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Events

19/08/26 - 10AM - 3PM

The Lancashire Association of CVS - The LOCAL Project

Meet the Funder: South Ribble & Chorley Funding Fair

St Mary's Community Centre, Broadfield Walk, Leyland PR25 1PD

[Link to Book Morning session](#)

[Link to Book Afternoon session](#)

03/09/26 - 10AM - 11AM

'The Sacred Earth Calls: Voices of Faith for Climate Action' featuring Zarah Ross, Project Coordinator at [Faiths4Change](#), and Abdur Razzak, Founder of [ACT Bangladesh](#)

Zoom - Online

[Link to Book Tickets](#)

16/09/26 - 10AM - 1PM

Solar and Storage Spectacular - Industry Event

The Storey, Lancaster

[Link to Book Tickets](#)

30/09/26 - 8AM - 11AM

Business and Biodiversity Challenges and opportunities in a changing world

Brockholes, Preston New Rd, Preston, England, GB, PR5 0

Meadow Lake Suite

[Link to Book Tickets](#)

18/11/26 (SAVE THE DATE)

LANDS Assembly

LICA Lancaster University

[Link to LANDS Substack](#)

LancsCAN Youth Section

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



LancsCAN Youth Newsletter

Hi everyone!

Workshops are ongoing this summer for the 'Youth Empowerment for Local Climate Action in Blackpool' project, which we are delivering in collaboration with the Boingboing Foundation.

If you know any young people aged 11-25 in Blackpool who may want to join upcoming workshops, they can book a FREE ticket on the Boingboing Foundation's Eventbrite page:

[https://www.eventbrite.com/o/121505481992?](https://www.eventbrite.com/o/121505481992?msockid=0f5c55dc6b6a7533ec463fbd8b6b13&aff=ebdsshcopyurl)

[msockid=0f5c55dc6b6a7533ec463fbd8b6b13&aff=ebdsshcopyurl](https://www.eventbrite.com/o/121505481992?msockid=0f5c55dc6b6a7533ec463fbd8b6b13&aff=ebdsshcopyurl)

This month LancsCAN Youth have also been working on updating our group policies, such as our policy for voting within the committee, as this was one of our goals for the year.

As always, please feel free to reach out to Maya via **lcymayal@zohomail.eu** if you have any questions about LancsCAN Youth or our current projects!

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Business and Biodiversity Challenges and opportunities in a changing world - Lancashire, Manchester & North Merseyside Wildlife Trust

Join us at **Brockholes Nature Reserve** on Wednesday 30th September for our first Nature Works business event: Business and Biodiversity: Challenges and opportunities in a changing world.

Businesses are facing increasing expectations to understand and address their impacts on biodiversity and the natural environment. This event gives you the tools, insight and inspiration to get involved in local conservation projects and show your companies commitment to sustainability and nature recovery.

We will have talks from industry experts, **Richard Betts**, RZB Advisory, and **Andy Meek**, Group Head of Sustainability at Chesnara PLC, who will be sharing their expertise on how your business can show meaningful action for nature.

Learn more about the event and secure your place at **<https://www.lancswt.org.uk/events/2026-09-30-business-and-biodiversity-challenges-and-opportunities-changing-world>**

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Corporate conservation days

The Wildlife Trust for Lancashire Manchester & North Merseyside

With The Lancashire Wildlife Trust

"Absolutely amazing day, I loved bonding with my colleagues and doing something great for the local environment at the same time!"

Get out of the office!

Packages start from £600+VAT
Enquire today: business@lancswt.org.uk

Corporate Conservation Days - Lancashire, Manchester & North Merseyside Wildlife Trust

Get your team out of the office and into nature with a Wildlife Trust Corporate Conservation Day day.

Support vital conservation work, strengthen teamwork and give your staff a memorable hands on experience outdoors.

Packages start from £600 + VAT and can be tailored based on level of activity and your location, our nature reserves and key habitat restoration sites are spread across the North West.

Enquire today! <https://www.lancswt.org.uk/corporate-conservation-days>

Local News and Updates



University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay saves £300,000 to date with green initiatives.

University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust (UHMBT), have already delivered savings of around £300,000, through their targeted energy reduction programme, as part of their wider Green Plan.

The energy programme incorporates upgrading critical infrastructure, installing renewable energy generation, and enhancing the monitoring and management of energy use across the trust estate. Improvements include:

- Upgrading air handling units and linking them with advanced building management systems to control schedules and ventilation based on actual demand, saving energy.
- Installing LED lighting throughout the trust's hospitals, offering lower energy consumption, longer lifespans, and improved lighting quality with minimal maintenance.
- Upgrading the steam systems with monitored steam traps and sensors, enabling faster identification of failures or inefficiencies, reducing steam loss and energy wastage and supporting the move towards lower-carbon heating solutions.
- Installing more than 2,200 solar photovoltaic (PV) panels across three main hospital sites to generate renewable electricity onsite, cutting emissions and reliance on the grid.

Taken together, these measures are expected to save the trust around £459,000 and reduce carbon emissions by 400 to 500 tonnes of CO₂ equivalent each year.

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Dave Sanderson, Director of Estates and Facilities at UHMBT, said:

"This work represents a critical step in reducing reliance on fossil fuels and transitioning towards low-carbon heating solutions across the trust. The establishment of a dedicated energy and sustainability role has enabled the trust to move from a largely reactive position to a structured and proactive programme of delivery"

 [Hospital trust saves £300,000 with green initiatives | The North West Mail](#)

 [Morecambe Bay hospital trust saves £300k on energy bills](#)

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Low Carbon Growth Through Circular Innovation: Business Sustainability Support from the Centre for Waste and Resource Management - University of Lancashire

For over 24 years, the Centre for Waste and Resource Management has helped businesses improve sustainability, reduce costs and identify opportunities for low carbon growth.

How We Support Businesses

- Carbon audits and footprint assessments
- Waste reduction and resource optimisation
- Carbon accounting and sustainability training
- Knowledge transfer, research and innovation support

Proven Results (Just this year)

- Mapped material flows across the Liverpool City Region to support Circular City ambitions
- Delivered six sustainability learning cohorts across Lancashire, supporting 21 businesses
- Identified over 2,000 tonnes of carbon savings and £2.5 million in cost savings through resource efficiency audits

Why Work With Us?

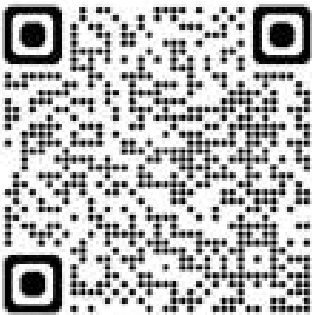
- Experienced sustainability specialists
- Practical, business-focused approach
- Proven environmental and financial outcomes
- Tailored support for SMEs, public and third sector organisations

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**Low Carbon Growth Through Circular Innovation:
Business Sustainability Support from the Centre for
Waste and Resource Management
- University of Lancashire**

Get in Touch:



**Centre for
Waste and
Resource
Management**

Centre for Waste and Resource Management

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Helping businesses become more sustainable, efficient and competitive through circular innovation and low carbon growth.

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Working together to care
for God's creation.

Church of England churches actively engage with climate actions

There are almost 350 churches and halls, of which around half are heritage listed, and circa 150 church foundation schools in the Church of England's Diocese of Blackburn (*), writes Dave Champness (Dave.Champness@Blackburn.Anglican.Org), the diocesan Creation Care Senior Project Manager.

The Church of England's governing body, called 'General Synod', passed a motion in summer 2022 setting an ambitious aim for all buildings, including vicarages and cathedrals as well as churches and school, to be net zero by 2030. This aspiration was backed by a commitment from the Church Commissioners to provide £190m funding over a 12 year period. Some of the funding has been used to create leadership capacity within the small diocesan central team based at Guide near Blackburn to support the local autonomous parochial church councils (PCCs) with their own engagement with creation care, climate change and net zero agendas.

Total diocesan emissions in 2024 were estimated to be 14,684 tCO₂e, with schools contributing 60%, churches 23%, clergy housing 10% and diocesan travel, 6%. Emissions from most churches are calculated based on their inputs of energy usage and cost into the Church of England Energy Footprint Tool, with proxy estimates based on church size where actual data hasn't been provided. Currently there are c. 10 churches that are close to net zero as they either have no heating or electric heating coupled with a 100% renewable tariff; at the other extreme there are some busy churches who are open to their community many days a week who emit over 50 tCO₂e with the average being 9.25tCO₂e.

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Almost half of the parochial buildings (focussed on the highest emitters) have had a Church Commissioners funded energy audit that identifies the actions required to reach net zero. Most reports recommend 'quick win' activities such as swapping to LED lighting, draught-proofing/insulation and point-of-use hot water heaters with costs in the single digit thousands which are within the local fundraising scope of most churches. However, the key challenge is replacing fossil fuel boilers and the associated heat distribution systems with electric equivalents, with systems costing anywhere between £30,000 and £300,000 depending on the most effective technology, building size and heritage listing. The magnitude of these estimated costs are generally a major stumbling block for even the keenest of churches to take the largest leap towards net zero.

Although, for those churches whose gas/oil boilers have failed, a Church Commissioners' 'boiler hardship' grant could fund up to £45,000 to bridge the gap between what it would have cost to replace a like for like fossil boiler with the electric equivalent which is helpful for small-medium sized churches as is the 'Give to Go Green' match funding grant of up to £10,000. However, without significant external non-church sourced grant funding support the cost gap for the largest churches to swap to pure electric heating is just too big. To help with the fundraising task, a regional fundraising officer (Professor John Whitton) has been appointed to support churches across all the five north western dioceses.

* The diocesan boundary matches that of the Lancashire county boundary excluding most of Rossendale (Diocese of Manchester) and West Lancashire (Diocese of Liverpool).

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Growing Sustainability at Trawden Forest Primary School

At Trawden Forest Primary School, we believe the best way for children to understand sustainability is to experience it for themselves. By growing food, recycling organic waste into compost and caring for wildlife, our pupils see first-hand how everyday actions can make a positive difference to the environment.

Our school garden and growing area have become thriving outdoor classrooms where children learn through practical experiences. Pupils grow a wide variety of fruit, vegetables and flowers, discover the importance of biodiversity, create habitats for wildlife and support pollinators, while gaining an understanding of where food comes from and how we can all help protect our planet. Our harvests are used in cooking activities and tasting sessions, with much of our fresh produce also making its way into the school kitchen to be enjoyed as part of school lunches. This helps children understand the complete journey from seed to plate while encouraging healthy, seasonal eating.

One of our proudest sustainability projects is our composting initiative. Every day, organic fruit and vegetable waste from across the school, together with garden waste, is added to our compost bays, where it is transformed into nutrient-rich compost for our gardens. Since February 2024, the children have produced enough compost to fill five compost bays, reducing waste while creating a valuable resource that helps us grow even more food. It is a simple but powerful way of demonstrating a circular approach to sustainability, showing that what was once considered waste can become something valuable.

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Growing Sustainability at Trawden Forest Primary School

Recently, our Eco Warriors and Head Gardener attended the Sustainability Conference at Ewood Park. They took part in science workshops, explored sustainability initiatives, enjoyed hands-on activities and returned to school inspired with new ideas to share with their classmates. Experiences like these help children recognise that they have an important role to play in protecting the environment, both in school and within their wider communities.

We are delighted that our ongoing commitment to environmental education has recently been recognised with the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award. This achievement reflects the enthusiasm and dedication of our pupils, staff, volunteers, and wider school community, all of whom have helped make sustainability an integral part of school life.

We hope our story encourages other schools to embrace sustainability in ways that are meaningful, practical and enjoyable for children. Whether it is planting a seed, creating a wildlife habitat, composting organic waste or simply spending more time learning outdoors, every small action has the potential to make a lasting difference. Together, we can help nurture a generation that understands, values and cares for the natural world.

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LACVS - The LOCAL Project

Voluntary Community Faith and Social Enterprise

MEET THE FUNDER

The Lancashire Association of CVS - The LOCAL Project

Meet the Funder: South Ribble & Chorley Funding Fair

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Wednesday 19 August 10am - 3pm

St Mary's Community Centre, Broadfield Walk, Leyland PR25 1PD

Open Marketplace with a wide range of funders and funding support organisations, including The National Lottery Community Fund, Community Foundation for Lancashire, The Postcode Neighbourhood Trust, Office for the Police & Crime Commissioner, The Co-op, Active Lancashire, SELNET, and many more.

All attendees must complete a booking form.

Attendees are welcome to join us at both the AM & PM sessions. Please use the relevant booking link(s) to register, so that we can manage attendee numbers.

Morning session <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GMKJ>

Afternoon session <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GSJI>

(Please note: Due to venue capacity and in anticipation of being oversubscribed, we regrettably cannot admit children under 16 years)

For more information, please contact Rachel Wheble: rachel.wheble@lacvs.org.uk

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MORECAMBE BAY CURRICULUM

Resources for our Bay: Our Future Coast



Resources for Our Bay: Our Future Coast

The **Morecambe Bay Curriculum** are delighted to celebrate the launch of Resources for Our Bay, an exciting new collection of curriculum resources created with Our Future Coast. Designed to inspire learners of all ages, these engaging, place-based resources connect classrooms with the unique landscapes, wildlife, heritage and communities of Morecambe Bay. By exploring the coast through sustainability, environmental stewardship and local identity, Resources for Our Bay empowers educators to help young people develop the knowledge, skills and values needed to care for the places they call home and shape a more sustainable future.

Join the ten teachers, ten academics and classrooms of pupils from Fleetwood to Barrow by using these dynamic, free resources in your classrooms, field, forests and grounds!

Contact s.gatley@lancaster.ac.uk for more information or visit our new website, where you can access all the resources now!

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Free and Subsidised Climate Training in Lancaster

Climate change charity Futureproof Cumbria is delivering free and heavily subsidised Carbon Literacy and Climate Fresk training across Lancaster, Furness, and South Cumbria until March 2027.

The programme features an interactive Climate Fresk workshop, which uses a collaborative card game based on the latest IPCC reports to transform complex climate science into clear cause-and-effect relationships. Alongside this hands-on approach to mapping climate solutions, they also offer an accredited Climate and Carbon Literacy course.

Together, these sessions are designed to build knowledge, confidence and momentum, platform young people's voices, and inspire meaningful climate action.

For schools and youth settings, options include FREE Pupil Climate Fresk sessions for Year 5+ students, and FREE mixed-age community sessions and heavily subsidised 3-hour School Staff Climate Fresk sessions (£197 for up to 14 staff, an 80% discount from the usual £987). Settings can also host an open session for neighbouring schools or the wider community in exchange for three free places.

We are also pleased to offer LancsCAN members a dedicated three-hour Climate Fresk workshop for their community group, charity, or network at an 80% discount (£197 for a private session of up to 14 people).

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Free and Subsidised Climate Training in Lancaster

If you or a colleague would like to join one of our public open courses first to see what it is all about, our upcoming dates include:

- **Climate and Carbon Literacy** | Online | Thursday 15 October, 09:15 - 13:15 - from £79 reduced cost places available.
- **Staff Climate Fresk** | Lancaster | Wednesday 11 November, 09:00 - 12:30 - £19pp

To enquire about a booking or explore our funded offers, please email:

training@futureproofcumbria.org.uk

Read more and book online here: **<https://futureproofcumbria.org.uk/training/furness-south-cumbria-lancaster/>**

Thanks to the Walney Extension Community Fund for supporting this project.

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Solar & Storage Spectacular!

16th September
The Storey, Lancaster

10am - 1pm
Lunch included



POWERING
TOGETHER
LANCASHIRE



Solar and Storage Spectacular - Industry Event

Green Rose is hosting the **Solar and Storage Spectacular** - Wednesday 16th September, 10am - 1pm at The Storey, Lancaster.

It's a chance to hear more about our Solar Virtual Power Plant (SVPP), plus a roundup of industry news including plug-in solar panels and home batteries, and the latest on Government policy and funding. We'll have a range of industry speakers so this will be a great opportunity to network as well as catch up on all the latest home energy insights. A networking lunch is included!

We've launched a **new competition under our Greener Homes brand:**

WIN a plug-in solar panel and home battery system worth £1,300! Open to Lancashire residents, simply enter via **Facebook** or **Instagram**, by signing up to the **Greener Homes newsletter**, or give their advice team a call on 0800 058 4066 to chat about low carbon energy for your home and enter over the phone.

A winner will be picked at random after the closing date on 1st September. All Ts & Cs are on the website **greenerhomes.org.uk/competition**.

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LANDS TALKS

THE SACRED EARTH CALLS: Voices of Faith for Climate Action

with Abdur Razzak - ACT Bangladesh
and Zarah Ross - Faiths4Change

Seeded by



Short practical talks on climate action
and the arts curated by LANDS, the Lancashire Arts
Network for Developing Sustainability



LANDS TALKS: The Sacred Earth Calls: Voices of Faith for Climate Action

A short, practical talk on climate action and the arts curated by LANDS, the Lancashire Arts Network for Developing Sustainability.

Thursday 3 September 10am-11am entitled 'The Sacred Earth Calls: Voices of Faith for Climate Action' featuring Zarah Ross, Project Coordinator at **Faiths4Change**, and Abdur Razzak, Founder of **ACT Bangladesh**.

Join Arts Lancashire and LANDS for this inspiring online conversation exploring the role of faith communities in responding to the climate crisis.

More info here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lands-talks-the-sacred-earth-calls-voices-of-faith-for-climate-action-tickets-1992525396097?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Through their unique experiences and perspectives, our speakers will explore how faith, art, and creativity can inspire meaningful action on climate change, highlighting the powerful role of spiritual and cultural expression in building a more just and sustainable future.

The webinar will take place on Zoom.

August Newsletter Entries

Your Chance to Contribute!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the July newsletter, we have a packed 20 page newsletter this month featuring an enormous range of opportunities, projects and good news stories. The LancsCAN team have also been busy shaping future plans, so keep an eye out for updates coming soon.

For the next August 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 August contributions!

LancsCAN Leadership Team