

Herefordshire Climate & Nature Partnership Board

Successes in 2024

Board Webinar

- Successful and informative webinar in February 2024.
- 80 attendees and 117 subsequent views of the [recording](#).



Board Priority actions

- Top three priority actions developed for each sector along with a plan to address these.
- Published on [website](#).

ENERGY
 Create strong process to reinforce electricity grid
 Local electricity generation: Community communication and engagement
 Create set of steps for energy generation with long term goals

WASTE
 Food waste collections
 Expanded Garden Waste collections
 Enhanced recycling collection service

BUILDINGS
 Support Future Ready Homes 2
 A unified approach to retrofit advice
 Retrofit awareness and skills:
 - Annual event
 - 'Fabric First' skills training

FOOD
 Engagement: Build and meet demand for local food
 Procurement: Support sustainability targets of public organisations
 Food Waste: Commercial food waste composting

TRANSPORT
 Bus Service Improvement Plan
 Enable and encourage active travel and public transport use
 Delivery of Electric Vehicle Infrastructure

FARMING AND LAND USE
 Farm Carbon Audits
 Nutrient (phosphate) Reduction
 Nature Recovery Network

Successes - what have we achieved?

Progress:

- Agreed top 3 priority actions for six sectors
- Initiated work on targets and progress indicators
- Secured funding for associated projects
- Working and engaging with key stakeholders

Projects:

- Business energy audits – 42 completed
- Farm carbon audits – 40 completed and follow up audits due in 2025
 - Further Farm Carbon Audits available being delivered 2024
 - Ambition to deliver audit to every farm in Herefordshire
 - Farm carbon event held and well attended
- Renewable energy opportunity mapping – Reported end 2023
 - Mapping soon to be publicly available



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Big Green Business Event

- June event organised in partnership with Herefordshire Means Business during Greener Footprints week.
- 110 attendees from local businesses.
- Engaging talks on sustainability journey from Two Farmers Crisps, Pedicargo and the Wye Valley Brewery.



Spotlight on farming...

Ongoing support and guidance for farmers as part of the Farm Carbon Audit Project.



Advice and progress on the farms

- Top 6 recommendations produced for farms involved in the project.
- Half of the 46 farms have already started work on the No.1 recommendation.
- To date, 12 farms identified as carbon negative.

Two Farm workshops in April and October

- One-to-one advice.
- Open discussion and peer to peer learning.
- Valuable feedback from farmers.

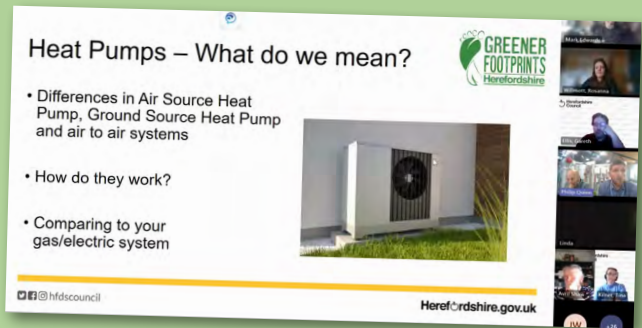
Rural Business Advice Day

- Workshop with good feedback and follow up sharing the work of the farm carbon audit project.

Heat pump webinar

'Heat Pumps, Solar, and Battery Storage for Home and Business - The Basics.'

Board member Phil Quinn from Herefordshire Low Carbon Technology Training Centre at Holme Lacy College, gave a really practical, informative introduction to Heat Pumps in this webinar for Herefordshire residents and businesses. Colleague Phil Kitchener also set out the key things to know for those considering installing solar PV and battery storage. You can watch the full recording on the Greener Footprints website (see 'Ongoing communications' section).



Ongoing communications

- Greener Footprints campaign regularly messages followers on social media highlighting projects and issues that link to the priority actions of the Board.
- Quarterly e-newsletter to businesses and individuals.
- News updates also posted on the website zerocarbonherefordshire.gov.uk



Youth engagement

Creativity, Climate & Cake is a new model of engagement, to provide the opportunity for Herefordshire college students to engage with local decision makers. Board member Jess Bugler hosted the events at Hereford College of Arts, in partnership with Rural Media and Herefordshire Council's Greener Footprints.

After an inspiring introduction, students discussed the topics of Food, Waste, Transport and Nature Recovery, and shared their ideas with representatives from Herefordshire Council. Ongoing work is being done to progress ideas that can be implemented in 2025.

- Pilot - 60 HCA Foundation students (18-19 years).
- Session 2 - 40 HCA Level 4 Degree students – as part of their HCA Carbon Literacy Training.



Secondary schools climate conference

- 60 students from seven Herefordshire secondary schools attended a Climate Conference facilitated by the InterClimate Network (ICN) and hosted by Herefordshire Council.



Forward Look...

Climate and Nature Networking event planned for May 2025. Focus to be on: Local Nature Recovery Strategy, Energy (including Renewables Mapping) and Carbon Budgets.

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