

## Climate Newsletter

From Spelthorne Borough Council



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### Miyawaki project finished

Two new Miyawaki mini-forests have recently been planted in Spelthorne, with one at Littleton Recreation Ground in Shepperton and another at Hengrove Recreation Ground in North Ashford and South Stanwell. Both sites were planted with native

trees and shrubs, and it was great to see community members come together to help get the new woodlands underway. These small forests will grow quickly, support local wildlife, and play a part in strengthening the borough's resilience to climate change.

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**Spelthorne Local Plan**  
**2024 – 2039/40**



**March 2026**



**Local Plan adopted: new climate change policies**

Last week Spelthorne adopted a new Local Plan which puts a strong emphasis on tackling the climate emergency with policies designed to reduce carbon emissions, promote sustainable development and help the borough adapt to the impacts of climate change.

The Plan highlights the need to integrate climate considerations into all development and includes a dedicated policy: Responding to the Climate Emergency. This guides how new places and spaces should be planned to support lower-carbon living and improved environmental resilience. More broadly, the Plan sets out a framework for future growth that protects natural assets and ensures the borough is better prepared for a changing climate.

If you want to read the local plan: [Spelthorne Local Plan 2024-2039-40 \(March 2026\).pdf](#)

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 **Free seeds and seed swap with Talking Tree at the Community Garden - this Saturday!**


This Saturday, 28 March, Talking Tree is giving away lots of free Seeds as well as running a Seed Swap at the community garden on the Gresham road side of Staines Station.

Whether you're an experienced grower or just starting your gardening journey, seed swaps are a brilliant way to share knowledge and help build a green community. Bring along any spare seeds you have and exchange them for something new to try this season.

The Talking Tree team will be there to chat about sustainable growing, offer tips for beginners, and celebrate the start of spring together. It's a relaxed, friendly event designed for all ages and gardening abilities.

 **Date:** Saturday 28th March

 **Location:** Community Garden, Gresham Road Side of Staines Station (w3w: ///mice.oath.tapes)

 **Time:** 12:00 – 15:00

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### **How solar panels can help protect your home against electricity bill increases**

As energy markets continue to fluctuate, many households are feeling the uncertainty of rising electricity bills. Installing solar panels offers a practical way to take back control of your energy. By generating your own electricity on-site, you reduce your reliance on buying power from the grid, meaning when prices increase, a significant portion of your energy remains unaffected.

Beyond immediate savings, solar also provides long-term stability. Once installed, the cost of generating electricity from solar panels is fixed, protecting you from future price increases for decades. This predictability can make household budgeting easier and more resilient. At a time when energy affordability is a growing concern, investing in solar is not just an environmental choice; it's a smart financial one that helps future-proof your home against an uncertain energy landscape.

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