



Learn how the Council,
Community & Businesses
are working together
towards becoming
a Net-Zero
district

SMALL STEPS - BIG IMPACT



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

“In the last decade, West Lindsey District Council has cut carbon emissions by 30%, with an 11% drop in 2022/23 alone.

Our strategy - solar power and smart energy - efficiency in our buildings, and renewable electricity. The payoff is huge: a £20,000 annual income from a government tariff plus lower energy bills. Our new depot is a green hub, featuring EV charging and LED lighting. We're not just saving money; we're safeguarding our planet.

We're not just talking the talk; we're walking the walk, making West Lindsey a greener place to live, work and invest. Together our small steps can have a big impact on our environment and I am pleased we can showcase projects taking place across our district.”



Working together to improve our district

Cllr Stephen Bunney, Chairman of the Environment, Climate and Sustainability Working Group

New Solar Panels have been installed



SOLAR-POWERED WASTE COLLECTIONS

West Lindsey District Council is working to reduce its carbon emissions and has installed solar panels on six of its waste collection trucks. The changes will cut each truck's diesel use by 600 litres and lower carbon emissions by six tonnes annually.

This will help save money, making for a cleaner, more sustainable future for West Lindsey. We have also purchased two electric vans and replaced old diesel models.

We are looking at how we can 'green' the rest of our fleet and increase community education as part of our next steps in eco-innovation.

This isn't just a project; it's our commitment to a cleaner, more sustainable future for West Lindsey.

To read the Environment, Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy, visit:
www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/climate

COMMUNITY FOCUS

MULSANNE PARK PAVILLION

This is now a sustainability centre thanks to a collaboration between Nettleham Parish, West Lindsey District, and Lincolnshire County councils.

Following grants worth £10,000, the pavilion's green credentials were improved following the installation of solar panels and energy storage, (cleverly designed to avoid cricket balls!).

As a result, the pavilion has already realised financial savings and reduced CO2 emissions. The project, partly funded by a £5,000 Zero Carbon Parishes grant, serves as a blueprint for fast-tracking sustainability and aligns with our net-zero by 2050 vision.



Instant savings realised

For information on community grants, visit:

www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/communities-safety/grants-funding/community-action-fund

New Solar Panels will power the whole site



To find out more, visit:
www.rockfoundation.org.uk

ROCK FOUNDATION - SUSTAINABILITY IN ACTION

A charity which provides solid foundations for people living with learning disabilities is also doing what it can to be more sustainable. The Rock Foundation in Caistor is a fantastic example of how 'Small Steps' can have a 'Big Impact' on the local environment.

They have secured planning permission to install solar panels, which will have the capacity to power the whole site. The site currently supports over 90 students who access their day service provision, and 7 residents live in their supported living accommodation - so the solar panels will be a huge relief with the rising energy costs and the colder months not too far away.

They also have a community allotment which is maintained by students and a number of local volunteers, including the Caistor & District Lions. Produce from the allotment is used in the on-site café and is also available for visitors to purchase on a donation basis. The allotment has recently been awarded funding from the Lincolnshire Co-op Community Champions scheme to improve accessibility for people with disabilities.

BUSINESS FOCUS

EUROPE'S LARGEST ANTIQUE CENTRE IMPROVES THEIR SUSTAINABILITY

Hemswell Antique Centre recently joined West Lindsey District Council's eco-friendly Commercial Waste Service which aligns with both the Centre's and Council's sustainability goals, aiming for carbon neutrality by 2050.

The Centre, once part of RAF Hemswell, now champions green business practices, from selling antiques with low carbon footprints to responsible waste management. This collaboration not only boosts local sustainability but also propels West Lindsey closer to its net-zero targets.



Sustainable Waste

For information on commercial waste, visit:
www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/bins-waste-recycling/commercial-waste-solutions

TURBOCHARGING LOCAL BUSINESSES TOWARDS NET-ZERO

Businesses looking to shift to eco-friendly operations have been signposted to a mix of webinars, podcasts, in person visits and a Carbon Calculator. The council has guided businesses on their route to net-zero. Making them more efficient and saving them money in the process. And helping them to access green funding pots to accelerate the journey. We have:

- Facilitated energy and waste management savings connecting businesses to free advice and signposting the new Lincolnshire Energy Toolkit.
- Launched a £500,000 Green Growth grant fund.
- Introduced the Green Tourism Toolkit and the Hospitable Green Programme, leading to certified environmental sustainability and a competitive advantage.
- We're fuelling the growth of the Agri-Tech sector through funding and collaboration with world leading facilities such as Riseholme College.

For information on grants, eligibility and support, visit:
www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/business-services-support



Launched a £500,000 Green Growth Grant

SUSTAINABILITY

Tackling climate change and protecting our unique natural environment is a top priority for West Lindsey District Council. Here is a summary of our key achievements for 2023.

11%
reduction
in Council emissions



Launched Home Energy Upgrade Scheme
£10 million

90
homes
received funds to
improve energy
efficiency



2 Neighbourhood Plans adopted
promoting community-led
Climate Change Initiatives



4 Two-Hour online sessions by
Hospitable Green Programme

1 Green Tourism
Toolkit
published

1 Carbon
Net-Zero
Local Plan

100,000
people reached by the 'Small
Steps Big Impact' campaign



6 Solar panels
installed on
waste vehicles

2 Electric vans
replacing
combustion
engine vans

2 UK Shared
Prosperity Fund
projects
launched
promoting
outdoor activity



11 schools visited promoting
waste awareness



29 staff members completed
Carbon Literacy Course

You can find details of grants and what small steps you can take to make a big impact on our environment:
www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/communities-safety/grants-funding



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WHAT WILL **YOU** DO TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

For inspiration, ideas and grant eligibility, visit:
www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/climate

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