

News so far—Sustainability Roadmap - delivering a Greener Solihull for Success



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Greening the Economy

[Sustainability Visioning Group](#)— In May the group was hosted by nPower and the visit included a tour and showcase of NPower's sustainability measures. The group also completed a practical task—clearing a local stream of blockages, see [November News](#)

Keep an eye on...

Due to open in early 2018, the new '[Ingenuity House](#)' will allow Interserve to consolidate its operations throughout the West Midlands into one 'hub'. Employees will benefit from excellent transport links, including the new HS-2 link, and will work in a highly-sustainable, energy efficient building, showcasing the very best of Interserve's construction expertise.



Energy and Resources

In case you missed it

Solihull Community Housing (SCH) Biomass Heating & Overcladding Project provided a much more efficient and cost effective heating and hot water system for residents in 26 of the high rises, along with a more comfortable home environment with controllable heating and better heat retention provided by the overcladding. [See case study](#)

Tudor Grange Leisure Centre is utilising combined heat and power (CHP) saving 270tonnes/year, ([see case study](#)) and is a key part of the town centre district heating study, funded by Government's Heat Network Delivery Unit [HNDU](#).

In case you missed it

Solihull Hospital, managed by The Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust, is utilising combined heat and power (CHP) technology to cut carbon emissions by 45% and generate cost savings. [See case study](#)

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Buildings and Efficiency

[Carbon Report 2017](#)—The Council manages its carbon emissions (carbon dioxide) through carbon management. The Council is challenging its teams to reduce emissions, and emissions are down from 26, 750tonnes 2015/16 to 25,487tonnes in 2016/17.

[Cremators replaced at Robin Hood Crematoria](#)—an inevitable result of the necessary work on replacing the cremators, is that the replacement cremators will be more use energy more efficiently and reduce emissions in delivering the service.

[Winter Warmth](#) was launched at the beginning of October, which includes providing energy advice to make homes warmer and more efficient.

[Switch and Save](#), the collective switching scheme for residents is now open.



Transport and Mobility

[Clean air, healthy air](#)—the council is currently testing the air quality at 24 sites across the borough including schools and care homes. For more details see [Page 5](#) in Your Solihull magazine Autumn 2017.

In case you missed it

[Frame Academy](#) will run a series of 6 week programmes over a two year period that will teach participants to assemble and maintain a bicycle. It will give eligible NEET young people an opportunity to learn some new skills, earn a qualification and understand what is required in a working environment. After completing the course, participants will be allowed to keep the bicycle they worked on, providing another great incentive to apply for this support.



Natural Capital and Adaptation

Keep an eye on...

[Landscape team news](#) Funding boost for Solihull's habitats—Solihull Council has secured almost £2m of funding to improve areas of grassland, woodland and wetland in the borough over the next three years.

15 in 15 for Solihull's green flags—For the 15th year running, a Solihull landmark has been recognised as one of the best quality green spaces in the country, taking the total number of green flags in the borough to 15. See [page 11](#) of Your Solihull magazine.

Wildflower Power -Solihull residents were treated to an array of beautiful wildflowers that have sprung up across the borough, on roundabouts and grass verges as part of a council project, see [page 4](#) of Your Solihull magazine.



Communication Education and Engagement

[Eco award launch](#)—The Greener Solihull Schools Awards challenge children and staff to learn about the environment locally and globally, and make their school more eco-friendly.

The third round of the [Ashden Less CO2 Programme](#) kicked off Autumn term. The programme encourages local schools to transform their community into a sustainable, carbon-free place to live.

[News from Love Solihull](#) includes:

Celebration of the Olton Literary Litter Pickers

Lloyds Bank Invests in Tivoli Communal Garden—both time and money

Your Green Future 2018 will feature again on the schools calendar as the key sustainability careers event in Solihull and Birmingham! To get involved either as a business or a school follow this [link](#). To see what happened this year see [Your Green Future 2017](#).

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