

Warrington Borough Council has just achieved Silver Carbon Literate Organisation status. It joins only six local councils to have achieved this standard so far. The award, presented by The Carbon Literacy Project, recognises the council's efforts to cut emissions, by educating staff and helping them understand national and local climate issues, and how they can take practical action in their roles.

Did you know that Warrington Climate Emergency Commission produce a regular newsletter highlighting local news, events and opportunities linked to the climate emergency response across Warrington?

Examples of events and initiatives promoted in the newsletter include:

- Young People's Climate Group Launches in Warrington
- Energy Efficiency Café for landlords
- New cycle hub makes an impact
- Showcasing the Walton Hall heat pump project
- Funding and Grant Opportunities
 - Funding for school climate and biodiversity projects
 - Funding for community-led environmental and sustainability projects.

Repair Cafés are available at Lymm (see below) and Birchwood.

LYMM REPAIR CAFÉ (typically 10 am – 1pm on the 2nd Saturday of the month) at Lymm Village Hall, Pepper Street, Lymm.

Do you have your items ready to be fixed by our wonderful team of volunteer repairers?

🚲 Bike Repairs

🔪 Tool & Knife Sharpening

⚡ Small Electrical Appliances

💡 Glue, String and Tape Table - For your own use

🪑 Furniture, Toys & other Wireless Items

💎 Costume Jewellery

🧵 Sewing - Repairs

and more to be confirmed...

🕒 Last items accepted 12.30pm

You can subscribe to the newsletter through the following link:

<https://www.warrington.gov.uk/climate-emergency-commission>

On a separate matter:

You might have already heard that, last month, the latest round of UN Global Plastics Treaty talks ended... without a treaty. World leaders failed to reach an agreement, and, once again, limits on plastic production - the most crucial step to ending the plastic pollution crisis - were

blocked. However, the UK Government did genuinely show ambition at the talks and supported an agreement to reduce plastic production.

The Big Plastic Count is the UK's largest investigation into UK plastic waste, where participants count their plastic waste for one week and submit their results online. In 2024, nearly 225,000 people took part and it was found that households discard an estimated 90 billion plastic pieces annually, with only 17% being recycled domestically. Next year's Big Plastic Count will take place from 9 - 15 March (<https://thebigplasticcount.com>). There will be more about this in the first issue of St. Mary's magazine in 2026.

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