

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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**For those of you newly elected to Parish and Town Councils in South Lakeland, congratulations. We hope you find this newsletter and the links provided of use.**

## 1. CAfS webinars for residents and councillors

[Cumbria Action for Sustainability](#) (CAfS) are offering a range of [online events](#) over the coming weeks which you and your residents may wish to attend. Whether considering [installing renewables for the home](#) (Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 19:00 – 20:30), reducing your personal environmental footprint or taking environmental action as a business (various dates in June and July, one hour duration) CAfS have a webinar for you. Find out more here: [Events - CAfS](#)



CAfS are also offering FREE training for Town and Parish Councillors: Climate Science and Solutions 101, a 90 minute interactive session that will inform, educate and inspire. **The sessions will be on 10<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June, 17:30 – 19:00.** To find out more and sign-up please email [climate.action@southlakeland.gov.uk](mailto:climate.action@southlakeland.gov.uk)

## 2. 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](#)



### 3. Walney Extension Community Fund

In October 2015 renewable energy company, Ørsted decided to construct an extension to the operational Walney offshore wind farm. The extension will be located in the Irish Sea, around 19km WSW off the Walney Island coast in Cumbria.

Ørsted has committed to a **fund worth approximately £600,000** a year for the lifetime of the project and its **eligibility area covers much of coastal South Lakeland.**

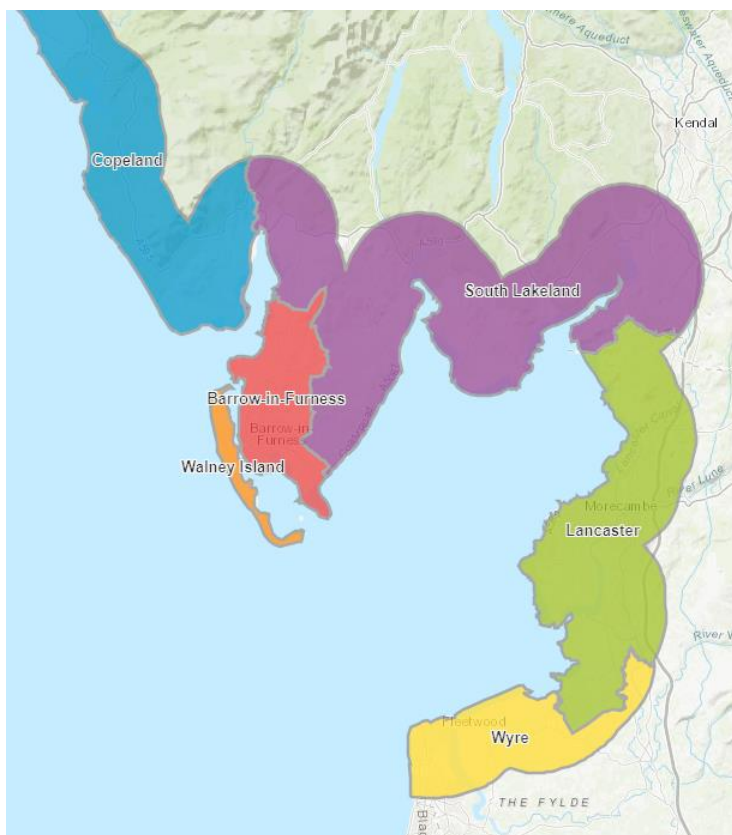
Small grants of £500 - £5,000 and main grants between £5,001 and £50,000 are available through two funding rounds per year. The next application closing dates are:

**Closing date: 23 June 2021**  
Decision by: End Sept 2021  
**Closing date: 7 January 2022**  
Decision by: End March 2022

**Parish and Town Councils may apply and please also share this with your communities** who are seeking grant funding opportunities for community projects

To be eligible to apply for a grant your project must be located, and for the benefit of communities, within the funding area. (Please note the area of benefit also includes the coastal tidal zones directly in line with the onshore areas).

Click on the links for the [Full Criteria](#) and the [Map of eligible communities](#).



### 4. The Greening Campaign

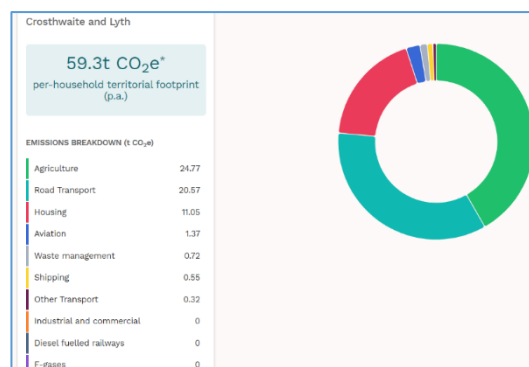
We have featured [The Greening Campaign](#) in each of these newsletters and now have **13 councils signed up and receiving support** from [Terena Plowright](#) and the [Climate Action project team at SLDC](#). If you have questions about the Greening Campaign, or want to sign-up then please visit our [website](#) and get in touch: [climate.action@southlakeland.gov.uk](mailto:climate.action@southlakeland.gov.uk).



## 5. Local council carbon calculators

Do you know your parish's carbon footprint?

[The Centre for Sustainable Energy](#), partnership with the [Midlands Energy Hub](#), have developed 'The [Carbon Community Calculator](#)' which enables local councils and communities to **estimate baseline carbon emissions for their area**. There is [a short video](#) to assist your use of the tool.



While this tool calculates your local area's footprint from the 'top down', [Cumbria Action for Sustainability \(CAfS\)](#) have developed a [calculator that works from the 'bottom up'](#) for individual residents and small to medium businesses. Again, there is a [short video](#) to describe its use. Why not try out both?

## 6. 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.

## 7. Cold to Cosy

With snow back on the fells despite it being May it's a reminder that we have cold temperatures for much of the year and many homes in South Lakeland could benefit from the range of **small and medium scale interventions that [Cumbria Action for Sustainability \(CAfS\)](#) can provide 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](http://www.cafs.org.uk/cold-to-cosy-homes-cumbria)

## 8. Litter & The Great British Spring Clean

Many local Parish and Town Councils do fantastic work with their communities to lead and support litter picking activity. We all know the easing of lockdown restrictions last summer brought particular challenges in this area, and can easily imagine similar difficulties in the coming months. We know too that 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.](#)



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

In addition, SLDC are once again supporting the **Great British Spring Clean organised by Keep Britain Tidy which is running from 28th May – 13th June.**

To make a pledge, register an event, or for more information please visit the [Great British Spring Clean website](#) where you can also access a range of resources to help get your communities involved.

We will provide rubbish collection sacks to all litter picks and arrange the collection of the waste collected. Subject to availability, we are also able to loan out litter picking equipment such as litter pickers and hi-vis jackets which can be collected from our Kendal and Ulverston depot sites.

We ask that any organised litter picks adhere to current COVID government guidelines and complete their own risk assessments.

Please contact us at [locality@southlakeland.gov.uk](mailto:locality@southlakeland.gov.uk) if you would like help with your local litter picking and/or are interested in taking part in the Great British Spring Clean.

## 9. 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](http://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.