sustainability education in Lancashire schools, including what we believe is the UK's longest-running school eco group (20 years at St Christopher's) and the Sustainability Learning Conference, now heading into its 21st year. Today I lead the national education programme at Solar for Schools, a not-for-profit that funds, installs and manages solar on school roofs.

Not just on roofs — in minds

The energy transition has to happen in people's minds, not just on roofs and in fields. That is why every Solar for Schools installation comes with education built in, so the array becomes a live teaching resource rather than kit nobody looks at.

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The national picture shows what is possible. In 2025, Solar for Schools education reached 178,804 pupils with bespoke content and 33,850 directly through workshops, assemblies and events. Our 295 solar-powered schools generated 70.44 GWh of clean electricity, saved 13,594 tonnes of CO_2, and saved £2.5 million over five years. On average, our schools cut their energy consumption by 30% after installation — the effect of panels and pupils working together.

Solar for Schools in Lancashire

Lancashire's seven Solar for Schools sites are forecast to save £5.9m and 4,000 tonnes of CO_2 over their lifetimes, and have already saved an estimated £40,700 in 2026.

£5.9m	£40,700	4,000 t
lifetime savings forecast	saved in 2026 to date	lifetime CO₂ forecast

School	Town	Year	Lifetime savings (forecast)	Saved in 2026	Lifetime CO₂
Accrington St Christopher's CE High School	Accrington	2023	£4,489,936*	£11,800	2,066 t
The Hollins	Accrington	2024	£445,865	£7,300	501 t
Parklands High School	Chorley	2025	£350,670	£8,000	596 t
Rhyddings	Accrington	2024	£284,073	£4,200	316 t
Lancaster Royal Grammar School	Lancaster	2020	£110,518	£7,600	324 t
Oswaldtwistle West End Primary School	Oswaldtwistle	2026	£96,462	£100†	84 t
Accrington Huncoat Primary School	Accrington	2024	£78,640	£1,700	126 t
Total			**£5,856,164**	**£40,700**	**4,013 t**

Lifetime figures are the forecasts on each school's public Solar for Schools page. "Saved in 2026" covers 1 January to 29 October 2026, estimated from Helios.
** St Christopher's forecast is high due to a bad energy tariff. † Oswaldtwistle was installed on 29 September 2026, so this is only its first month.*

If one in ten of Lancashire's roughly 1,060 primary and secondary schools had a typical system, they would save around £250,000 a year and 530 tonnes of CO_2 — about £5m over a 20-year agreement. Every Lancashire school could save £2.5m a year.



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Learning from our buildings: solar, schools and Lancashire's young people

Case study: Accrington St Christopher's

St Christopher's shows what happens when a solar array and a long-standing eco culture meet. The learning has gone further than the savings. Eco group activity around the panels is now being written into the curriculum, and pupils use live generation data in science and maths.



Our Year 8 and 9 Solar Ambassadors have taken that knowledge out into the community, leading energy workshops for local primaries such as Huncoat, building confidence, communication and data skills along the way.

The school's live energy dashboard turns this into real numbers pupils can work with. Over 28 days in October 2026, the panels generated 10.3 MWh of electricity, worth £2,157 at 21p per unit, and avoided 2,342 kg of CO_2 — enough to charge 171 electric vehicles. Pupils can see weekday demand against weekend export, and why solar met 26% of the school's needs in an autumn month.



Watch the St Christopher's story: **youtube.com/watch?v=g4BeykcmZ3M**

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Learning from our buildings: solar, schools and Lancashire's young people

Inspect and educate, every year

Every school in our asset management programme gets an annual in-person visit that combines a visual inspection of the panels with education. Each school receives:

- an in-person education workshop for pupils
- 5-minute electricity data and a teacher portal, ready for science and maths lessons
- the Solar for Schools App, with gamified learning journeys and a paneliser to design an array•the Solar Ambassador scheme, green career cards and appliance power cards

Schools without our panels can still use our free resources and monthly newsletter.

Get involved

We would love to hear from Lancashire community energy groups, councils and schools who want solar on more roofs and more learning in more classrooms. Contact me at **wendy@solarforschools.co.uk**.
For community energy groups: let Solar for Schools, the experts in solar on schools and education, support the schools that have expressed an interest in community energy. We offer desktop feasibility studies and investment-ready project development, so together we can reach more schools and speed up the green energy transition. For more information, contact Richard at **richard@solarforschools.co.uk**.

November Newsletter Entries

Your Chance to Contribute!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the October newsletter, we have an enormous 28 page newsletter this month. It's jam packed with wonderful climate action projects, good news, opportunities and more. Ensure you read carefully!

We are also excited at **LancsCAN to re-launch our Instagram page**! Please ensure you follow us there for LancsCAN updates, member stories and more!

We would also like to encourage all members to **join and contribute to our Facebook Page!** Please promote your own organisations, projects and events for other members to see there.

The 'Have Your Say: Future of LancsCAN' survey is still open, if you haven't already contributed please ensure you add your thoughts to the survey. It will help shape LancsCAN in the future.

Link to LancsCAN Future Plans Survey: LancsCAN 2026 Future Plans Feedback – Fill in form

For the next November 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 November contributions!

LancsCAN Leadership Team