

This newsletter brings together information concerning [South Lakeland District Council](#) (SLDC) that should be of interest to local Town & Parish Councils and worth sharing locally.

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1. Places Called Home

IKEA Limited and The National Lottery Community Fund have come together to launch Places Called Home, a new £1.5 million fund that aims to 'inspire and help people get more involved in their local community as a positive, homely place to be and meet other people'.



Communities can apply for between £1,000 and £5,000 and proposals need to do at least two of the following:

- Build on the relationships created during the COVID-19 pandemic to increase community activity and the number of people taking part.
- Encourage people to work together, creating opportunities for communities to live in a sustainable and healthy way.
- Raise awareness amongst the public of the importance of connected households, neighbourhoods and resilient communities.
- Develop a new idea, activity or way to come together that has emerged in response to the pandemic.
- Revive or redesign community and common spaces to encourage shared community activities.

Places Called Home opened on Wednesday 30th June and is open for two weeks or once 1,500 applications have been received - whichever comes first.

To apply visit: [Places Called Home - Application form \(tfaforms.net\)](#)

For eligibility details please see: [Places Called Home | The National Lottery Community Fund \(tnlcommunityfund.org.uk\)](#)

2. The Greening Campaign

Staveley with Ings Parish Council have completed Phase 1 of the Greening Campaign. Volunteers delivered cards to every household in the parish and after three weeks cards (shown below) were visible in 64 households.

It is estimated that as a result of the pledges made just shy of 40 tonnes of CO² will be saved – enough to fill 39 hot air balloons. The results are being displayed on painted signs and scarecrows around the village (below) .



Staveley with Ings

The Greening Staveley with Ings Campaign is based on the idea that little actions can help tackle climate change. Please support the parish council by taking part and making our parish a greener place to live. Once you've committed to **FIVE** of the challenges, please display the **LOGO SIDE** of the card in your window by **5 MAY 2021**.

Already doing some of the challenges? Go to the Energy Savings Trust website and pick some different ones. Then put the card up in the window to encourage others!

<input type="checkbox"/> Turn the thermostat down by 1°C and you can stop 325kg of CO ₂ being emitted, it also saves your household £80*	<input type="checkbox"/> Turn off lights when leaving a room (non LED) and stop 25kg of CO ₂ going into the atmosphere and save £14* C
<input type="checkbox"/> Halving your food waste by making a meal plan and using up leftovers will save 312kg of CO ₂ and saving £252 a year** C	<input type="checkbox"/> Boil only the amount of water needed and you can stop 12kg CO ₂ going into the atmosphere, saving £6 a year off household bills*
<input type="checkbox"/> Replacing all bulbs with LEDs will reduce CO ₂ by 65kg and save £35 a year*	<input type="checkbox"/> Washing up using a bowl rather than letting the water run saves 130kg of CO ₂ and saves £25* C
<input type="checkbox"/> Turn off all standbys and inactive appliances and save 60kg of CO ₂ from going into the atmosphere and £30* C	<input type="checkbox"/> Line or rack dry clothes reduces CO ₂ emissions by 65kg and saves £35*

Display your card between 5th-14th May so it can be counted. Make sure it can be easily seen from the road, a window at the front of your house is ideal. We will count the cards and work out how much CO₂ we have saved together.

C = Child friendly

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*All calculations supplied by the Energy Savings Trust based on an average household per year.
** calculations supplied by Waste and Resources Action Programme, WRAP

If you need advice please contact Anne on 07713 240 572 or Deb on 07717 580 600
(For more information about the central Greening Campaign go to www.greening-campaign.org)

Well done Staveley with Ings !

In the parish council's Greening Campaign, 64 households saved the equivalent of 39.76 tonnes of CO₂.

That is the equivalent of **39 hot air balloons full of CO₂**.

X 39

If ALL households saved the same that would be the equivalent of 1,476 hot air balloons!



If everyone in the parish did the same then that total carbon saving could increase to the equivalent of 1,000 hot air balloons full of CO².

If you have questions about the Greening Campaign, or want to sign-up and benefit from a subsidised Phase 1, costing just £25, then please visit our [website](http://www.greening-campaign.org) and get in touch: climate.action@southlakeland.gov.uk.

3. Low Carbon Lake District Grants



The [Lake District Foundation](#) is using the European Structural Investment Fund to offer grants totalling £1 million to community groups and small to medium sized businesses looking to reduce their carbon footprint.

Applicants will need to operate or have an impact within the Lake District National Park and **can be awarded up to 60% of projects costs, up to a maximum of £20,000**. Projects will need to be completed by March 2023.

To find out more visit: [Low Carbon Lake District Grants - Lake District Foundation](#)

4. Free Electric Vehicle Charging Point in your Parish

Would you like an electric vehicle charging station installed for free in your area?



The '[Scaling On Street Charging Infrastructure Project \(SOSCI\)](#)' has been extended to September 2021 and is looking for more suggested sites to meet its target to install 100 charge points west of the Pennines. SLDC is a partner organisation and we are using the scheme to install charging points in some of our car parks.

The [website](#) has more detail, and outlines how the scheme seeks to address some of the challenges of electric vehicle use in rural areas. With a budget of more than £4m and a keen interest in evaluation to better understand the barriers to EV use in rural areas, this is a great opportunity to propose installing a charge point in your local area.

If you would like a community car park in your area to be considered please register your interest here: <https://chargemystreet.co.uk/host>. The programme will look at the feasibility and, if it is possible, install the charge point – all for free.

5. Cold to Cosy



Despite it being summer it's never too early to prepare your home for the colder months. [Cumbria Action for Sustainability \(CAfS\)](#) provide a range of small and medium sized interventions for free through their [Cold to Cosy service](#).

The [eligibility criteria are very broad](#) and includes anyone receiving child benefit, Universal Credit, suffering from a range of health conditions or living in specific circumstances. Individuals can [refer themselves](#) or [others](#). Consultations are taking place over the phone due to the current lockdown and free energy-saving equipment including energy saving light bulbs, radiator reflectors, letterbox covers and chimney balloons or sheep are still being distributed. Please share with others: www.cafs.org.uk/cold-to-cosy-homes-cumbria

6. Litter picking

Many local Parish and Town Councils do fantastic work with their communities to lead and support litter picking activity. We know some local groups cover the same territory while there are also some areas in the district that could benefit further from litter picking.

SLDC can help – beyond the provision and emptying of around 850 bins across the district, [we can supply you with litter picking equipment and work out how best to dispose of what is collected.](#)

Please contact locality@southlakeland.gov.uk if you would like help with your local litter picking.



(Photo from [BBC Radio Cumbria Twitter account](#))

7. CAfs webinars for residents

[Cumbria Action for Sustainability](#) (CAfs) have two more [online events over the coming weeks](#) which you and your residents may wish to attend.



Learn how to [cut your business environmental impact](#) on 15th July 2021 or [cut your personal carbon footprint](#) on 21st July.

8. SLDC My Account



Registering for My Account, **an easier way to report or request a whole range of council services**, is easy and takes just a couple of minutes – all you need is an email address. Go to www.southlakeland.gov.uk/Myaccount to login or register. You might like to [opt for paperless billing](#) while there, meaning future council tax or rate bills are sent to you electronically.

Please pass on these details to local residents who can use the service to report everything from missed bins to fly-tipping, broken playground equipment to abandoned vehicles. They can also apply for services that range from postal votes to replacement bins, and make payments that include parking fines and council tax. More services are being added all the time alongside information tailored to the resident's area that include local planning applications, bin collections calendars and local councillor contact details.