

Climate Newsletter

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Simple summer tips

You can keep cool and comfortable in summer without using much electricity. On very hot days, keep windows and curtains closed during the warmest hours to trap cooler air inside and stop heat from building up. In the evening or early morning, open them to let in fresh air when temperatures are lower. This simple habit reduces the need for electric fans or air conditioning.

Light coloured curtains or blinds help reflect sunlight and keep rooms cooler. If you can, use outdoor shading such as climbing plants or awnings to block direct sun before it reaches your windows.

Store a jug of water in the fridge so you always have a cold drink without running the tap until the water cools. Water plants in the garden early in the morning or late in the evening to make the most of the water you use and avoid waste.



Upcoming sustainability and biodiversity events nearby

 **EcoFair 2025 – Carshalton Park, Surrey** **When:** Monday 25 August, 10:30 AM – 8:00 PM **Where:** Carshalton Park, Ruskin Road, Carshalton **Who:** Open to all ages and families **What:** Join this lively community event with eco-friendly stalls, sustainable food, live music, and workshops. A great way to learn about greener living while enjoying a day out with the family.

 **Surrey Wildlife Trust – Wild Explorers Holiday Club** **When:** Tuesday 29 July – Thursday 21 August, 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM **Where:** Nower Wood Educational Nature

Reserve, Leatherhead **Who:** Children aged 5 to 11 **What:** A fun, hands-on summer club packed with nature activities and outdoor adventures. Perfect for young nature lovers.

📅 **Environmental Conferences – London** **When:** Thursday 21

August **Where:** London **Who:** Environmental professionals and researchers **What:** Two conferences focusing on environmental science and sustainable waste management. Great for those working in or studying these fields.

- [International Conference on Environmental Science and Engineering](#)
- [International Conference on Waste Management](#)

🌊 **Thames21 River Clean-Up – Various Locations on the**

Thames **When:** Throughout August **Where:** River Thames, including near Hammersmith Bridge **Who:** Volunteers of all ages (children under 16 should be accompanied by an adult) **What:** Help remove wet wipes and other waste from the Thames to protect wildlife and keep our river healthy. A hands-on way to make a real difference in your community.



**Surrey
Nature
Recovery**

Shape Surrey's Nature Future: Join the Local Nature Recovery Strategy Consultation

Surrey County Council invites residents to contribute to the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS), a crucial plan aiming to restore and enhance biodiversity across the county. The consultation is open until 25 September 2025, and your input is vital.

What is the LNRS?

The LNRS is a spatial strategy developed under the Environment Act 2021, identifying areas to improve nature and provide environmental benefits such as carbon sequestration, flood regulation, and improved access to green space.

How You Can Participate

- **Online Survey:** Share your views on priorities for nature recovery, habitat improvements, and biodiversity goals.
- **Interactive Map:** Identify and comment on local areas important for wildlife and nature recovery.
- **Workshops and Events:** Engage with experts and community members to discuss and shape the strategy.

Why Your Voice Matters

The LNRS will guide decisions on habitat restoration, funding allocations, and biodiversity initiatives in Surrey. By participating, you help ensure the strategy reflects community values and local ecological needs.

Get Started

Visit the [Surrey Nature Recovery Consultation](#) to access the survey, maps, and additional resources.

Get involved!

There are lots of ways to help protect nature and live more sustainably this summer. Whether you join a local event, volunteer for a river clean-up, or simply enjoy spotting wildlife in your garden or nearby park, every little action counts.

If you attend any of these events, or know of others we should share, please send us your photos and stories. We'd love to feature them in next month's newsletter and celebrate all the great work happening across Spelthorne!

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