Support for your community group, from Cornwall's No images? Click here energy advice charity Community **Newsletter**

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Hello! Dydh da!

stock of the changes ahead.

Welcome to our Low Carbon Community Newsletter, keeping you up-to-date with retrofit news and goings-on in our community.

As summer draws to a close and the seasons begin to shift, we're taking

In this issue, we're looking back at key developments from over the summer, including important Government updates to Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) regulations - particularly around grey water recycling and rainwater harvesting. With recent dry spells and resulting water shortages, now is the time to ask: could we all be doing more to manage and make the most of our water resources? And as always, we're highlighting the great work in our communities - helping

to make our built environment a better place to be; Your Future Home Champions sharing their retrofit journeys; and what's coming next...

Meet our Cornwall Low Carbon Energy Advice Network team Energy Adviser Energy Adviser Have you started your retrofit journey?

From a fabric-first approach with insulation, to solar PV and heat pumps - if you've taken steps to improve your home's energy efficiency, we'd love to hear from you! Sharing your experience could help encourage others to start their

Got a heat pump? You can help demystify the technology by taking part in Visit a Heat Pump a brilliant initiative where people can see working heat pumps in real homes. Find out more at Visit a heat pump

News **National standards for Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS)** The UK Government has updated its guidance on managing rainwater in **Read more**

new developments - good news for people, wildlife, and green spaces. These standards also offer helpful advice for retrofitting existing

homes, streets, and public spaces to be more climate-resilient by using rainwater as a resource. Whether you're just exploring an idea or already have a more developed plan, the Great British Energy Community Fund can help local energy project get

 Cover planning and development costs to get your project ready for construction and investment If your community has a project (or even just the seed of an idea) that you'd like to explore, please get in touch with our Technical Officer, James Miller on Freephone 0800 954 1956 or lowcarbon@cep.org.uk Find out more about the Great British Energy Community Fund What's happening in our

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modern eco-constructed building project was funded through the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Good Growth and Shared Prosperity Fund, built by local builders Warvena Construction and designed by Kast Architects. Find out more about the eco-conscious design here: <u>Warvena Construction - Building Community with Purpose</u>

For more information on the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Growth and Shared **Prosperity Fund, click here**

Does your community need support taking action on their path to

decarbonisation? Could you be a Retrofit Champion?

Call us on 0800 954 1956 or email lowcarbon@cep.org.uk

recently joined the Transition Network and has become the hub for promoting Transition activities in Cornwall.

Climate Cafe Listening Circles

sustainable future. Since 2005, thousands of groups have emerged in villages, cities, universities and schools in more than 50 countries across the world. In England and Wales there are over 300 groups, so we are part of a thriving and growing network; each local group of volunteers will develop their own projects everything from growing food, rewilding & nature recovery, community renewable energy, to repair & recycling, and active travel. In Cornwall, we have a number of well-established Transition Initiatives from

If your local group would like to connect into the wider network, please contact CCAN: secretary@ccan.earth **Community Renewable Energy**

you want to investigate the potential for renewable energy in local area?

empowering them to make changes towards a more sustainable future.

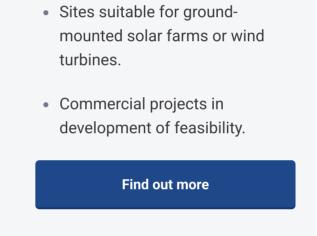
communities to develop renewable energy and energy-saving projects,

We're looking for: **Community Building Resilience:**

 Community buildings with small energy use (e.g. village halls, doctors surgeries) looking to reduce their carbon footprint,

lower energy bills and futureproof their buildings.

an early stage.



Community Renewable Generation:

electricity demand and a roof

Buildings with significant

the most suitable areas in your locality for renewable energy technologies to be developed, in terms of energy resource and planning constraints.

and send the profits up country. Contact us for more information

that your community can take advantage of opportunities as soon as they come up, instead of letting commercial developers sweep up the local sites

Projects can take a long time to develop, so getting things moving early means

maximise energy efficiency, reduce expenses, and achieve your sustainability goals – helping your organisation thrive, while operating smarter. Our dedicated Business Energy Adviser, Abigail Clark, is here to help. Abi can deliver energy audits; training and workshops; and has information on grants and funding.

At Community Energy Plus, we know that managing costs and improving

why our tailored energy audits focus on uncovering practical solutions to

efficiency are top priorities for community organisations and businesses. That's

How we can help your community or business **Events**

Free entry (please register in advance) Supporting Wadebridge

Renewable Energy Network (WREN) to run a free, interactive

workshop about Heat Pumps.

Come join us at Wadebridge Town

Hall for a fun and informative event

all about heat pumps. Whether you've been using one for some

time or are considering installing

one – or just plain curious about this is for you!

Saturday 27 September 10 am - 4 pm St John's Methodist Church & Priory Car Park, St Austell, PL25 5AE Practical tips for everyday sustainable living Wildlife & conservation groups Solar & heat pump installers Organic food suppliers

• Electric cars & bikes

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10am – 4pm

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P St John's Methodist Church & Priory Car Park, St Austell, PL25

Saturday 27th September

Cheaper & Greener Day - discover sustainable living Organised in partnership with Climate Action St Austell (CASA), the event brings together a wide range of local groups and organisations - from wildlife and community initiatives to solar and heat pump installers, electric vehicles and bikes, and organic food suppliers. Whether you're looking to cut energy costs, reduce your environmental impact, or simply find

out more, there's something for

Come along and discover small

difference. We'd love to see you

steps that can make a big

everyone.

there!

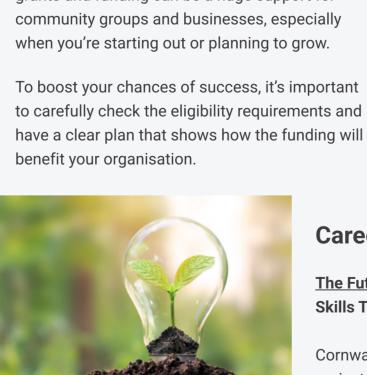
We reach every part of Cornwall, so check our **Events** page and search 'low carbon' in the search box or follow us on our social media to see

if we're coming to a location near

you soon.

Upcoming Events

Hope to see you there! 🤎



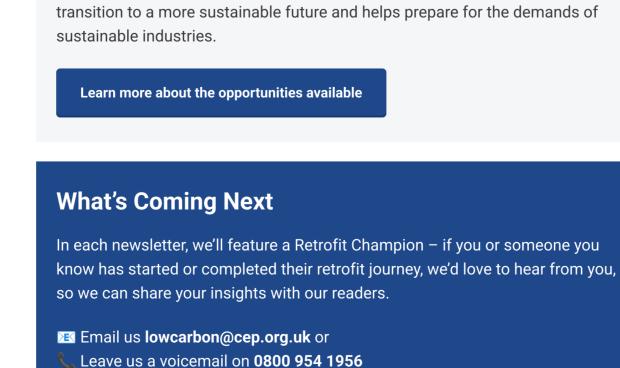
Seeking funding for your community project?

Whether you're launching a new initiative or developing an existing one, there is a range of funding opportunities available to support your

> Careers **The Future is Green:** Sustainable Skills Training at Cornwall College Cornwall College's Future is Green project is helping individuals and

Click here for

funding support



industries.

Interested in energy efficiency and practical tips?

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updates in our Winter edition

Warm regards Cornwall Low Carbon Energy Advice Network team



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own retrofit journey. Call us on 0800 954 1956 or email lowcarbon@cep.org.uk

The **Great British Energy Community Fund** is now live!

off the ground. You can apply for funding to: Look into whether your idea is technically and financially feasible

community? **Community Roots Project's New Building Community Roots** is a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) project based in Porthtowan. They have turned an acre of bare

land into a beautiful, productive, nature-friendly market garden producing delicious food for the local community. Offering veg

boxes, volunteer opportunities and

a variety of courses

To enable their growth, Community Roots now have a brand new building. The Kast Architects - The Big Shed

Cornwall Cornwall Climate Action Network (CCAN) has Climate 🧌 Action Network



Network.

Penzance to Bude, and more are emerging. The aim of the Hub is to connect us to the wider network for learning and encouragement, and together work for change locally, regionally and internationally. More information about the international network can be found at <u>Transition</u>

Does your community have a renewable energy or energy saving project you want to develop? Or do We love working with local

suitable for solar PV.

Start your journey towards community renewable energy generation

Does your community want to develop its own wind and solar

projects, but you just don't

know where to start?

We can carry out a **local wind and solar feasibility assessment** to identify This can help you understand your community's potential to generate **electricity** and which landowners to get in contact with to get the ball rolling. In anticipation of the Government's Local Power Plan (LPP) - currently under consultation and aimed at making community renewable energy generation viable once again - it is important to identify potential generation sites at

Mad About Heat Pumps?! A free interactive workshop for supporters and sceptics. MAD ABOUT Wadebridge Town Hall Wednesday 24th September a free interactive workshop for √ 7:00 – 9:00pm (doors open at) supporters and sceptics 6:30pm)

· Already have a heat pump?

· Considering a heat pump?

Register on wren.uk.com or scan the QR code ---

WEDNESDAY

7pm - 9pm

24 SEPT 2025

& DARTMOOR ENERGY

· Already talking to installers? · Want to find out more?

Wadebridge Town Hall

The Platt, Wadebridge

PL27 7AQ

Register for FREE tickets here

low carbon technology – this event

EVOLT Taking Charge Together -Cornwall event We talked to lots of you at the **EVOLT Taking Charge Together -**Cornwall event. If you still have questions, please chat with our Low Carbon Team or check out our Electric Cars energy advice guide.

From local schemes to national programmes, grants and funding can be a huge support for

Useful Links

work.

businesses develop the skills needed to thrive in the green economy. Offering training in clean energy, agriculture, construction, and transport, the initiative provides opportunities for reskilling and upskilling in key sustainable With a focus on building a skilled workforce, this project supports the

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