

Report

Report to:	Climate Change and Sustainability Committee
Date of Meeting:	28 February 2024
Report by:	Executive Director, Community and Enterprise Resources

Subject:	Community Climate Action in South Lanarkshire
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to: -

- ♦ update the Committee on community climate action initiatives occurring within South Lanarkshire, which have been supported by the Council

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Climate Change and Sustainability Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation:

- (1) that the content of this report in respect to community climate action initiatives is noted.

3. Background

3.1. Recognising that public engagement is central to tackling the impacts of climate change, the Climate Change – Net Zero Nation; Public Engagement Strategy, published in September 2021, sets out the Scottish Government's overarching framework for engaging the people of Scotland in a transition to a net zero nation by 2045. The Strategic Objectives for the framework are:

- ♦ Understand – Communicating Climate Change and how it relates to people's lives
- ♦ Participate – Enabling Participation in shaping just, fair and inclusive policies that promote mitigation and promotion of climate change
- ♦ Act – Encourage taking climate action in households, communities and places

3.2. Empowering communities to take climate action and be more environmentally sustainable is one of the Council's priority actions contained in the Council's Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2022 to 2027. The strategy recognises that people are at the heart of a sustainable South Lanarkshire and communities should be empowered and supported to create sustainable, inclusive and thriving places and that communities are central to creating a just and fair transition to net zero.

3.3. In recognition of this and to further the work in this area, in June 2022 the Council recruited a Sustainable Communities Engagement Officer (SCEO) for a period of two years to be paid for through the £2m Climate Emergency Fund, as agreed on 24 February 2021 as part of the Revenue Budget.

4. Sustainable Communities Engagement Officer

- 4.1. Over the 18 months in post, the SCEO has been involved in a number of initiatives aimed at supporting engagement on climate and sustainability focused issues in communities across South Lanarkshire.
- 4.2. The purpose of the role has been to work across the Council and within communities to develop a collaborative approach to climate outreach. Key tasks included:
- ◆ Working directly with community groups to help them achieve their interests and aspirations with regards the agenda
 - ◆ Liaising with partners in the Community Planning Partnership and Community Engagement Team to ensure sustainability and climate change are mainstreamed within the activity undertaken by these bodies
 - ◆ Developing and delivering public engagement and communication plans for sustainable development and climate change

5. Key Projects and Community Climate Action Case Studies

- 5.1. Examples of the Community Climate Action across South Lanarkshire include:

5.2. ONECAN Community Climate Conference:

The SCEO and officers from the Community Engagement Team worked with One Carlisle Area Network (ONECAN) COP26 Response Group to plan and deliver their first Community Climate Event in March 2023. Hosted by Dr Heather Reid OBE, the event attracted attendees from across South Lanarkshire including residents, local and national organisations, Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire (VASLAN), Council officers and the Head of Enterprise and Sustainable Development. The SCEO facilitated a series of workshops offering the community the opportunity to contribute to ONECAN's Net Zero Strategy and Action Plan. Priorities identified at the conference by the community included:

- ◆ Improved transport provision with a focus on Active Travel
- ◆ A knowledge and information hub to support residents with trusted information and guidance
- ◆ To progress a community energy club initiative

Work is ongoing on implementing these priorities and lead partners remain in contact with the SCEO who has been able to advise and signpost as necessary. The project was nominated by the Council for a CoSLA Excellence award and a planned second conference will be supported by the SCEO.

5.3. Bee Line to Nature Project:

In March 2023, this community-led initiative was awarded over £0.5m from the National Lottery Climate Action Fund. Delivered by a partnership of community-based anchor organisations across four localities the project is engaging people in nature-based programmes focussing on protecting and enhancing green and natural spaces and creating a deeper connection with nature.

Early project development was supported by the SCEO who was instrumental in bringing together the four locality partners and in shaping community engagement aspects of the project. The four partners are:-

- ◆ Clydesdale Community Initiative (Clydesdale and surrounding)
- ◆ Grow 73 (Rutherglen / Cambuslang and surrounding)
- ◆ Larkhall Community Growers (Larkhall and surrounding)
- ◆ Healthy and Active (East Kilbride and surrounding)

The SCEO has continued to support the project by promoting it to community organisations, encouraging the development of a stronger, wider network. Additionally, the SCEO provides critical resource and a named point of contact, enabling the Council to engage in project activity aimed at:-

- ◆ Engaging the unengaged with nature to develop knowledge, empathy and behaviour change around climate action
- ◆ Realising additional health and wellbeing benefits for communities through better connection with nature
- ◆ Bringing nature back into all our communities by addressing 'urban deserts' and emphasise habitat protection and improvement
- ◆ Diversifying and expanding the range of planting areas that utilise key plants to improve carbon capture, contribute to tackling pollution, and expand key pollinators

5.4. Lanarkshire Regional Climate Hub:

Following the success of two Scottish pathfinder Climate Action Hubs in the North East and Highlands, £4.3 million was allocated to expand the Scottish Government's Climate Action Hub programme to regions across Scotland. The hub network is intended to enable a joined up, yet region-specific approach to community-led climate action. Scottish Communities Climate Action Network (SCCAN) was tasked to work with communities to build and develop the network and in December 2023, Rural Development Trust was announced as the successful lead for the Lanarkshire Climate Hub covering North and South Lanarkshire

The Council's SCEO met regularly with the SCCAN coordinator to support the process from November 2022. Through the SCEO, the Council was able to actively participate in the establishment of the Hub by:

- ◆ Supporting the mapping of the network of climate focused groups
- ◆ Informing and encouraging community groups and organisations to engage and participate
- ◆ Coordinating partnership working between the Council, other stakeholders and the hub

The Hub will support collective community climate action and support transition to low carbon and climate resilient living with projects currently underway.

While the hub is community-led, the Council will play an ongoing supporting role moving forward. The SCEO will continue to provide a named point of contact within the Council to respond to enquiries and participate in ongoing networking and relationship building. For example, the SCEO has been key in establishing early-stage collaborative working between South Lanarkshire College and the Climate Hub.

5.5. Appendix 1 details several additional case studies of community climate action ongoing within South Lanarkshire in 2023/24. The case studies are divided into five themes:-

- ◆ young people
- ◆ biodiversity and conservation
- ◆ sustainable travel
- ◆ community energy
- ◆ recycle/reuse

- 5.6. The projects featured are those which have reached completion stage or are ongoing and are not an exhaustive list of community climate action projects supported by Community Engagement Officers in South Lanarkshire.
- 6. Supporting community climate engagement across Council services:**
- 6.1. The SCEO has also been involved in supporting several Council led community engagement activities focused on sustainability and climate change including:-
- ◆ Planning Services: supported community consultation in support of Local Development Plan 3 (LDP3)
 - ◆ Housing and Technical Resource: facilitated outreach with community organisations in support of Local Heating and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES)
 - ◆ Community Engagement Team: supported key projects within Neighbourhood Planning areas; and engaged with Community Asset Transfer projects relating to sustainability and climate action
 - ◆ Economic Development - Social and Community Enterprise: supported focus group discussions on Collaboration and Circular Economy
 - ◆ Community Planning Partnership: facilitated Community Climate and Nature Event in October 2023
 - ◆ Community Climate Emergency Grants: assisting groups and organisations through the application process and supporting the delivery of projects where required
- 7. Communications**
- 7.1. At CMT on 26 January 2023, it was agreed that Climate Change would be added to the list of permanent communications campaigns for the Council. This includes highlighting annual national campaigns such as Climate Week, Recycle Week and Earth Hour as well as consistent messaging across a range of posts and articles relating to climate change and sustainability. Between February 2023 and December 2023, articles and posts shared on the Council's social media channels relating to sustainability and climate change totalled:
- ◆ 178 Social media posts
 - ◆ 29 South Lanarkshire View Articles
- 7.2. In addition, the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) worked with Corporate Communications to run a 17-day Communities Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) campaign. This ran on the Council's social media channels in the lead up to the CPP's Nature and Climate Event on 24 October 2023. The campaign highlighted the work of community groups and organisations across South Lanarkshire who are working to promote the values and ethos of the 17 SDGs at local level. A [Sustainable Development Goal page](#) has been created on the CPP website featuring the case studies and links to help support participation and engagement.
- 8. Next Steps**
- 8.1. The fixed-term two-year Sustainable Communities Engagement Officer post comes to an end in June 2024. Community Climate Action will continue to be supported through the relaunch of Community Climate Grants and it is anticipated that communities will continue to engage in climate action through the recently established Lanarkshire Climate Hub. The Enterprise and Sustainability Development Service will continue to engage with the Climate Hub and other local groups to provide support.

9. Employee Implications

- 9.1. The fixed-term two-year Sustainable Communities Engagement Officer post comes to an end in June 2024. The reduction in dedicated resource to support community climate action will see work in this area significantly reduced.

10. Financial Implications

- 10.1. The fixed-term funding for the Sustainable Communities Engagement Officer post will come to an end in June 2024.

11. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 11.1. Continuing engagement with communities on sustainable development and climate change is helping Community and Enterprise Resource to meet its SDCC Strategy objective to 'Empower communities to take climate action and be more environmentally sustainable'.

12 Other Implications

- 12.1. 'Failure to meet sustainable development and climate change objectives' is one of the top risks for the council.

13. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 13.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy; therefore, no impact assessment is required.
- 13.2. Public and stakeholder consultation has been undertaken throughout the SCEO's time in post as part of their core remit. Consultation work supported has shaped development of a number of Council services detailed in section 6.

David Booth
Executive Director

8 February 2024

Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

Values

- ◆ Focused on people and their needs
- ◆ Fair, open and sustainable

Priorities

- ◆ We will work to put people first and reduce inequality
- ◆ We will work towards a sustainable future in sustainable places
- ◆ We will work to recover, progress and improve

Outcomes

- ◆ Our children and young people thrive
- ◆ Good quality, suitable and sustainable places to live
- ◆ Caring, connected, sustainable communities
- ◆ People live the healthiest lives possible
- ◆ Inspiring learners, transforming learning, strengthening partnerships

Previous References

- ◆ Climate Change and Sustainability Committee 28 April 2021 – Climate Challenge South Lanarkshire Fund

List of Background Papers

There are no background papers associated with this report.


Contact for Further Information

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Appendix 1: Community Climate Action in South Lanarkshire Case Studies

Young People	Community Case Study
Crawforddyke Primary School UN Sustainable Development Goals whole school project	<div data-bbox="913 368 1641 826"></div> <p data-bbox="927 868 1628 895">Photo: students of Crawforddyke Primary School in the polytunnel</p> <p data-bbox="477 938 2074 1166">Crawforddyke Primary School is a shining example of the fantastic work happening across South Lanarkshire to embed the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into school life and beyond. Sustainability is embedded in the school's Improvement Plan as a 'whole school approach'. Children and Young People learned about the impact of climate change, what action can be taken to reduce the impacts and extended their reach beyond the classroom, into homes and communities. Many initiatives saw the children, young people and school community take positive action to create real, lasting change and influence behaviour change.</p>

Some of their projects and initiatives so far include:

- **Litter:** The children and young people engaged in litter picks and organised a litter protest march. The P1 Class campaigned to have their Local Nature Reserve Jock's Burn cleaned up and worked in partnership with South Lanarkshire's Countryside and Greenspace Ranger Service to make this happen. The area is now being enjoyed safely by the whole community and for outdoor learning activities by the school and nursery.
- **Good Food:** A polytunnel was established where learners grow a wide range of fruits and vegetables to be used in the school kitchen and lessons.
- **Shared Learning & Influencing:** Newsletters give parents and carers regular updates on climate-positive action.
- **Climate and the Arts:** The school choir came first runner-up in the Lanarkshire climate action themed 'Glee' Challenge.


Awards:

- They received their 6th [Eco-Flag Award](#) from Keep Scotland Beautiful.
- The school's outstanding climate positive achievements were recognised by environmental charity Keep Scotland Beautiful who hosted their first annual Eco-Awards in 2023 when they took the Climate Action Project of the Year.
- Pupils presented in a live, online lesson hosted by Keep Scotland Beautiful and Eco Schools where they spoke about their project.



Photo: Crawforddyke Primary School students P1-7 with the 17 SDG goals

Young People	Community Case Study
<p>South Lanarkshire Youth Forum on Climate Change and Sustainability</p> <p>Youth Engagement</p>	<div data-bbox="775 256 1778 834" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Photo: Representatives from the South Lanarkshire Youth Forum on Sustainability and Climate Change with the Community Planning Partnership Board</p> <p>The South Lanarkshire Youth Forum on Sustainability and Climate Change boasts representation from secondary schools across the county and is presently supported by a dedicated member of staff.</p> <p>The Youth Forum worked in collaboration with the University of Glasgow department of Politics and International Relations during COP26 to create and run a virtual newsroom. The Climate Emergency Newsroom (CEN) gained a national and international audience on social media and celebrated in a motion to the Scottish parliament.</p> <p>In October 2022 the Youth Forum ran their own successful 3-day COS-1 (Conference of Schools) event at the Palace Grounds in Hamilton for school across the county. More than 500 primary school aged children enjoyed a packed day of</p>

	<p>fun activities, sharing and learning. Cycling, Virtual reality experience, recycling games and many more activities before committing to their own pledged and to raise awareness across the rest of their schools.</p> <p>Educating and influencing at local government level, the Youth forum on Sustainability and Climate Change presented to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee in November 2022 and to the Community planning Partnership in October 2023, representing the voice of young people, highlighting issues faced locally and calling for action. They continue to engage and meet with Council Officers to help support their plans.</p> <p>Building on their achievements and feedback from students and schools, the Youth Forum are currently involved in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosting COS-2, planned for early 2024, this time aimed at young people in South Lanarkshire secondary schools. • Piloting a bespoke net zero engagement app in four secondary schools Jump App. • Waste Pilot in Trinity and Larkhall Academy to support better recycling habits and efficiency.
Biodiversity & Conservation	Community Case Study
Clyde Climate Forest Community planting	 <p>Photo: Community Volunteer planting new woodland area - Clyde Climate Forest</p>

The Clyde Climate Forest (CCF) was launched in June 2021 and since then the project has seen over 1.2 million trees planted in both urban and rural areas. The authority is one of eight across Glasgow City Region aiming to connect existing woodlands, plant new forests and target urban tree plantings in areas vulnerable to climate impacts. To support some of this work, South Lanarkshire Countryside and Greenspace Rangers led a dedicated team of volunteers, New Roots - Neilson and Earnock Heritage Group, as they learned skills to successfully plant almost 5000 trees over a series of sessions to create a new urban woodland, expanding the existing established canopy. Volunteers continue to monitor and help to manage the new woodland.



Photo: Community Volunteers planting new woodland area - Clyde Climate Forest

As well as the environmental benefits, the project has had many co-benefits; New Roots community volunteer said:

"It's such an amazing project to be involved in. As well as being positive for the environment, you get a huge sense of achievement, and it gets you out meeting other people. We also have regular conservation days where you can actively learn about how to look after trees and woodlands".



Photo: New woodland - Clyde Climate Forest

Other community Clyde Climate Forest planting projects include at Springwells in Blantyre which saw residents and volunteers from Bonnie Blantyre, the Ahmaddiya Muslim Women's Association and pupils from High Blantyre Primary school work with environmental charity and Clyde Climate Forest partner Trees for Cities to get over 1000 planted.

Video Clip (community member): [Footage of new CCF woodland at Earnock](#)

Video Clip (SLC CAG): [A Forest for the Future](#)

Biodiversity & Conservation	Community Case Study
<p>Bee Line to Nature Biodiversity & community learning</p>	<div data-bbox="848 272 1704 826" data-label="Image"> </div> <p data-bbox="1010 834 1541 863">Photos: Bee Line to Nature project gets underway</p> <p data-bbox="474 898 2038 1007">Outdoor community activities instil a sense of connection with nature; this is often the key to unlocking passion in climate action and in realising a host of wider additional benefits, including health improvement, social isolation and poverty reduction.</p> <p data-bbox="474 1054 2029 1166">The Bee Line to Nature project is a community-based initiative designed to engage people in nature-based programmes focussing on protecting and enhancing green and natural spaces, creating a deeper connection with nature. Led by four locality voluntary-sector anchor organisations who have a focus on sharing their specific expertise:</p> <ul data-bbox="524 1214 1359 1367" style="list-style-type: none"> • Clydesdale Community Initiative (Clydesdale & surrounding), • Grow 73 (Cam/Glen & surrounding), • Larkhall Community Growers (Hamilton & surrounding), • Healthy and Active (East Kilbride & surrounding)


The Bee Line has been a successful model for Grow73, and the intention is to pollinate more communities, sensitising people to the importance of biodiversity and how it affects our environment. The project aims to:

- Engage the unengaged with nature to develop knowledge, empathy and behaviour change around climate action.
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- Realise additional health and wellbeing benefits for communities through better connection with nature.
- Bring nature back into all our communities by addressing 'urban deserts' and emphasise habitat protection and improvement.
- Diversify and expand the range of planting areas that utilise key plants to improve carbon capture, contribute to tackling pollution, and expand key pollinators.

Activities are continually evolving; to date these include from planting hanging baskets for individual homes through to reducing the use of pesticides and increasing large scale pollinator friendly planting.



Photo: Bee Line to Nature partner Grow 73 at Overton Park, Rutherglen

Biodiversity & Conservation	Community Case Study
<p>Drawing on Green Spaces</p> <p>Connecting to nature through community arts</p>	<div data-bbox="853 300 1700 778">  </div> <p data-bbox="981 786 1572 810">Photo: Drawing on Green Space artists in the woodland</p> <p data-bbox="477 853 2022 922">Drawing on Green Spaces is a community-based arts project which uses art as a means to bring a fresh perspective on how we live alongside nature.</p> <p data-bbox="477 970 2074 1078">Funding from Creative Scotland allowed the project to run a series of free events highlighting the historic, cultural and environmental significance of a community woodland, allowing people to explore and appreciate their Local Nature Reserve in a new way, localising our connection between People Place and Planet.</p> <p data-bbox="477 1126 1162 1158">Events hosted by Drawing on Green Spaces include:</p> <ul data-bbox="524 1169 1854 1326" style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracks n Trees walk – guided walk learning about animal tracks and winter tree identification • Seasonal wreath family walk – guided artist walk creating willow wreaths from the forest floor flora • Autumn walk: learning about fungi - supported by Countryside and Greenspace Ranger • Woman's walk – exploring gender specific connection to nature barriers and opportunities

An exhibition in Low Parks Museum took the artwork to a wider audience, displaying botanical art, jewellery, photography and 3D art installations inspired by the artist's time spent in the woodland. Archaeological finds were also represented signifying our long connection to the land through the generations.



Photo: Drawing on Green Space exhibition

Sustainable Travel	Community Case Study
Climate Action Strathaven Bike Repair Shop 3C Bus Service	<div data-bbox="743 276 1435 751" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="1435 384 1809 751" data-label="Image"> </div> <p data-bbox="875 762 1682 788">Photo: Climate Action Strathaven staff and community volunteers at the hub</p> <p data-bbox="477 798 607 823">Bike Hub</p> <p data-bbox="477 834 2080 904">Climate Action Strathaven (CAS) are a community-led climate action group who aim to raise awareness and take action to create a more sustainable future for the people of Strathaven and beyond.</p> <p data-bbox="477 914 2080 1061">Their bike repair and servicing service is available at their hub in the centre of the town. Experiences mechanics overhaul second hand bike which are made available for sale as well as offering eBike hire, allowing people to try out the bikes before committing to a purchase. The project also benefited from SLC community Climate Emergency funding which allowed them to lend the eBikes for free over a two-week period to those who found the cost a barrier.</p> <p data-bbox="477 1109 2080 1217">Climate Action Strathaven are responding to the barriers to cycling and run regular cycling events such as CAS Cycling Sisters, a woman only group led by a trained and experienced leader. They also offer bike storage facilities for those who don't have the somewhere safe to store their bikes at home.</p> <p data-bbox="477 1265 703 1291">Community Bus</p> <p data-bbox="477 1302 2080 1374">In response to community concerns about poor public transport links, CAS launched its first shuttle bus service in October 2022. Despite being a small team, the Charity took on the challenge of operating a service which issued around 42,000 tickets</p>

in their first eight months, saving apx. 510,000 car miles and 235 tonnes of CO₂. Taking on such a huge project was a steep learning curve for the CAS team however, the demand and overwhelmingly positive feedback from their customers has spurred them on to not only extend the timetable but to take on a second bus which was launched in August 2023. This allows them to now run the bus 12 times a day from Strathaven (via Stonehouse) to Hanover Street in Glasgow, a game changer for many, especially students. The pioneering initiative has gained national attention, and the CAS team are in demand to share their experience and learning across Scotland.



Photo: Climate Action Strathaven 3C Buses

Community Energy & Decarbonisation	Community Case Study
<p>ONECAN Carluke Community Net Zero Strategy & Action Plan</p>	<div data-bbox="750 312 1805 780" data-label="Image"> </div> <p data-bbox="958 788 1599 815">Photos: ONECAN inaugural Community Climate Conference</p> <p data-bbox="474 855 2042 1007">In early 2022 Officers from the council’s Community Engagement and the Sustainable Development & Climate Change Team joined Carluke Development Trust/ONE Carluke Area Network (ONECAN) to carry out a Place Standards Tool exercise. As a result, a community COP26 Response Group was established to take forward the identified priority areas which included commissioning a baseline carbon audit report of Carluke and a community-led climate conference.</p> <p data-bbox="474 1050 2074 1241">The conference, which took place in March 2023, was hosted by scientist and former BBC Weather presenter Heather Reid. Community members and representatives from agencies heard a key-note speech from Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Just Transition Mairi McAllan and explored issues covering: reducing the carbon footprint, reduce/reuse/recycling, active travel, connecting with nature. Consultants Scene Connect presented the Carluke area baseline carbon audit. The report measures emissions across the following categories:</p> <ul data-bbox="524 1249 1370 1361" style="list-style-type: none"> • Stationary Energy Consumption (domestic and non-domestic) • Transportation (domestic, non-domestic and public) • Waste (domestic and non-domestic)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Land (land use and land use change and forestry, emissions from livestock)• Air Pollution <p>A Community Net Zero Strategy and Action Plan has been produced, informed by sessions run for community members at the event. The ONECAN Cop 26 Response Group continues to work with the wider community, council officers and other partners to develop projects and initiatives to progress the action plan. The next ONECAN community climate conference is planned for March 2024.</p> <p>ONECAN Carluke have also commissioned a feasibility study into establishing a community energy company and are working towards its development.</p>
Community Energy & Decarbonisation	Community Case Study
Climate Action Strathaven Community retrofit	<div data-bbox="846 751 1709 1251" data-label="Image">A photograph showing a man and a woman standing in front of a wooden demo rig. The woman on the left is holding a large yellow sign that reads '7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY' with a sun icon. The man on the right is standing next to her. The demo rig is a wooden structure with a gabled roof, possibly representing a house or a small building. The background is a plain white wall.</div> <p>Photo: Climate Action Strathaven Retro-fit staff with demo rig at their hub</p>

	<p>Climate Action Strathaven have established themselves as trusted messengers of climate action in South Lanarkshire, delivering a wide range of climate positive projects, supporting others, and sharing their knowledge and learning. This work has seen them receive numerous award nominations and scooping the top prize at the Climate Conscious Award at the Scottish Charity Awards 2023.</p> <p>Their community retro-fit initiative is in response to the community's need for local, trustworthy advice on improving their home energy. Retrofit Strathaven is helping homeowners assess and improve the energy efficiency of their homes and offer free sessions at their Strathaven Climate Hub, where people and groups can learn about the measures that they can take to make a real difference to their energy usage. Practical, hands-on advice allows people to develop the skills and the confidence they need to take on energy conscious home improvements. Since the first successful retro fit project was announced in November 2023, the service has quickly grown in demand with a long list of homeowners now keen to make improvements to their energy consumption through the support of the initiative.</p> <p>Video Clip (Climate Action Strathaven): Retrofit Thermal imaging survey</p>
Recycle, Reuse	Community Case Study
Re:volve Recycle	<div data-bbox="965 815 1585 1272" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Photo: Re:volve Recycle handmade banner</p>

[R:evolve Recycle](#) are an initiative based in Cambuslang and Rutherglen who leading the way when it comes to reducing the impact of fast fashion and textile waste. Intergenerational work supports skills and knowledge sharing through activities that encourages a traditional 'make do and mend' culture.

Their vibrant high-street style boutiques offer quality pre-loved clothes, shoes and accessories at no cost through the points-based system where shoppers swap items for something they find more useful.

The team are passionate about getting the waste less message out far and wide by offering bespoke learning opportunities, making learning easy and fun. Classes and workshops give people the skills and confidence to upcycle and repair their own clothing. They also share their own learning experience with likeminded organisations who want to replicate their very successful model and often take their unique style to festivals and events with their pop-up shop.

Leaders in the field, Re:volve Recycle are always looking for innovative ways to push the agenda forward and work collaboratively across the sector to develop new ways to promote sustainable practices. Members of [Greening Camglen](#) community network, the organisation share a member of staff with [Grow 73](#), a food growing and biodiversity charity based in Overton Park Rutherglen. This has allowed them to develop their outdoor area into a community garden. Funding from a council Climate Emergency community grant meant they were able to purchase a work shed, the perfect base to expand their food growing and pollinator friendly garden.



Photo: Re:volve Recycle sustainable good display

Regional Climate Action Hub

Lanarkshire Climate Action Hub

Regional Climate Action Hubs

Following a successful funding bid in November 2023, a new Lanarkshire Regional Climate Action Hub has been set up to support collective community climate action and support transition to low carbon and climate resilient living. Funded by the [Scottish Government](#), the Pan-Lanarkshire hub is part of a nationwide network supported by Scottish Communities Climate Action Network ([SCCAN](#)). Core functions for the regional hubs are:

- Raising awareness of climate change and the action communities can take to mitigate and adapt to climate change
- Provide groups with advice and support to take mitigation and adaptation actions
- Facilitate co-ordination and collaboration
- Seed and develop new community climate action
- Foster peer-to-peer learning
- Signpost to organisations/agencies who can offer support
- Identify funding opportunities
- Support local communities to design and develop carbon/GHG reduction and adaption projects

- Facilitate learning and development (support materials, climate literacy training)
- Ensure the views of local communities are heard, providing a link between local communities and national bodies
- Influence and inform community-led climate action policy

Lanarkshire Climate Action Hub

The lead applicant for the Lanarkshire Climate Action Hub is the Rural Development Trust (RDT) who have experience working across both North and South Lanarkshire communities. RDT will continue to act as the umbrella organisation with 'Trusted Messengers' providing governance and strategic direction. While the Lanarkshire Climate Action Hub is community-led, the council will play a supporting role along with North Lanarkshire Council and Third Sector Interfaces, Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire (VASLan) and Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire (VANL).

Proposals for hub activity include:

Phase 1 (December 2023 to March 2024): Communications and marketing, organising a gathering event, forming a steering group, fund identified projects to be completed by March 2024, research and mapping, planning for next phase.

Phase 2 (April 2024 - onwards): Recruit new staff, seed fund feasibility projects, development and delivery of projects, delivery and support events, represent communities to influence local policy and priorities, continue to research, engage and communicate with and support communities, monitor and report quarterly to the Scottish Government.