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Training:

We offer Climate Change training sessions for staff and community groups. If you'd like more information or wish to arrange a session, please get in touch with the Energy Advice Team.

Climate Change Forums:

We are currently working on re-establishing our Climate Change Forums. Please keep an eye out for further updates.

CLIMATE CHANGE NEWSLETTER

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Energy Efficient Scotland: Area Based Scheme (EES:ABS)

Clackmannanshire Council has successfully secured £748,730 through the Energy Efficient Scotland: Area Based Scheme (EES:ABS) for the 2025/2026 programme year. This funding will be used to improve energy efficiency in private sector homes, helping reduce fuel poverty and support vulnerable households.

This year's programme will focus on the following areas:

- Inglewood, Alloa
- Weir Multicoms, Alva
- Alva West
- Tullibody North

A total of 33 homes will benefit from the scheme, with 88 energy efficiency measures being installed across these properties. These improvements will help residents lower energy bills and reduce carbon emissions.

Clackmannanshire Council has a strong track record in delivering energy efficiency projects.

Since operating the Scottish Governments programmes, we have received £22,132,234 in funding, supporting approximately 15,649 properties and achieving lifetime carbon savings of 379,583.15 tonnes.



If you live in the private sector and are vulnerable or experiencing fuel poverty, you may be eligible for support through this programme. We still have some spaces available for the 25/26 EES:ABS programme. To find out more or discuss grant options, please contact the Energy Advice Team at Clackmannanshire Council on 01259 450000.

Forth Climate Forest (FCF): Planting for a Greener Future

The Forth Valley is set to become greener and more climate-resilient thanks to the Forth Climate Forest (FCF), an ambitious partnership led by the University of Stirling. The project's goal is clear: plant 16 million trees by 2033 across Stirling, Falkirk, Clackmannanshire, and parts of the Trossachs to combat climate change, boost biodiversity, and deliver social and economic benefits.

Between August 2025 and March 2026, the team will focus on:

- Coordinating delivery and governance
- Promoting the project to politicians, businesses, and communities
- Securing funding beyond 2026
- Supporting councils with tree planting
- Developing a tree equity model for disadvantaged areas
- Aligning local and regional planning with FCF goals
- Leading a major woodland project on the Ochil Hills
- Monitoring and reporting planting progress

Find out more about Forth Climate Forest at: <https://www.stir.ac.uk/about/scotlands-international-environment-centre/forth-climate-forest/>

Clackmannanshire Targets

by March 2026, the FCF will deliver:

- **Sites:** 100% on council-owned land.
- **Trees:** 100 standard trees and 10,000 whips.
- **Area:** Biodiversity improvements across five hectares.
- **Themes:** Urban nature networks and connectivity under the Nature Restoration Fund priorities.

Director of Forth Climate Forest, Doug Worrall, said: "We want to encourage communities to get involved in tree planting. It doesn't matter if you're a local business, landowner, community group or school. There are ways that everyone can get involved."



Fruit Tree Planting at Wimpy Park [Spring 2025]

Forth Regional Adaptation Partnership (FRAP)

The Forth Regional Adaptation Partnership (F.R.A.P.) is a bold collaboration preparing the Forth Valley—Stirling, Falkirk, and Clackmannanshire—for the realities of climate change. Local councils, environmental leaders, regional hubs, and community partners are joining forces to tackle flooding, heatwaves, infrastructure risks, and biodiversity loss.

Who's Involved

- Stirling, Falkirk & Clackmannshire Councils
- Forth Climate Forest & FEL Scotland
- Forth Valley Climate Action Hub
- Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority
- Local anchor organisations and community partners.

What are we tackling?

- **Flooding:** Homes, businesses, and transport routes at risk
- **Extreme Heat:** Health impacts and infrastructure stress
- **Nature & Agriculture:** Biodiversity decline and crop stress
- **Social Vulnerability:** Disproportionate impacts on low-income communities

Policy Backdrop

Under the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 and Scottish National Adaptation Plan (SNAP 3), public bodies must act on climate risks—making partnerships like F.R.A.P. essential.

Why It Matters

- Protect communities and infrastructure
- Develop investable projects backed by evidence
- Ensure equity and a Just Transition
- Share learning and scale solutions

If you would like to learn more please check

<https://adaptation.scot/our-work/new-funding-for-regional-adaptation-action/>.

No single organisation can solve these challenges alone—by working together, we can build a climate-ready economy and resilient communities.

Rangers in Action: From Wildlife Protection to Community Engagement

Clackmannanshire's Countryside Rangers play a vital role in caring for our local environment and helping communities connect with the natural world. Their work supports both people and wildlife, ensuring our green spaces remain healthy, accessible, and welcoming for generations to come.

What the Ranger Service Does

- Protect Our Natural Heritage
- Connect People with Nature
- Environmental Education and Engagement i.e., ranger events programmes, pollinator workshops and outdoor education.
- Local Access Resolutions
- Strategic Development i.e., the Gartmorn Dam.

If you'd like to learn more about the Ranger Service and the projects they're involved in, please visit their webpage for further information:
<https://www.clacks.gov.uk/environment/conservation/rangerservice/>

NatureScot Nature Restoration Fund: Boosting Biodiversity Through Nature Networks



NatureScot has awarded £204,000 to Clackmannanshire Council to support large-scale biodiversity restoration, including habitat improvement, invasive species control, and strengthening ecological connectivity through Nature Networks.

With our allocation, we are working partnership with the following organisations to deliver key projects that align with specific themes that NatureScot wishes for us to address:

- **Forth Climate Forest** – aiming to plant 16 million trees by 2033 to expand woodland cover and improve regional biodiversity.
- **Forth Rivers Trust** – protecting and enhancing freshwater habitats across the Forth catchment for the benefit of wildlife, people, and local communities.
- **The Conservation Volunteers** – improving green spaces by restoring ponds, upgrading access paths, removing invasive species, and creating community and school nature gardens.
- **RePollinate** – supporting the UK's threatened pollinators by working with partners to create high-quality habitat networks.

Climate Change and Pollinator Strategy

Climate Change Strategy Overview

Greener Energy & Buildings

- The council are reducing carbon reductions through local area based schemes. There has been substantial savings over the past 20 years.

Low-Carbon Travel

- Expanding walking and cycling routes, supporting EV use, and improving sustainable transport options.

Waste Reduction

- Boosting recycling rates and encouraging repair, reuse and reduced waste.

Nature & Land

- Increasing tree planting and strengthening natural habitats.

Climate-Ready Communities

- Investing in flood management and sustainable development for long-term resilience.

Green Economy

- Supporting local jobs and promoting climate-friendly procurement.

Progress so far:

- 47% cut in emissions since 2013
- 11,000+ trees planted
- £22M for energy-efficient homes
- Expanded EV charging and active travel routes
- Waste Team achieving the highest household recycling rate in Scotland



Pollinator Action at a Glance

Designed to reverse pollinator decline and strengthen local biodiversity.

Our priorities:

- Protect and create wildlife-friendly habitats
- Increase awareness of the importance of pollinators
- Use new technology to monitor pollinator health
- Support climate resilience through nature-based actions

Recent achievements:

- 400+ pollinator-friendly sites
- Over 11,000 trees planted (with 14,000 more planned)
- 40 automated pollinator sensors measuring activity
- Community and school wildflower projects across the county

Waste Team

Clackmannanshire Tops Scotland's Recycling League!

Clackmannanshire has achieved the highest household recycling rate in Scotland, reaching 57.2% in 2024, according to the latest SEPA figures released in October 2025. We're proud to lead all 32 local authorities and to sit well above the national average of 44.3%.

This success is a shared achievement. Thank you to everyone who played a part — our residents, whose commitment to recycling continues to make a real difference, our Council teams, who have worked hard to deliver modernised waste and recycling services, and our elected members, who supported the changes needed to transform the system.

Together, we've shown what can be achieved when a community pulls in the same direction.

For further information about the Waste Team please check the link below:

<https://www.clacks.gov.uk/environment/wasteserviceshome/>

