

Climate Newsletter

From Spelthorne Borough Council



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Miyawaki planting date updates

Littleton Planting – Going Ahead as Planned


Our Littleton Miyawaki planting days will take place next week on Thursday 26 February and Friday 27 February.

All volunteers already signed up will receive final instructions shortly, and there's still time to get involved if you'd like to take part.

Hengrove Planting – New Dates Confirmed

Due to site conditions, the Hengrove planting has been rescheduled. The new planting dates are: 19 and 20 March

Interested in volunteering?

We'd love to have you involved! If you'd like to sign up or learn more about either planting event, please email:  netzero@spelthorne.gov.uk

Community Infrastructure Levy



Apply today!



Community Infrastructure Levy: Applications open

Spelthorne Borough Council is now welcoming applications for the 2025–2026 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding round, offering an important opportunity for local groups to deliver projects that strengthen community wellbeing and environmental resilience.

CIL funding helps ensure that as new developments come forward, the surrounding neighbourhoods benefit too—supporting improvements that enhance local infrastructure, community cohesion, and sustainability. From boosting green spaces to improving active travel routes, CIL enables communities to shape a more climate-ready and environmentally friendly future.

The deadline for applications is 31 March 2026, with decisions made by local spending boards made up of Ward Councillors for each area.

Find out more

To discuss a project idea or apply, contact the Council at:

☎ 01784 444278 ✉ cil@spelthorne.gov.uk 🌐 Apply online: [Community Infrastructure Levy | Spelthorne Borough Council](#)



What is the Warm Homes Plan?

[Warm Homes Plan](#)

The UK Government's Warm Homes Plan is a national programme designed to upgrade millions of homes with cleaner, cheaper, and more efficient heating and energy systems. The plan invests £15 billion to help up to 5 million households install improvements such as insulation, heat pumps, rooftop solar panels, smart controls, and home batteries.

How might it impact residents?

- Lower energy bills: Upgrades are expected to cut household energy costs by *hundreds of pounds* a year.

- Financial support available: Low-income households may receive free upgrade packages, while all homeowners will be able to apply for low or zero-interest loans to install green technologies.
 - Warmer, more efficient homes: Better insulation and modern heating reduce heat loss, improve comfort, and lower carbon emissions.
 - Future-proofed properties: New efficiency standards and support for clean technologies help prepare homes for a low-carbon future.
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Local Power Plan

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What is the Local Power Plan?

[Local Power Plan | Great British Energy](#)

The Local Power Plan is a national programme designed to rapidly grow local and community-owned clean energy across the UK. It commits up to £1 billion to help communities develop renewable energy projects, supported by funding, expert advice, better business models, and regulatory reform. Its aim is to ensure that local people directly benefit from the energy they help to generate.

The plan's vision is that every community will have the opportunity to own or share in a local energy project by 2030, giving them a stake in a cleaner, more affordable energy future.

How might it impact residents?

- Lower energy bills & local economic benefits: Community-owned renewable schemes allow energy savings and revenue to stay local, boosting resilience and reducing household costs.
- More community-led energy projects: Over 1,000 new local and community energy projects are expected by 2030, expanding access to clean power in neighbourhoods nationwide.
- Greater community control: Residents gain a stronger voice in how energy is produced locally and can benefit from shared ownership models.
- Support for councils and groups: Local authorities and community organisations receive funding and hands-on support to develop and deliver renewable energy initiatives.

How this links to project spark

Project Spark's focus on community energy engagement aligns directly with the Local Power Plan's goals. The national plan strengthens the policy and funding environment needed for Spark-style local energy schemes to scale up, empowering communities to produce their own clean power while reducing emissions and improving affordability.

In short: The Local Power Plan provides the national backing; Project Spark delivers the local momentum.

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