

Climate Hub Newsletter quarterly April-June

Hello East Renfrewshire,

Welcome to this Quarter's East Renfrewshire **Climate Action Hub** newsletter.

If you have promotional materials, news, or updates you'd like shared, please don't hesitate to send them our way. We're always happy to help amplify each other's work across the network.

And if you're nearby, do come and see us! It's always a pleasure to connect in person, share ideas, and strengthen our community.

Funding Updates: East Renfrewshire Climate Action Hub - Small Grants 2026/2027 Fund opened on 24 June 2026. All applicants must be existing or new members of the East Renfrewshire Climate Action Hub. Community groups and organisations that received funding in the previous year are eligible to reapply.

Here is the link to apply

<https://eastrenclimatehub.org.uk/east-ren-climate-action-hub-small-grants/>

Also, there you can find information on eligibility, past grantees' stories, etc.

Featured Story

Welcome, Nisha!

We are delighted to welcome Nisha as our new Climate Hub Lead at the East Renfrewshire Climate Action Hub.

Nisha will help grow the ERCAH network and support climate action initiatives across East Renfrewshire. Passionate about sustainability and community action, she is excited to work with local people, groups, and organisations to help create positive environmental change.

Nisha said: "I'm excited to get stuck into environmentally focused projects and learn more about community climate action in East Renfrewshire!"

We are thrilled to have Nisha on board and look forward to the ideas, enthusiasm, and energy she will bring to the Hub! We have already planned a wildflowers garden, a frog pond, and beehives! And it is only the start  

To contact Nisha, email nisha.middleton@va-er.org.uk or call +447849638103

Chat & Plant Gardening Volunteers

Our Chat & Plant Gardening Group continues to thrive, with volunteers enjoying another successful harvest of home-grown berries and vegetables while building friendships, learning new skills, and supporting biodiversity.

We're also delighted to share that we have expanded our gardening volunteering opportunities. Volunteers can now join us every day, Monday to Friday, either in the morning or the afternoon, making it easier for more people to get involved in our friendly and welcoming group.

The photo of our volunteers proudly displaying their harvest is a wonderful reminder of what can be achieved when people come together to grow not only plants, but also community connections. 🌱❤️



⚡ Projects & Initiatives

Herbal Medicine for Seasonal Health Workshop

In April, we welcomed Caroline Stuart to our Climate Hub for an inspiring workshop on using herbal medicine to support wellbeing during the seasonal transition into spring.

Participants explored gentle, natural remedies for allergies, coughs, and congestion, as well as spring tonics and cleansing herbs to boost energy and vitality. Everyone also enjoyed tasting a variety of herbal preparations, bringing the session to life.

A big thank you to Caroline and everyone who joined us for such an engaging and uplifting workshop! 🌱💛🌸



Environment Day at Rouken Glen

We were delighted to take part in the East Renfrewshire Equalities Forum's Environment Day at our Climate Action Hub in Rouken Glen.

The event brought together people from a range of backgrounds and organisations to connect and celebrate environmental action. Our team ran a bug hotel workshop, allowing participants to create their own insect habitats and learn about the important role pollinators and other beneficial insects play in supporting biodiversity.

A big thank you to East Renfrewshire Equalities Forum and everyone who joined us for such a fantastic day of learning, creativity, and community action. 🐝 🦋 🐛 🌱



Meet the Funders Event

We were delighted to take part in the Meet the Funders event at St Andrew's Community Hall in Barrhead, where local groups and organisations had the opportunity to connect with funders and explore funding opportunities available to support their ideas and projects.

It was fantastic to talk about our ERCAH Small Grants programme and meet so many inspiring community groups. We enjoyed hearing about their ideas and discussing how we can help turn them into meaningful climate action projects.

A big thank you to everyone who came along. We look forward to continuing these conversations and supporting more community-led initiatives across East Renfrewshire. 🌱



Have Your Say on [East Renfrewshire Council](#) New Local Transport Strategy

East Renfrewshire Council have developed a new Local Transport Strategy and we'd like to hear your views before it's finalised later this year.

The proposed strategy sets out the Council's vision for a transport network that is safe, accessible, connected and sustainable, helping people travel more easily throughout the area.

Take a look at the draft strategy and share your feedback. Your views will help shape the future of local transport and ensure it meets the needs of our communities.

View the proposed strategy and have your say here: <https://orlo.uk/Udmw4>

Upcoming Events

- **ERCAH will take part in the Community Wellbeing and Enterprise Hub Open Day**– 11.07.2026 11 am-3 pm | Community Wellbeing and Enterprise Hub @ Rouken Glen
- **ERCAH will have a stall and activities in the Clarkston Car Show for Sustainable Sunday** 19.07.2026 10 am - 3 pm

- **ERCAH will take part in the ARC event** –06.08.2026 11 am –3 pm | **Auchenback Resource Centre** @ 64 Aurs Drive, Barrhead G78 2LW

For more information, follow our FB

<https://www.facebook.com/EastRenfrewshireClimateActionHub/>

💡 **Get Involved**

- Looking to learn new skills, meet new people, and give back to your community? Become a Chat & Plant Gardening Volunteer or Climate Action Champion today.

- **Cardboard Appeal**

We've partnered with the Patterson Train Station Adopters, a dedicated group of volunteers working hard to improve the station environment. Their plans include transforming areas of derelict land and installing colourful planters to enhance biodiversity and create a more welcoming space for the community.

To help prepare the ground, the volunteers are looking for unwanted cardboard to use as a natural weed suppressant before adding soil. If you have any spare cardboard, please drop it off at our Rouken Glen site, and we'll make sure it reaches the station volunteers.

By reusing cardboard that might otherwise be discarded, we're supporting a simple but effective **reduce, reuse, recycle** approach that helps cut waste and supports local environmental projects. Thank you for your support!

Thank you for being part of our growing climate action community.
Together, we're building a more sustainable future.

Warm regards,
East Renfrewshire Climate Action Hub

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