



## SUFFOLK'S SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS NETWORK

# October Newsletter

Welcome to the first edition of Suffolk's Sustainable Schools Network (SUSSN) newsletter. Since its launch in September, over half of all Secondary Schools in Suffolk have joined us which is fantastic!

The Department of Education expects all educational settings to have a Sustainability Lead and Climate Action Plan (CAP) in place by 2025. As Suffolk's Schools Sustainability Lead, I am here to support you in developing a robust climate action plan or building a sustainability team.



[Get in touch with Becca](#)

## Networking Meetings

We recently held our first network meeting October, which focused on how schools can enhance their climate education. If you couldn't make the meeting, you can access [the video here](#), or download the presentations below.

Our next network meeting on the **11th December** will be focused on **Decarbonisation** so please keep any eye

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Autumn 1**  
16 October  
4-5:30pm

*Climate education*

**Autumn 2**  
11 December  
4-5:30pm

*Decarbonisation*

**Spring 1**  
5 February  
4-5:30pm

*Green careers*

**Spring 2**  
2 April  
4-5:30pm

*Biodiversity*

**Summer 1**  
11 June  
4-5:30pm

**Summer 2**  
2 July  
Youth Climate  
Conference

out for the email invite! I hope to see you there.

Adaptation and  
resilience

Science  
Climate action  
planning

[Download October Presentations](#)

## Decarbonisation: Cut Your Carbon

Cut Your Carbon is a month-long challenge to cut your carbon footprint takes November. The campaign encourages young people and their families to take six simple actions reducing their carbon footprint and raising awareness. The challenge provides resources, online events and competitions, providing an accessible and fun way to learn about carbon emissions.

[Cut Your Carbon - Find Out More](#)



## Free Energy Audits

We have funding to provide 33 free energy audits to support secondary schools to develop effective climate action plans, now required by 2025. Our energy audits will support you to identify significant carbon saving opportunities whilst providing payback calculations. Following your energy audit, we are working with Let's Go Zero to provide follow-up support and help formalise your climate action plan.

[Sign up for your Free Energy Audit](#)

Carbon Literacy  
Project



LET'S GO

ZERO

2030

Schools working together to be zero carbon

### Free Carbon Literacy Training for School Leaders

Feeling unsure of how climate change will affect your school and what you need to do about it? Enrol in free Carbon Literacy training delivered by the Climate Action Advisors at Let's Go Zero. The course is accredited by the Carbon Literacy Project.

Short on time? We can also facilitate shorter carbon awareness training for all staff.

[Sign up for your free Carbon Literacy Training](#)

### Adaptation: How hot is it here?

"How hot is it here?" is a science lesson plan aimed at Secondary School pupils which has been developed by Learning through Landscapes. The lesson looks at the impact of surface features on temperature. Your pupils can learn about adaption, resilience and climate change all through this simple lesson plan.

[Download the lesson plan](#) including an equipment list and step-by-step guide.



Science

## How hot is it here?

Use this outdoor  
activity to explore



thermal mass in  
the school  
grounds.

Visit Learning Through Landscapes

## Biodiversity: Funding



### Looking for funding to help engage your students with biodiversity?

The **OVO Foundation Nature Prize**: OVO Foundation and Let's GO Zero have teamed up to improve children and young people's access to nature and biodiversity. OVO Foundations 3 year project with Let's Go Zero will award 25 schools a year across the UK a cash prize of £1,000 or £200 for projects that bring their students closer to nature. The competition closes on 25th November.

[Find out more at Let's Go Zero](#)

The **Local Schools Nature Grants Scheme** allows schools and to apply for £500 worth of outdoor resources, and a two-hour training session thanks to the People's Postcode Lottery.

[Find out more at LtL Nature Grant Guidance](#)

The **Stobart Sustainability Fund** is aimed at supporting community-led sustainability projects and initiatives, to help them transform their local community through projects that tackle climate change, reduce carbon emissions or that protect and enhance the environment.

[Apply here](#)

## Climate Education: Zero Carbon Schools



The Green Schools Project have received funding to work with schools in Suffolk to take part in their award-winning Zero Carbon Schools programme.

This programme puts climate education and action at the heart of school life so that young people can become catalysts for change. It is a package of cross-curricular resources, training, and support for schools, with sessions suitable for pupils in years 7 and 8. Pupils plan projects to reduce their schools' carbon emissions and develop skills along the way.

Green Schools Project is on a mission to change the way schools respond to the climate and nature crisis, helping schools to get serious about sustainability, and giving young people hope for a greener future.

To find out more get in touch with Nell at [nell@greenschoolsproject.org.uk](mailto:nell@greenschoolsproject.org.uk)

[Find out more](#)



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Please share and forward this email to your colleagues interested in sustainability.  
Anyone working in a school can join, including both teaching and operational staff,  
and membership is free!

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