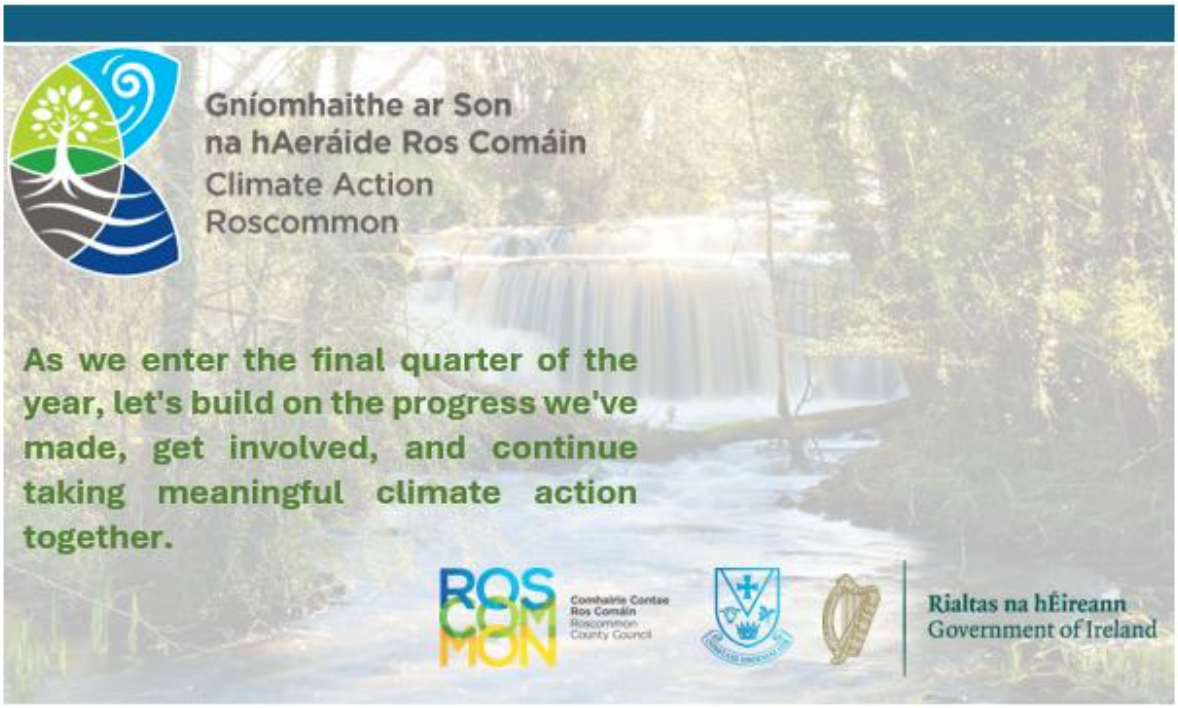
CLIMATE ACTION ROSCOMMON

Welcome to the latest edition of Roscommon County Council's Climate Action Newsletter.

As we enter the final months of the year, we reflect on the progress made through collaboration, innovation, and community engagement.

This edition features a selection of climate action initiatives from across the county, highlighting the ongoing work to reduce emissions, protect biodiversity, and build resilience for the future.



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Decarbonisation Zone Delivers in Roscommon Town

Roscommon County Council's Climate Action Team hosted a successful Decarbonisation Zone (DZ) event alongside the Roscommon Agricultural Show, attracting strong public interest and engagement.

As part of the Decarbonisation Zone at the Roscommon Agricultural Show, Roscommon County Council's Climate Action Team engaged visitors through expert talks, practical demonstrations, interactive activities and sustainable promotional merchandise. Powered entirely by solar energy, the event brought climate action to life with a focus on biodiversity, water quality, sustainable food, heritage retrofits and energy efficiency.

A highlight of the day was Margaret Sexton's sustainable cookery demonstration, with a pop-up kitchen running five appliances for the two-hour event while using just 15% of its battery capacity. A donated prize draw boosted visitor engagement with Annie Curbelo Lang, announced as the lucky winner.

The positive response highlighted the growing enthusiasm among communities across Roscommon to play an active role in building a more sustainable and climate-resilient future.

Please click on the link to explore the day's highlights Roscommon Town - Decarbonisation Event

Together, local communities are helping to shape a greener Roscommon.



Margaret Sexton of Margaret's Kitchen with her team of helpers at the Decarbonisation Event, Roscommon Town



Celebrating Traditional Skills, Nature and Community

Roscommon County Council's Biodiversity Office recently hosted a successful Meitheal Traditional Skills Event in Loughnaneane Park, Roscommon, bringing together community members of all ages to celebrate nature, heritage and sustainability.

Visitors enjoyed demonstrations of traditional skills, including scything for green space management by Neil Foulkes and weaving with rushes and straw by Steffi Otto. Supported by the Climate Action Team and delivered in collaboration with the Healthy Ireland Team, the event also provided opportunities for visitors to learn more about biodiversity, sustainability and community wellbeing.

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The event was a wonderful celebration of community spirit, showcasing how traditional skills can play an important role in building a more sustainable future.

LEAF Funding Supports Climate Action Across Roscommon.

Roscommon County Council, in partnership with Irish Public Bodies Insurance (IPB), was pleased to support community-led action projects through the Local Environmental Action Fund (LEAF).

With over €100,000 in funding available across the county, a total of 15 projects were supported in collaboration with the Local Biodiversity Action Fund (LBAF) funding.

Projects focused on a range of themes including biodiversity enhancement, energy efficiency, community gardens, waste reduction, and environmental awareness. These initiatives highlight the positive impact local communities working together to deliver meaningful climate action and create greener, more sustainable places for everyone.

'Communities Working Together for Climate'

Gníomhaithe ar Son na hAeráide Ros Comáin
Climate Action Roscommon

Climate Action Progress Across Roscommon County Council

During the third quarter, the Council's Climate Action Team, led by senior management, held its quarterly meeting on the 7th of September to review progress and drive the implementation of key climate actions. This work was further supported by nine Climate Action Subcommittee meetings, bringing together staff from across the organisation to coordinate and deliver climate measures at a local level.

Through this collaborative approach, climate action continues to be embedded across Council operations, helping to build a more sustainable and climate-resilient county.

'Collaborating for climate. Delivering for Roscommon'

Sustainable Energy and Community Action

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMUNITIES

Energy Masterplans Progressing

Roscommon's Sustainable Energy Communities (SECs) continue to make excellent progress. Energy Masterplans have been completed in Gorthaganny and Ballyleague, providing a roadmap for future energy improvements, while work is advancing well in Ballaghaderreen, Boyle, Strokestown and Kiltullagh. These initiatives are helping communities identify opportunities to reduce energy use, lower emissions and build a more sustainable future.

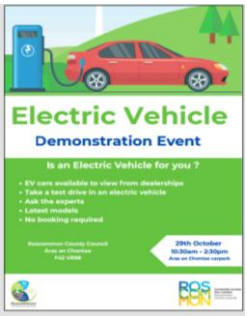
Whether your group is large or small, we'd love to hear from you. Get in touch to learn more about how your community can get involved and benefit from the SEC programme.

SEAI Community Engagement



In partnership with ATU, door-to-door information sessions are continuing across the county, with the Climate Action Officer engaging directly with households and local businesses. These sessions provide practical information on energy efficiency, climate action and the supports available to help communities make sustainable choices.

Across Roscommon, communities are proving that local action can have a lasting impact. Together, we're building a greener, more resilient future for all.



Experience Electric Driving First-Hand!

Thinking about making the switch to an electric vehicle? Come along to our Electric Vehicle Demonstration Event and find out if an EV is right for you.

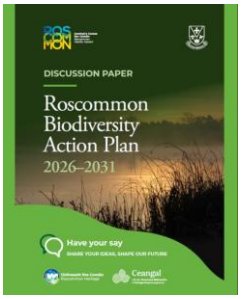
- ✓ Explore a range of electric vehicles
- ✓ Take an EV for a test drive
- ✓ Chat with EV experts and owners
- ✓ Learn about the latest models and technology
- ✓ No booking required

📍 Áras an Chontae, Roscommon (F42 VR98)
📅 29th October
🕥 10:30am - 2:30pm

Whether you're curious about running costs, charging, or simply want to see what's available, this free event is the perfect opportunity to get behind the wheel and discover the future of driving.

Drop in and give it a go!

Help Shape Roscommon's Biodiversity Future



Roscommon County Council is developing a County Biodiversity Action Plan to help protect, restore and enhance biodiversity across the county.

A second round of public consultation will take place in the coming weeks, with draft actions set to be published for feedback. The plan will guide local biodiversity action and support national and international conservation goals while reflecting local priorities and community input.

Have your say! Keep an eye on local newspapers and Roscommon County Council social media channels for details on how to get involved. Your feedback can help shape the future of nature in Roscommon.

Big Wins for Nature-Based Solutions Across Roscommon!

We're celebrating another major step forward for climate action, with new funding secured for a range of Nature-Based Solutions projects across the county.

Funding from the River Basin Management Service (RBMS) will support active travel and environmental improvement projects in Cornafulla, Ballyforan, Ballaghaderreen Town Park and Roscommon Town. In addition, ERDF funding has been secured for a Rain Garden in Roscommon Town and a River Jiggy Study, helping to enhance biodiversity, improve water quality and strengthen climate resilience.

These exciting projects show how working with nature can deliver lasting benefits for our communities, our environment and future generations.

Investing in Nature Today, Building Resilience for Tomorrow

Stay Connected – The Journey Continues!

A huge thank you to everyone across County Roscommon who is helping to make climate action happen locally. From community projects and events to training and local initiatives, your commitment is making a real difference.

Keep an eye on our social media channels and future newsletters for the latest updates, opportunities and community success stories.

Together, we're building a greener, more resilient Roscommon, one community at a time.