



Greening the Economy

UN Sustainable Development Goals in Business



At the latest Sustainability Visioning Group [ARUP](#) discussed their use of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

The Goals set out to tackle the global challenges we face, including those related to poverty, inequality, climate, environmental degradation, prosperity, and peace and justice.

Green Apple Award for Business Park

[Birmingham Business Park](#) have recently won a 'Green Apple Award' for their support for cycling.



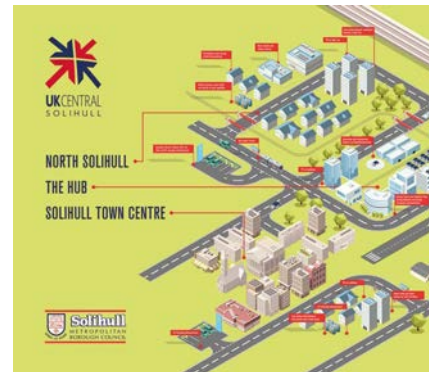
The [Green Apple Awards](#) are the UK's highest profile award in recognition for environmental endeavour among companies, councils, communities and countries.



Energy and Resources

Energy Innovation Zones come to UK Central Hub

UK Central Hub has recently signed up to become an Energy Innovation Zone. The zones set out to address the energy challenges of the area and stakeholders, and look at the opportunities, especially in light of the development of the HS2 railway station and associated transport systems.



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[Solar & Storage Live exhibition & conference](#) covers solar, storage, EV infrastructure and related technologies to empower the transition to cleaner energy and is being hosted at National Exhibition Centre, here is Solihull.

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Buildings and Efficiency

Emission Reduction Pledge 2020

Solihull Council has recently to sign up the Government's Emissions Reduction Pledge 2020.

Solihull Council has pledged to reduce emissions by 45% by 2021 from 2009/10.

Proud partners of the **Emissions Reduction Pledge 2020**



Further details are reported in the [Carbon Reports](#).

Heat network for Solihull Town Centre

The council is looking at the possibility of extracting heat from underground water beneath Tudor Grange Park.



Tudor Grange Leisure Centre, Solihull Council House and secondary schools near the town centre could be among the first buildings linked up to a low carbon heat network.



Transport and Mobility

Council and Partners support Sustainable Travel

During Green GB Week, Council employees and residents of a homeless hostel will be amongst many people that hear about the benefits of sustainable travel. The Sustainable Travel Team are helping people with advice. Resident at Dormer House, a hostel for homeless people, will receive training on maintaining their own bikes.

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Electric Cars for North Solihull

Residents in north Solihull could soon benefit from a low-emission, low cost car club. Solihull Council is working with Cenex, Ecar and Solihull Community Housing to explore ways to bring an affordable, self-service, electric car club to local residents.



Natural Capital and Adaptation

Oaks and Shires

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This annual event is to be held at Alcott Wood on the 24th November. The heavy horse will be doing some woodland management, and there will be woodland activities to get involved in.



Wildlife Ways

Building on the success of the [Habitats and Nature Improvements](#) project, the recently started Wildlife Ways project will increase people's ability to access green space more sustainably and efficiently by developing greener paths and cycleways.



Communication Education and Engagement

Borough Renews Fairtrade Status

Solihull has successfully renewed its Fairtrade Borough status. The Council continues to lead on this, recently hosting the regional Fairtrade Conference.



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Energy and Greener Schools Celebration event

The event on the 19th October will look at how schools have cut their carbon footprint. It will also celebrate the first year of the Greener Solihull Schools Award, and the work on sustainability in schools.

Schools Model Climate Conference

On the 29th November, schools will have an opportunity to debate climate change as countries in the Civic Suite Chamber.



Greener Solihull Schools Award application

