

## Council Activity

### **New Council Plan 2024-2028**

We have launched our new council plan for 2024-2028, setting out our vision and priorities for the next four years. Our vision is:

**'Working with you for a fairer, greener North Herts'**

Our four priorities are:

- **Thriving Communities**
- **Accessible Services**
- **Responsible Growth**
- **Sustainability**

Read the [Council Plan](#) on our website now!

### **Climate Hive Engagements**

The [Climate Hive](#) now has 386 subscribers and we continue to update users with the latest climate activity and awareness initiatives such as LNRS engagement, Environment Week, Recycle Week, upcoming environmental films and open surveys.

### **Executive Member Q&A!**

Throughout the month of November, we are giving you the opportunity to ask the Executive Member for Waste Management and Recycling, Cllr Amy Allen, anything Waste and Recycling related! Head to the [Climate Hive](#) to ask your question!

### **Local Nature Recovery Strategy**

Work continues on Hertfordshire's Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS). Key stakeholders are helping develop specific strategic priorities for Hertfordshire's urban areas. These priorities aim to join up fragmented habitats, provide wildlife corridors, improve greenspaces, and help improve air quality. North Herts are currently assisting in providing information to help shape these urban priorities.

### **Solar for Business**

The pilot scheme is progressing and project oversight meetings are ongoing. [Solar for Business](#)

*For queries or comments, please contact the Policy & Strategy Team at [environmentpanel@north-herts.gov.uk](mailto:environmentpanel@north-herts.gov.uk)*

### **Cabinet Panel for the Environment**

Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> October covered the topic of the Sustainability Supplementary Planning Document and an update on the national government plans. More information and previous meetings can be found [here](#).

### **HCCSP LARA Pilot**

The Hertfordshire Climate Change and Sustainability Partnership (HCCSP) has been chosen to take part in the fully-funded programme of the Local Area Retrofit Accelerator ([LARA](#)). Workshops are taking place over a twelve-week period to develop the Retrofit Strategy for Hertfordshire.

### **Hertfordshire Environmental Improvement Grant**

Hertfordshire County Council are on the lookout for projects to support with their Environmental Improvement Grant, with up to £3,000 in funding available for people or groups who are hoping to improve nature on their land and in their local communities. For further information on eligibility and to apply, head to [Environmental Improvement Grants](#)

### **UKSPF Grants awarded**

Grants between £5,000 and £20,000 have been awarded to community groups as part of the [North Herts Prosperity Fund](#). Funding has been awarded for projects including tech recycling and reuse, revitalising gardens and upgrades to allotments.

## Local Events

### **LGCHF Retrofit event**

[Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation](#) are hosting a free, beginners guide to retrofit event.

Date & Time: **6<sup>th</sup> November 5:45pm**

Location: **The Broadway Gallery, the Arcade, Letchworth**

Secure a place and book your free ticket now:

[Beginners Guide to Retrofit Tickets, Wed, Nov 6, 2024 at 5:45 PM | Eventbrite](#)

## Sustainability Tips

### **Plastic Free & Sustainable Products**

Disposable nappies, incontinence products and period products all create a lot of waste, so switching to reusables make sense, for your wallet and the planet!

There are lots of options to choose from when it comes to reusable products, and Hertfordshire Residents can apply for a 15% discount on a selected range of nappy, incontinence and period products, catering for the whole family.

For more information and to apply for discounts:

[Herts Sustainable Periods](#)  
[Herts Confident Continence](#)  
[Herts Reusable Nappies](#)

### **HEAT Energy App**

The HEAT Herts Energy Advice Tool, an energy saving app continues to be available for residents to download and use. The app is designed to take residents through their home and fill in a survey to identify how they can reduce their energy usage in order to save money on bills and help the environment.

The app is available for both Android and iOS users:

[Download the HEAT app for Apple devices](#)

[Download the HEAT app for Android devices](#)

### **Thermal Imaging Cameras**

Now the colder months are with us, find out more about thermal imaging and how you can loan a camera, save money on your energy bills and reduce your carbon emissions. Head to the North Herts Climate Hive. [Thermal Imaging Cameras.](#)

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### **Green Heat Coop survey**

[Green Heat Coop](#) are working on a guide for homeowners on how to make properties more energy and cost efficient in Royston and surrounding villages. Take the survey to help guide services and tailor resources!

[Royston & Villages Household Survey 2024](#)

## **Environmental films**

The Broadway Cinema, Letchworth are hosting a number of environmental documentary type films until the end of 2024. 2 remaining films showing:

- Fashion Reimagined (12A) -  
Sunday 10 November 17:45 & Thursday 14th November 20:15
- Dear Future Children (15) -  
Sunday 8 December 18:00 & Thursday 12th December 20:15

For more information <https://www.broadway-leitchworth.com/cinema/environmental-films/>.

## Headlines

### **COP29**

The UN Climate Change Conference begins in Baku, Azerbaijan on the 11th November, themed this year 'In Solidarity for a Green World'.

### **Renewable energy generation**

[51.6%](#) of the UK's energy generation from April 2023 and June this year was produced by renewables!

### **Met Office LA Climate Service**

The MET Office have launched a data portal, the [Local Authority Climate Service](#) to help local authorities better understand climate risks and take action.

### **Autumn budget**

The new government budget is here, including [carbon capture](#) and local authority funding.

## Have your say!

### **Property Flood Resilience Survey**

Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) is keen to hear from residents whose homes have flooded, or are at risk of flooding, to decide whether to reintroduce a grant scheme to fund flood defences for properties. [Complete the survey](#) to express your interest in the grant scheme.

### **Economic Strategy survey**

[Hertfordshire Futures](#) is developing a new Economic Strategy for the county for the next 10 years and beyond. They want to hear from all stakeholders on building a more inclusive and sustainable economy. Take the [survey](#) and share your views now!