



Great news from The Great Collaboration

A national resource hub and support network
for collective climate and nature action

NATIONAL EDITION 2024

Welcome to the first national edition of a quarterly newsletter from The Great Collaboration.

We are developing a national resource hub and support network for collective climate and nature action. Town and parish councils and community groups can share and learn from others to co-ordinate and accelerate delivery of climate and nature-focused solutions.

- The Great Collaboration website is being redeveloped to include easy-to-navigate information, case studies and 'how to' guides, geographically mapped to enable local connections.
 - The Great Collaboration will become the most reliable national source of inspiration, information and support for Councils and communities to make positive environmental changes for people, place and planet.
 - The Great Collaboration will increase capacity and accelerate positive climate and nature action throughout the UK.
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Pilot project in East Anglia

The next phase of The Great Collaboration is being shaped through a working group, gathering and sharing more collective climate actions and adding digital mapping to the website. These

new elements are being piloted in East Anglia alongside invaluable in-person community action workshops and creating new climate emergency centres.

Read the [Community Climate Action Case Study](#) for Suffolk Green Cluster.

If you can help accelerate this pilot taking place in Cambridgeshire, Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk, email office@greatcollaboration.uk.

Expand your mind - and climate network

Our weekly Wednesday Zoom sessions are open to all interested in collective climate and nature action. Join us at noon for brief and light-hearted lunch-time presentations from specialist speakers, followed by a Q&A.

All sessions are recorded; presentations, chat, and discussions are made available on our Wiki channel. [Click here to access previous sessions](#).

Next session: Wednesday 20 November 2024 at 12 noon

DEFRA on Biodiversity Net Gain

Join DEFRA Officers for an exclusive discussion on Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG), a policy designed to ensure new development leaves our natural environment in a better state than before.

The session will cover the basics of BNG, implementation strategies, and opportunities for town and parish councils.

Register for this and future sessions using the link button below.

[Join the Great Collaboration Weekly Zoom Sessions](#)

What's your specialist subject? To speak at a weekly Zoom session, on any climate or nature related topic, contact Graham on gcstones52@gmail.com or 07486 575922.

Looking for help?

We are a collective of community leaders, councillors, clerks, club representatives and charity trustees working to deliver this essential service to accelerate council and community climate and nature action.

If you need advice to overcome a barrier to achieving action in your community, get in touch. Between us, we can cover a range of topics including:

- Reaching out to your community
- Fundraising
- Managing new projects
- Working with your local council
- Opportunities for town and parish councils

[Get in touch](#)

Dedicated climate resources for Councils



Town and parish councils have an important role not just in reviewing their own landholding and operations but also working with communities, who in many cases are already getting involved in climate action of several kinds.

Visit the dedicated [Climate Action page for Councils](#) available from SLCC.

*The fight against climate change starts locally.
Find out what your council can do to be a driving force.*

This is the introduction to the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) new website resources for [local Councils on tackling climate change](#).

Here at the Great Collaboration, we believe in the potential of councils and communities working together.

You'll find inspiration through stories of collective climate and nature action from amongst our 10,000 parish and town councils.

TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE

The rise in public consciousness about climate change was epitomised when 'climate strike' was named the Collins Word of the Year in 2019. Influential figures played pivotal roles in amplifying awareness about climate change worldwide, emphasising the pressing need for action on both local and national scales.

In 2019, we responded to this call to action by declaring a climate emergency at our Annual Conference. Since then, many parish and town councils have joined in declaring a climate emergency. We published our [climate change report](#) in 2020, accurately portraying how parish and town councils tackle climate change and identify its challenges. In doing so, we have better understood how to support parish and town councils in creating more sustainable communities. Data was collected from councils across England over four months. The survey explored the sustainable actions councils implement, covering areas such as climate emergency declarations, neighbourhood plans, carbon-reducing measures, and climate working groups. Shortly after, we established our [national networks](#) for parish and town councils already taking action locally to help tackle the climate and ecological emergency.

By uniting with parish and town councils, we can effectively address climate change at the grassroots level and foster the development of more environmentally conscious communities.

Click the images below to discover what your parish and town council can do.



BIODIVERSITY

Find out how parish and town councils can promote biodiversity within their communities.



CARBON AND PLASTIC REDUCTION

Find out how parish and town councils can significantly influence carbon and plastic reduction efforts.



DECLARING A CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Find out how parish and town councils can declare a climate emergency.



DESIGNING GREENER HOUSING

Find out how parish and town councils can promote the design and implementation of greener housing.



ELECTRIC CHARGING POINTS

Find out how parish and town councils can contribute to developing infrastructure that supports sustainable transportation options and helps reduce carbon emissions in their communities.



ENERGY

Find out how parish and town councils can play a role in managing energy within their communities.



FINDING TRUSTED COMPANIES

Find out how parish and town councils can take steps to find trusted companies to help tackle climate change.



FUNDING

Find out how parish and town councils can pursue various avenues to secure funding for climate change initiatives.



GREEN RECOVERY

Find out how parish and town councils can play a crucial role in promoting a green recovery by taking various actions at the local level.



SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL

Find out how parish and town councils can significantly promote sustainable travel and transport options within their communities.



THE CARBON LITERACY PROJECT

Find out more about The Carbon Literacy Project.



TREE MANAGEMENT

Find out how parish and town councils can undertake various actions to manage and promote tree planting.

CLIMATE CHANGE CASE STUDIES

Our climate change case studies are valuable for parish and town councils, showcasing practical examples of community-driven initiatives.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

National campaigns and resources

YOU CAN STILL MEET YOUR MP

CHECK OUT OUR RESOURCES BY VISITING OUR UNITED FOR PEOPLE CLIMATE AND NATURE HUB

PEOPLECLIMATENATURE.ORG

UNITED FOR PEOPLE, CLIMATE & NATURE

ZERO HOUR

YES WE CAN

PASS THE CLIMATE & NATURE ACT

SAVE YOUR PENNIES

PROTECT THE PLANET

Check out the Climate Coalition's campaign, United for People, Climate and Nature Hub. From advice on how to book a meeting or guidance on

The Climate and Nature Bill is back in Parliament, thanks to Roz Savage, new MP for S Cotwolds, environmental campaigner and

November is [#BuyNothingNewMonth](#), a Keep Britain Tidy campaign calling on Brits to boycott Black Friday and the culture of impulse

what issues to raise, their resources will help you meet your MP and talk about the issues you care about.

[Find Common Grounds with your MP](#)

champion of the Bill. This is a golden opportunity to pass a Climate and Nature Act into law - will you call on your MP to back the CAN Bill?

[Help pass the Climate and Nature Act](#)

buys that goes along with it. Their goal is to reduce waste, make the most of the stuff we already own, and cut our carbon footprint.

[Shifting from Recycling to Prevention](#)

Tell us about your collaborations

We're keen to hear about collective action in your community!

Are you developing a community energy project - or creating a local nature action plan? Becoming a bee-friendly parish?



Perhaps you'd like to tell your story to our growing network on our weekly Zoom sessions, or ask the hive mind for help. Either way, get in touch!

[Get in touch](#)

Join The Great Collaboration!

There's a real buzz across the team. We're looking for people who want to help light up this national network of collective energy!

To find out about our central working groups, look us up [via this page](#), download the form and send to office@greatcollaboration.uk

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