



Carbon Neutral Cornwall Newsletter, November 2020

Thank you for subscribing to our Carbon Neutral Cornwall newsletter. As there has been kindness and hope living through the Covid19 Pandemic, there is also a lot of kindness and hope for our planet. As we all begin to negotiate living within the new Covid19 Tiers, we wanted to share our news with you and give you an update on what has been happening here in Cornwall towards carbon neutrality.

Cornwall Climate Emergency Funds

We're so pleased that Cornwall Council's new Crowdfunder schemes, that were launched in September, have started supporting projects to respond to the climate emergency. Communities and organisations can apply for up to 50% match funding for projects backed by the public, from the three recently launched match funding programmes: The Carbon Neutral Cornwall Fund; the Town & Parish Council and Community Fund; and the Forest for Cornwall Fund. Some of the projects that are being supported by the new funds already, include:

- #SavingESTER: Restoring ancient habitat through the repopulation native oysters, supporting sustainably managed and responsible fishing (recently shown on BBC's Countryfile)
 - Polperro Environment Group: Securing land for a community allotment project
 - Discovering42 – Communicating sustainability through interactive exhibitions combining science and the arts
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- SHARE Hydropower: Undertaking a feasibility study for a community-owned renewable energy scheme.

The three new funds, along with the other funding schemes available, are one of the ways we are helping low carbon initiatives and schemes get off the ground. [Read more about the funds](#)

Gifts for My world and Our planet

Christmas is going to be different this year and we could all do with some kindness and hope. So could our planet. **If you need a little climate change comfort and joy** visit our 12 Days of Low Carbon Christmas to find out about the gifts we are giving to our planet, and helping Cornwall become carbon neutral by 2030, and some tips for a sustainable low carbon Christmas. [Read more](#)

Greenprint for carbon neutral action

The Carbon Neutral Cornwall Call to Action explains our vision for how Cornwall can become carbon neutral.

We have made a good start and now we need everyone to get involved.

We want everyone to shape Cornwall's greenprint for a cleaner, greener and fairer Cornwall.

If we all make small changes to how we move, shop, eat, think and live, together we can make practical changes on a huge scale.

Visit the Carbon Neutral Cornwall Hive to get involved in the conversations that are going to shape Cornwall's Carbon Neutral 'greenprint' Plan and put it into action. [Get involved](#)

The Cornwall Plan 2030 - 2050

Cornwall Council approved the [Cornwall Plan 2030 – 2050](#) and the vision for the Cornwall we want for future generations. The “Together We Can: The Cornwall Plan” commits to a cleaner, greener, fairer and more inclusive Cornwall, with becoming carbon-neutral one of the key goals.

This new plan will now set clear strategic direction to help Cornwall and our planet for the next decade and beyond to 2050. [View the plan](#)

Electric Vehicle Charging Points

Cornwall Council has secured £2.9 million from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) Priority Axis 7 (PA7) for the installation of at least 150 new electric vehicle chargepoints.

The new chargepoints will be a mix of Cornwall Council and public sites. The Council is match funding £725,000 from the Renewable Energy and Climate Change fund (subject to the signing of the grant funding agreement), allowing the project to double the Council and public charging capacity in Cornwall between 2021 and March 2023. [Read our news release](#)

Government's green industrial revolution

The Prime Minister has set out the [Government's ten-point plan to tackle climate change](#), deliver net zero and launch a green industrial revolution. Along with the [end of the sale of new petrol and diesel cars](#) by 2030; and that the [Green Homes Grant Voucher Scheme](#) has been extended until March 2022.

We welcome the Government's announcement and funding, but £12bn for green initiatives - with only £4bn of that being new funding - is not enough to bring emissions down. The Government has taken a step in the right direction but more investment is needed to make real change happen, and we will continue to lobby hard to ensure Cornwall gets its fair share of investment. [Read the Government's ten-point plan](#)

Carbon Neutral Youth Ambassador Network

Young people are passionate about the environment and the world they will inherit from us, so it is important to get them involved in decisions. Our Together for Families service launched the new Carbon Neutral Youth Ambassadors Network which aims to give young people an opportunity to talk directly with policy makers at the Council and wider afield. The platform will also be used to share ideas, get involved in regional and

national campaigns, discuss new initiatives and to learn about the opportunities available in the green energy sector. We are looking forward to working with the young people who sign up. [Read more](#)

More trees for Cornwall

The Woodland Trust are providing over 57,000 trees for native woodland creation projects this winter to boost the Forest for Cornwall. The Trust are providing trees free to Cornish schools and community groups and through their [MOREwoods](#) scheme. We are so grateful to the [Woodland Trust](#) for partnering us in this vital work. That extraordinary total of over 57,000 trees is a giant step on our path to achieving extended canopy cover 8,000 hectares of Cornwall with new carbon-absorbing trees, woodlands and forests. There is still plenty of time to request trees from the Woodland Trust to help grow the Forest for Cornwall and the fight back on climate change. [Read more](#)

Climate and Health Skills Lab event

We took part in the Climate and Health Skills Lab that featured presentations by social and climate scientists, clinicians and managers, the University of Exeter, Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust, Cornwall Partnership Foundation Trust, and other NHS Trusts, as well as Helston Climate Action Group and Volunteer Cornwall. We updated attendees on the Council's work in addressing the climate emergency and our action plan that is shaping how we are striving towards a Carbon Neutral Cornwall; and took part in a very interesting discussion about how we can all work together to shift. [Watch our presentation](#)

Climate Emergency DPD

Planning is an important part of the solution to help address Climate Change. Planning Policies have a major impact on the way that places grow and change. They will also help to protect and shape the Cornwall of the future.

We are introducing new planning policies to address climate change issues affecting Cornwall. These policies can help protect the environment and people.

The new planning policies, called the **Climate Emergency Development Plan Document**, will create new planning rules that encourage better development that uses less energy, and that help protect the planet.

Find out more about the [Climate Emergency Development Plan Document](#)

In our next newsletter

We hope to be able to let you know in our next newsletter about events and activities for everyone, to help shape Cornwall's Carbon Neutral Greenprint for action.

We hope you have found our update interesting. You can keep up to date with our news on our [Carbon Neutral Cornwall website news page](#).

Tereba nessa – until next time, kind regards

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