THE UTTLESFORD BIG GREEN FESTIVAL

SUSTAINABLE UTTLESFORD

UTTLESFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL
It's Our Community

Making an Impact Through Collaboration

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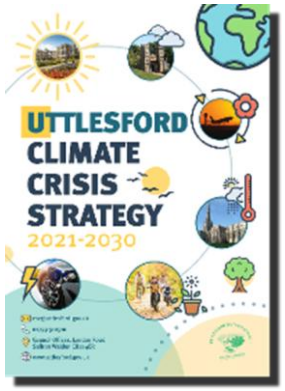
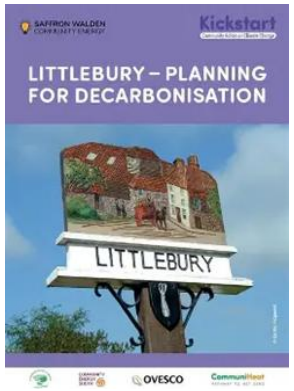
Uttlesford District

- North-West Essex
- Largely Rural Area
- 4 main settlements, 100 Villages and Hamlets
- 3, 722 listed buildings (9.4% district housing stock)
- More than 40 conservation areas
- Est.11,000 domestic properties off gas grid (28%)



Community Engagement







- Council Climate Crisis Strategy
- Member support
- Officer workshops
- More than 50 parish/town councils
- Building relationships, growing knowledge
- Saffron Walden Community Energy
- Launch of Community Grant Programme

Uttlesford Zero Carbon Communities Fund

- Grant Scheme for community projects
- Carbon emission reduction; ecological restoration and enhancement; community engagement climate action
- 50+ projects supported since 2023
- Regular Newsletters / Parish Forum
- Establishing a Network

Community buildings
Energy surveys and advice
Community Nature projects
Local habitat mapping

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Powering up and Powering down



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A great community effort

In August a team led by 'the three musketeers', Ian Jennings, Peter Jarritt and Colin Brown, crucially supported by Jane Jennings, gave the village hall a new oak floor.

The team removed, insulated and laid two new layers of flooring over 5 weeks of intensive, hard work, using a multitude of skills! Opportunity was also taken to lay underfloor cables to support new media services.

Thanks go to: John, Tim, Alan, Peter, Bill, Jonathan, Richard, Thea, Paul, Dave, Sue plus others. UDC awarded a Zero Carbon grant for the floor insulation, without which this would not have been possible.

Here we go!

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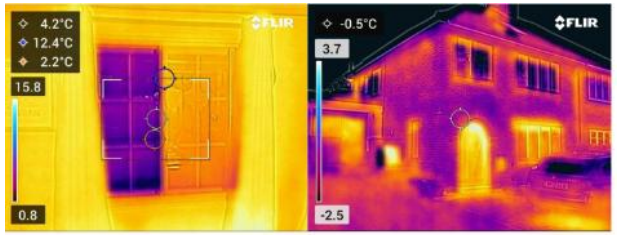
Some members of The LEP Work Working Group









Example thermal images – temperature variation inside and outside buildings

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Knowledge Exchange

- Building resilience and knowledge
- Community energy activists

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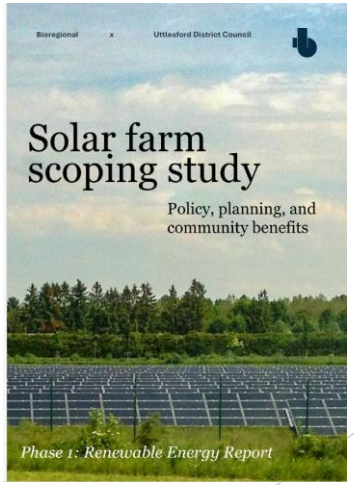
- New Planning Policy Climate Change
- Renewable Energy Solar Farm Study

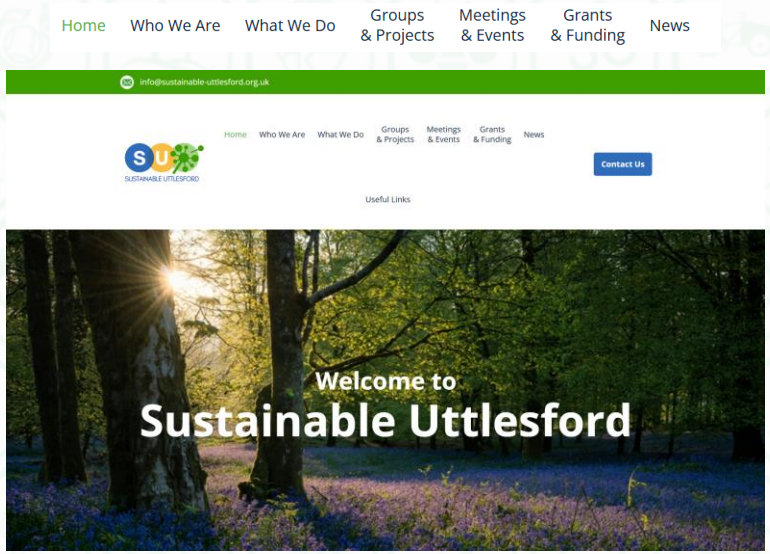


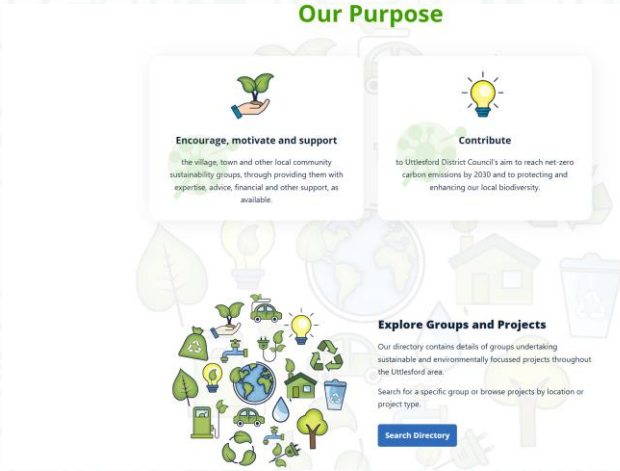
The Uttlesford Local Plan Towards Net Zero Carbon

Sustainable Uttlesford Community Collaboration

- www.sustainable-uttlesford.org.uk
- Support and advice; networking and events
- Volunteer led committee; regular newsletter
- Reaching out to parishes, towns, eco groups and others







Sustainable Uttlesford Networking and Events



Bury Farm, Roding & West Essex Farm Cluster



UDC Waste & Recycling update



Newport River Group



Hales Wood ancient coppice



SU 1st birthday (and AGM)

Uttlesford Big Green Festival Celebrate and Inspire

- Zero Carbon Communities Projects
- Partnership University of Essex Business School (Innovation Fund)
- Sustainable Uttlesford community collaboration www.sustainable-uttlesford.org.uk
- District hosts. 10 days of events
- December – first press release inviting EOI
- January - SU/UDC core events planned (4-5 events)
- March – full programme published (50+ events by June)



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Rivers Return
Sustainable Uttlesford and the
Collective Imagination




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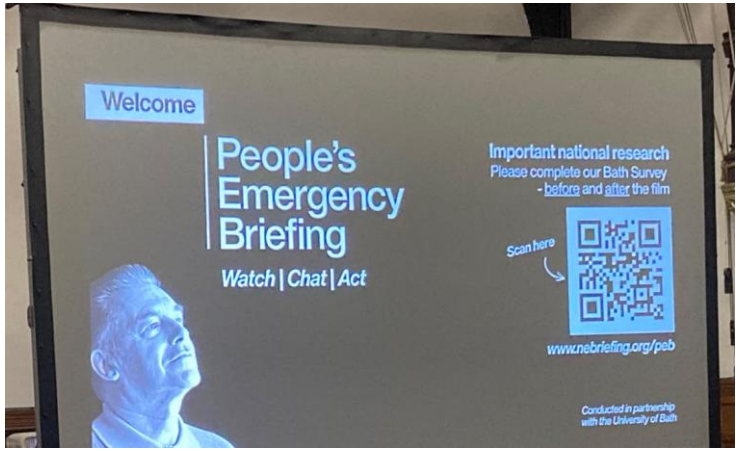
Uttlesford's Rivers and Chalk Streams:
Collaboration and Catchments



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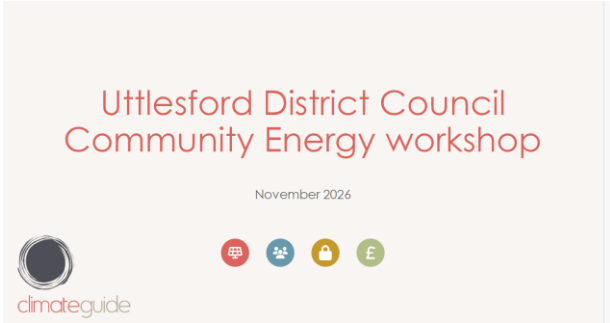
3rd to 6th June 2027

www.sustainable-uttlesford.org.uk

www.uttlesford.gov.uk/green-festival

Community Energy what next for Uttlesford?

- Workshop last week on Community Energy (members and strategic directors)
- Established Community Energy Partners (three groups)
- GBE Stage 1 Partnership Grant submitted –
  - Identify and develop a community energy partnership
  - Delivery feasibility studies for solar opportunities on Council estate
- Preparing for elections and new administration
- Future of Sustainable Uttlesford



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