

Stevenage SUSTAINABILITY NEWSLETTER for Schools and Colleges

Summer Term 2026

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

EV Charging Scheme for Schools & Educational Institutions – Extended!

This government funding supports the installation of electric vehicle (EV) chargepoints on school sites, helping schools reduce emissions and support sustainable travel. Schools and education institutions can get 75% off the cost to buy and install chargepoint up to a maximum of £2000 per socket and up to 40 sockets across all sites. The Scheme will be closed on the 31 March 2027

More information [Workplace Charging Scheme for state-funded education institutions - GOV-UK Find a grant](#)



Stevenage Climate Change Community Fund

Grants of up to £7,500 are available through the Climate Change Community Fund (CCCF) to support fixed infrastructure projects that help address climate change and its impacts. Schools and education institutions can apply for funding for initiatives such as cycle hangers to encourage active travel, recycling bins to improve recycling rates, drinking water fountains to prepare for hotter summer days, vegetable patches to raise awareness of food miles, or water butts to promote water conservation. If your institution is interested, contact climatechange@stevenage.gov.uk

For details [Climate Change Community Fund \(CCCF\)](#)

EVENTS/CAMPAIGN

Stevenage Day 2026

Join us at Stevenage Day 2026 on Sunday 14 June 2026 for a fun day of community celebrations, entertainment and activities. Visitors will be able to make use of recycling facilities and free cycle storage on the day, helping everyone enjoy a more sustainable event. Be sure to visit the Stevenage Borough Council stalls to learn more about waste and recycling services, as well as local action on climate change and how you can get involved.

Screening of Power Station at Broadway Cinema & Theatre, Letchworth

Inspired by lockdown mutual aid initiatives, artist-activists Hilary Powell and Dan Edelstyn decided to turn their street into an energy-generating powerhouse — a prototype for a new way of living, with the hope of galvanising a wider push towards sustainable alternatives. Directed by the duo, Power Station charts their turbulent journey, from pitching the idea to their neighbours and sleeping on the roof of their home, to raising finance and launching a bid for a Christmas number one single.

Date: 10 June

Full event starts at 4:30pm, including a screening of Power Station at 5:20pm **Ticket:** £4

Get your ticket here: <https://www.broadway-leitchworth.com/cinema/whats-on/power-station-qa-co-director-dan-edelstyn/>

Warm Homes Local Grant

The Warm Homes Local Grant (WHLG) is a government scheme that helps households improve the energy efficiency of privately owned or privately rented homes, making them warmer and cheaper to heat. The grant is available to homes with low energy performance (EPC ratings D–G) where the household

- income is £36,000 a year or less,
- someone in the home receives means-tested benefits, or
- the property is located in an area of higher economic need (IMD 1 or 2).

Schools can play an important role by sharing this information with families who may be eligible, helping parents and carers access support that can reduce energy bills and improve living conditions for students at home, please share link Warm Homes: [Local Grant \(privately owned and rented homes\)](#)

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RESOURCES

Free copy of Auntie Duck Air Quality Book

Schools can request a free copy of Auntie Duck, a children's book for ages 6+ that encourages kindness, care, and environmental awareness. Schools may also enter a creative photo competition by submitting pictures of the book being read in imaginative settings. All entries will join a prize draw to win an interactive air quality workshop led by the team, helping pupils learn about pollution and how small actions can protect the environment.



Fill in the form here to request your free book - [Auntie Duck Air Quality Book Request](#)

Let's Go Zero

1 in 4 schools (over 8000) in the UK have joined Ashden's Let's Go Zero campaign, to support educational providers in becoming zero carbon by 2030. Signing up not only gives your school support to cut emissions and reduce energy costs, but also connects your pupils with a growing movement of thousands of UK schools working together for a brighter, greener future.

Find out more About us - [Let's Go Zero - Zero Carbon Schools](#)

Hertfordshire Schools Ventilation Project

63 primary schools in Hertfordshire now have air purifiers installed, helping more than 16,000 pupils and staff breathe cleaner air. In 28 schools, classroom air quality monitors also allow pupils to track improvements in real time. The purifiers remove harmful PM2.5 particles, viruses, allergens, dust and odours, helping reduce respiratory infections and improve wellbeing. Delivered with the SAMHE research project and Parc Global, the scheme supports educational activities using live air quality data. Early results show classroom particulate matter levels fell by around 30%. Priority has been given to schools in high deprivation and high pollution areas, including special schools.

There will be another wave from Oct/Nov 26 onwards.
To find out more: [SAMHE get-involved](#)

HCC funding for Trees on school grounds

The Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) "Funding for Trees" scheme supports schools by providing free young trees ("whips"), typically 0.5–1 metre tall and 1–3 years old, along with guards and stakes to help improve biodiversity and green infrastructure. Participating schools are expected to plan for planting and ongoing maintenance, including watering and pruning, and identify suitable planting areas that enhance habitat connectivity. The scheme encourages staff and student involvement to support long-term environmental stewardship and climate resilience.

Email emma.cantu@hertfordshire.gov.uk for more information.



Carbon Literacy Project



Carbon Literacy for Schools programme

The Carbon Literacy for Schools programme gives school staff and communities the training and resources they need to understand climate change and take meaningful action towards sustainability. The project offers a toolkit and accredited training designed specifically for primary and secondary education settings, helping teachers, governors and volunteers build confidence, develop practical skills and embed low-carbon thinking across your school. It's a great way to support climate education, inspire students and contribute to your school's climate goals.

Find out more Schools - [The Carbon Literacy Project](#)