

# *Community Climate Action*

## **PMP Launch, May 2026**

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# Partnership Management Plan (PMP) 2026-31

Climate Change is now one of seven key priorities for the SDNPA

## Aim 2: Climate Action Targets

The South Downs National Park is on track to become net zero by 2040 by mitigating and adapting to the impacts of climate change.

### Objective 2.1:

To support businesses and local communities to take positive climate action to ensure they are adapted and resilient to climate change.

### Objective 2.2:

To support land managers, farmers, foresters and landowners in their aspirations to deliver nature recovery and climate action on their land.



# But is woven through all 7 priority areas...

## NATURE & CLIMATE

### AIM 1 NATURE RECOVERY

The South Downs National Park is a nature-rich, resilient working landscape where wildlife flourishes.

- **Objective 1.1:** To improve, expand, connect and increase the resilience of wildlife-rich habitats and land managed for nature to ensure we are on track to reach 60% managed for nature by 2060.
- **Objective 1.2:** To support land-based businesses to thrive as economically viable, nature-friendly, climate-positive food and drink producers.
- **Objective 1.3:** Improve and manage existing nature-rich sites – protected sites and priority habitats.

### AIM 2 CLIMATE ACTION

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### AIM 3 CLEAN WATER

Clean, abundant water supports nature and communities in the South Downs National Park and beyond.

- **Objective 3.1:** To support catchment-based partnership approaches to water management so that nature and communities can thrive, and flood risk is reduced.
- **Objective 3.2:** To improve the condition of the water environment to ensure enough clean water for nature and people, and water habitats are restored.



## PEOPLE & PLACE

### AIM 4 YOUNG PEOPLE

Young people will have opportunities to access training and skills to enable them to take action to care for and enhance the South Downs National Park.

- **Objective 4.1:** To provide opportunities for young people to take positive action for nature, climate and heritage.
- **Objective 4.2:** To support young people on the pathway to green careers.

### AIM 5 WELCOME & ACCESS

A valued South Downs National Park is welcoming and accessible to all.

- **Objective 5.1:** To improve the accessibility of the National Park to enable everyone to actively travel and connect with nature.
- **Objective 5.2:** To increase the darkness of the National Park's International Dark Sky Reserve to support nature recovery and improve understanding of and access to dark skies for all.

### AIM 6 ARTS & HERITAGE

Cultural heritage in the South Downs National Park is conserved, understood, valued, created and passed on for future generations.

- **Objective 6.1:** Increase conservation, awareness, access and understanding of cultural heritage in the National Park.
- **Objective 6.2:** Promote connection to the landscape and its special qualities through archaeology, traditional crafts, contemporary arts and diverse storytelling.

### AIM 7 A THRIVING, GREENER PLACE

A thriving rural economy and local communities sit at the heart of the South Downs National Park.

- **Objective 7.1:** To support the growth of a greener economy across the National Park while providing outstanding visitor experiences that benefit our communities and landscape.
- **Objective 7.2:** To support the needs of local communities through affordable, accessible and low-carbon housing.



# Why we need Community Climate Action...

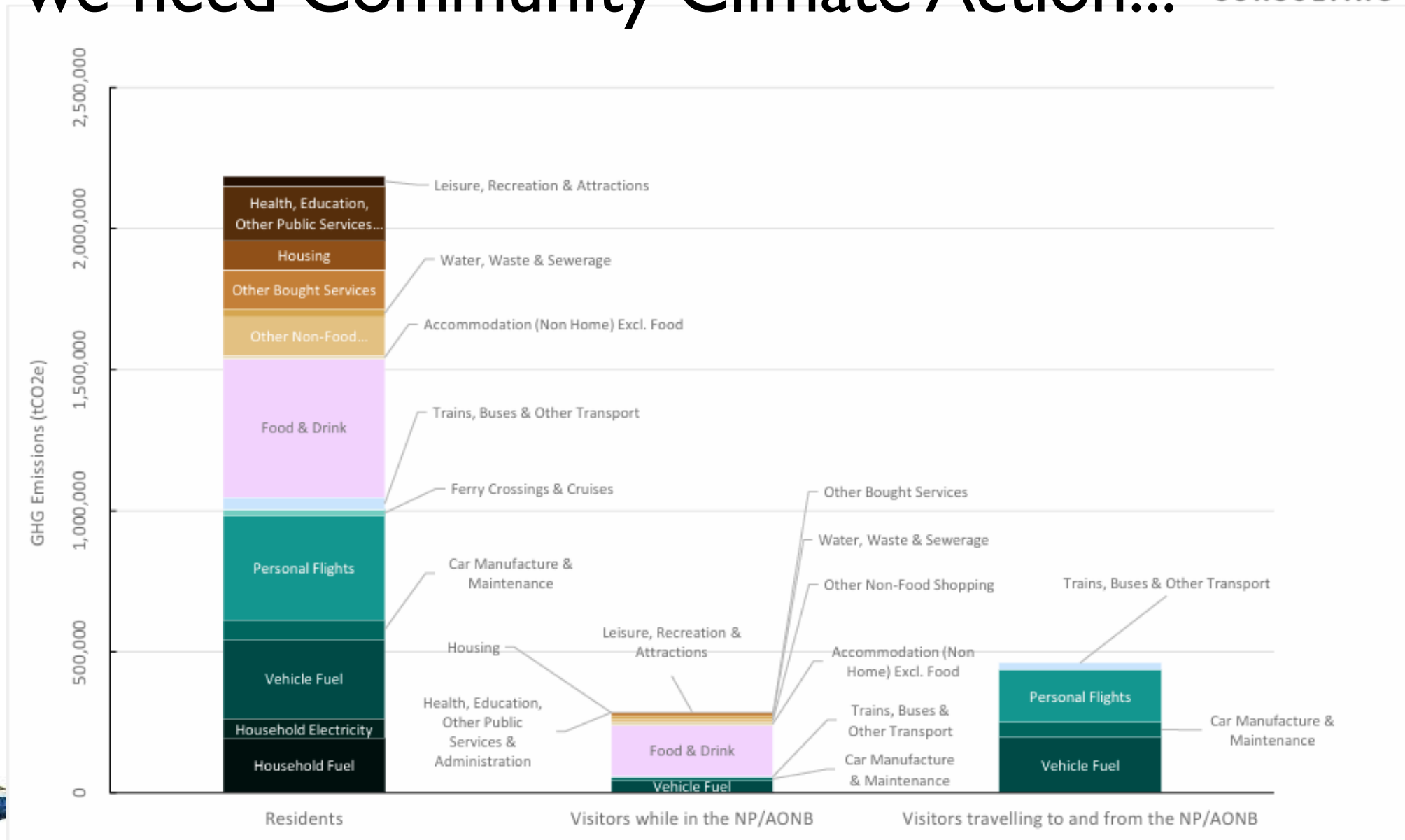


Figure 9: A consumption-based assessment of emissions relating to residents, visitors, and visitor travel to and from the South Downs National Park.

# Resilient Communities

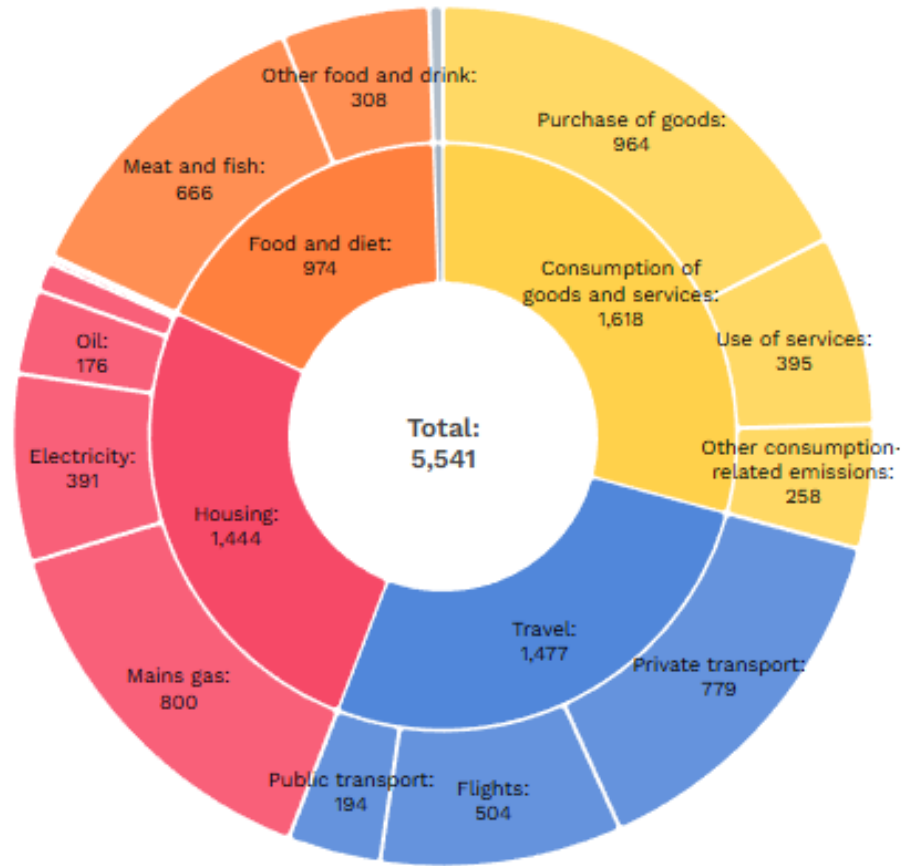
**Housing**  
Emissions resulting from residents' use of energy in their homes.

**Food and diet**  
Emissions resulting from the consumption of food and drink products by residents.

**Travel**  
Emissions resulting from the transport choices & behaviours of residents.

**Waste**  
Emissions resulting from the management of waste generated by residents.

**Consumption of goods and services**  
Emissions resulting from the purchase of goods and the use of services by residents.



- ✓ Understand their community's carbon footprint
- ✓ Have a Climate Action Network to deliver change
- ✓ Have actions to mitigate and adapt to climate change
- ✓ Consider actions which both reduce emissions and improve biodiversity and water quality



# Ouse Valley Climate Action (OVCA) Project



OVCA has supported many community-led projects being delivered by local organisations, including:

- ✓ community gardens
- ✓ community orchards
- ✓ biodiversity projects
- ✓ youth engagement projects
- ✓ sustainable travel projects
- ✓ bird box projects
- ✓ climate hubs and environmental centres
- ✓ many other projects to engage the community in climate and environmental issues



For more information see our 'Community Pitch' project videos: <https://southdownstrust.org.uk/community-pitch-2026/>

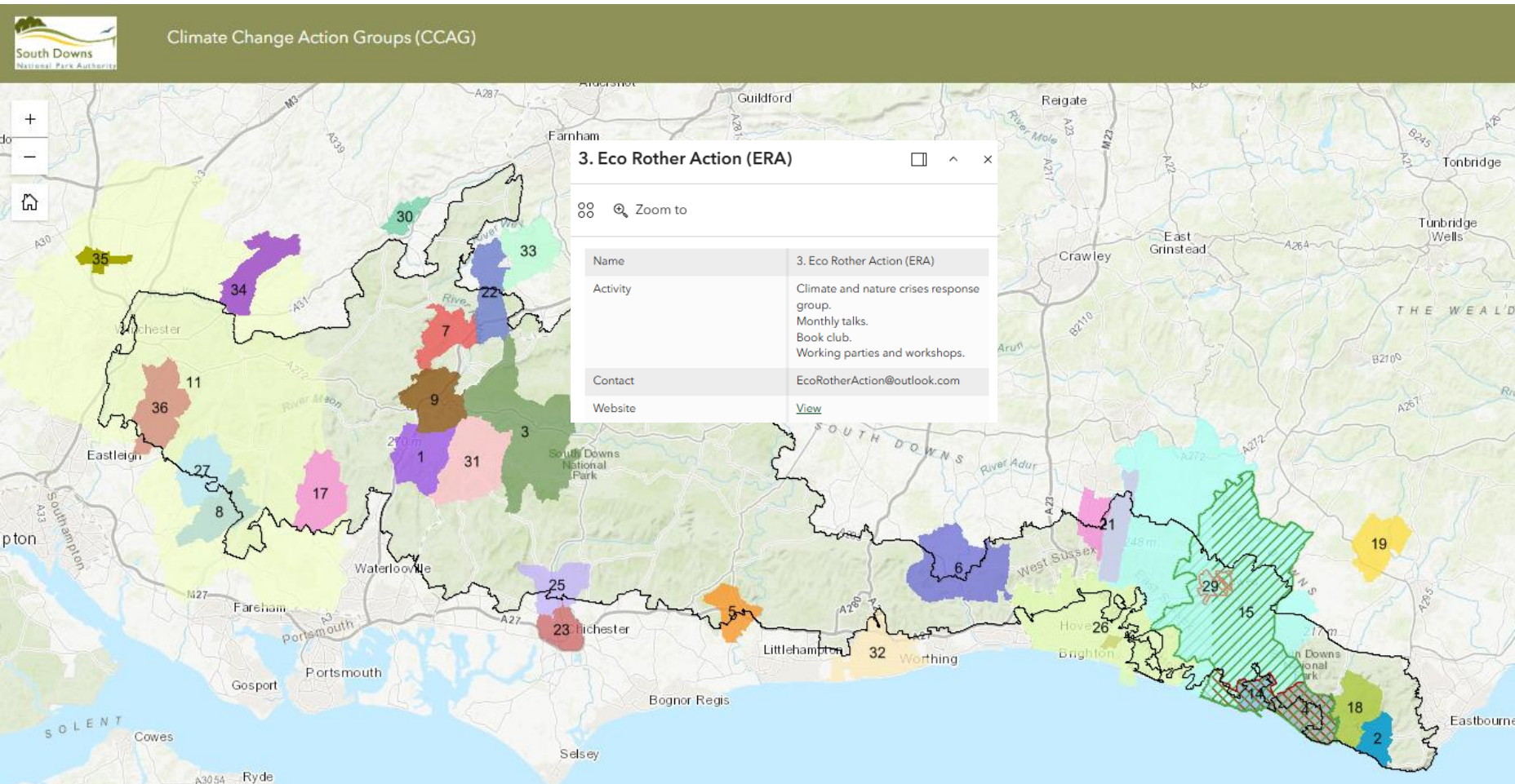


# What communities are doing...



By taking action they are creating positive, powerful stories

# Community Climate Action Groups Map



Interactive map of climate & environment groups in and around the Park

36 groups so far.

Groups can add their details to map via the Climate Action Hub.

<https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/climate-action-hub/find-your-community-group/>



# Knowledge Hub – Resources for climate groups

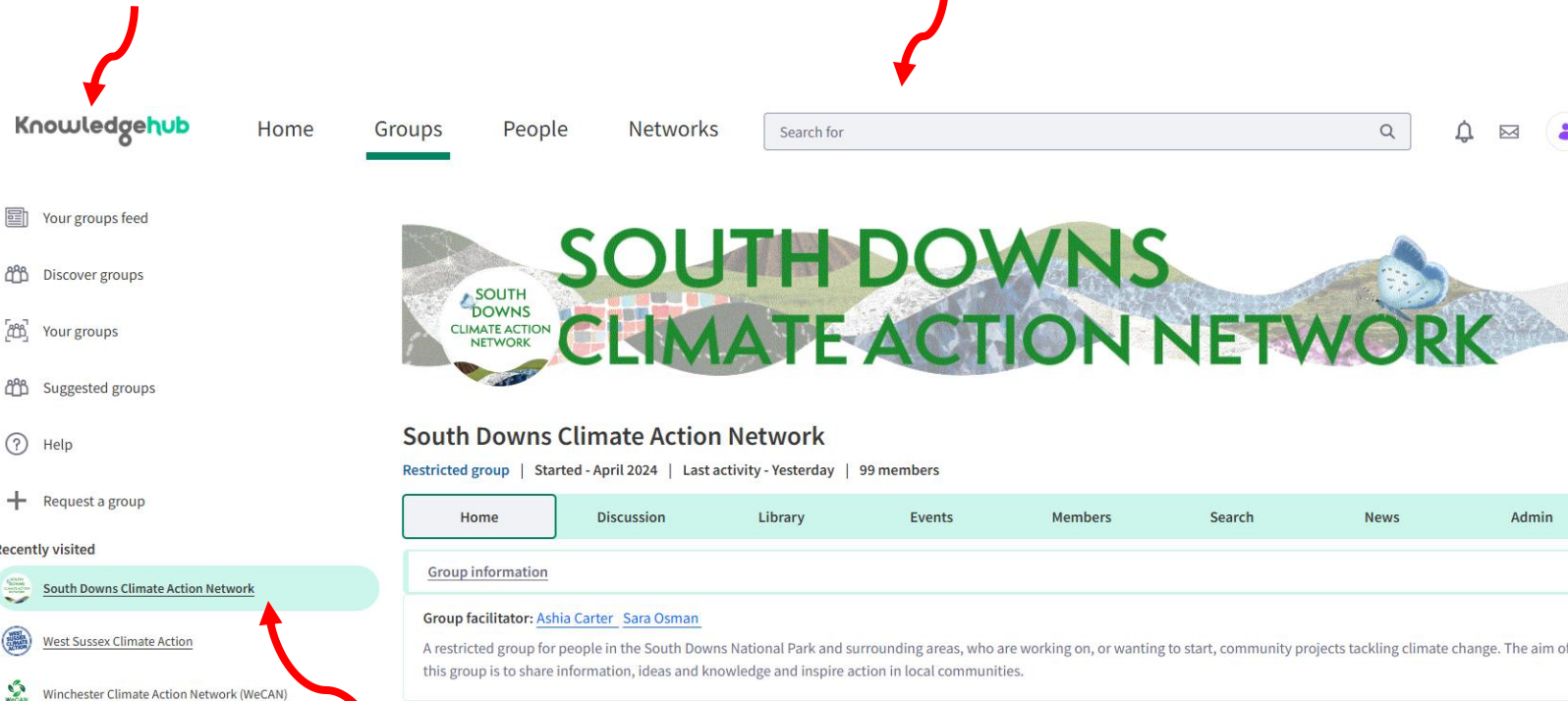
Sign up to Knowledge Hub

Search for South Downs Climate Action

**South Downs Climate Action Network on Knowledge Hub launched in October 2024**

Currently 105 members:

- Community Groups
- External organisations
- individuals
- Parish Councils
- Eco Church
- SDNPA Staff



The screenshot shows the Knowledge Hub interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Groups', 'People', and 'Networks'. A search bar is located to the right of the navigation bar. Below the navigation bar, there is a sidebar with options: 'Your groups feed', 'Discover groups', 'Your groups', 'Suggested groups', 'Help', and 'Request a group'. The main content area displays the 'South Downs Climate Action Network' group page. The group is described as a 'Restricted group' that started in April 2024 and has 99 members. The group information section lists the group facilitators as Ashia Carter and Sara Osman. The group description states: 'A restricted group for people in the South Downs National Park and surrounding areas, who are working on, or wanting to start, community projects tackling climate change. The aim of this group is to share information, ideas and knowledge and inspire action in local communities.'

Once approved, find your group easily



# A space for communities to connect and share



## South Downs Climate Action Network

Restricted group | Started - April 2024 | Last activity - Yesterday | 99 members


- Home
- Discussion
- Library
- Events
- Members
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- News
- Admin


### Group information

Group facilitator: [Ashia Carter](#) [Sara Osman](#)

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### Recent activities

 **Nicola Brewerton** added a new event.  
02 Mar 2026 - 12:21


 **All about swifts - a talk by local expert Rebecca Rees**  
18 Mar 2026 - 19:00 - 21:00

0 Comments

### Announcements

+ Add Announcement

- New
- Archive
- Future

 **Welcome to the South Downs Climate Action Network!** Please read.  
02 Sept 2024 - 13:15



**Welcome to the South Downs Climate Action group on Knowledge Hub.**

This group is a space to share information and knowledge for

## Home page:

- Shows recently added information
- Members get a weekly email listing summary of activity

### Weekly update for South Downs Climate Action Network - Knowledge Hub


 Knowledge Hub <notifications@khub.net>  
To:  Sara Osman

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**Knowledgehub**

**South Downs Climate Action Network Highlights**  
You are subscribed to a weekly digest from South Downs Climate Action Network [Unsubscribe](#)

**Neil Sephton** commented on this.

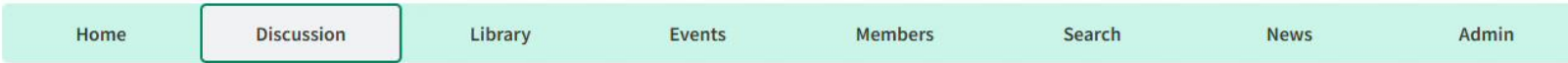
 **Sara Osman** started a new discussion.  
19 Jan 2026 - 13:50

# A one-stop place for information



## South Downs Climate Action Network

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Categories   Recent Posts   My Posts   My Subscriptions   Statistics

[Home](#)

### CATEGORIES

- [1. How to use this group - getting started](#)  
Simple instructions on using Knowledge Hub and tips to get the most out of it.  
3 Categories  
6 Threads
- [2. Say hello!](#)  
Introduce yourself and if you are from a CAN or environment group, let us know which group and where you are.  
3 Categories  
5 Threads
- [3. Setting up a community group](#)  
Please share tips on how you set up your community group, getting your community involved, setting up websites, emails and communication channels etc.  
4 Categories  
8 Threads

Information is shared via 'Discussion' or 'Library' pages:

**Discussion:** Themed folders to share useful information, resources, links and ask questions on specific topics

**Library:** Can only add documents (toolkits, templates)



# A great place to share events and training



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Add Event

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March 2026

month week day list

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	10:00 'Inspiration' exhibition train visits Bognor Regis	00:00 World Wildlife Day	18:30 SDNPA - Parish Work...	10:00 'Inspiration' exhibition train visits Lewes		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	00:00 Food Waste Action Week				00:00 The Great British Spring Clean	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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00:00 The Great British Spring Clean						
			19:00 All about swifts - a tal...			09:30 River Rother - Himala...
			19:00 Wet Wednesday Webi...			14:00 Great British Spring C...
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
00:00 The Great British Spring Clean						
00:00 World Water Day	00:00 World Meteorological...		19:00 ERA talk - Wildlife gar...		11:30 SECA Annual Gathering	20:30 Earth Hour 2026

Groups can share events or find out what others are doing.

We have also added 'Action Days'



# Newsletters can be shared



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Most liked **Newest** A-Z

[Lewes District Food Partnership Winter newsletter](#)  
...  
**News** | By: Sara Osman | Last updated: 22 Dec 2025 |  
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[December 2025 Arun & Chichester Food Partnership newsletter](#)  
...  
**News** | By: Sara Osman | Last updated: 22 Dec 2025 |



It can be a great one-stop place to catch up on what's going on in other areas

Or share your newsletter with others



# Toolkit for Community Climate Action

**COMING SOON**

As resources are added to the Knowledge Hub, we hope to build a Toolkit for Community Climate Action



# Pledge 2040

## Pledge action to tackle climate change

COMING SOON

**Aim:** To encourage residents, communities, visitors and businesses to pledge to take actions that support a Net Zero 2040 future in the South Downs National Park.



# Pledge 2040:

## Select an option to find actions you can pledge

### Getting started:

Firstly, we recommend you start by measuring your carbon footprint. This can highlight areas that have the most impact on the environment and can help focus on which actions you may want to pledge to change. Click on the link below to find carbon calculators and action pledges relevant to you.

**I am a  
resident in the  
South Downs  
National Park**

**We are a  
community in  
the South Downs  
National Park**

**I am/ we are  
visiting the  
South Downs  
National Park**

**We are a  
Business/  
organisation in the  
South Downs  
National Park**



# Pledge 2040: Residents

## Select an option to find actions you can pledge

**Show me  
low cost,  
minimum  
effort actions**

Low cost, minimum effort actions can still make a massive difference when taken by many people!

**Show me  
medium cost,  
and effort  
actions**

Medium actions can make a significant difference when taken by many people!

**Challenge me  
with high  
impact actions**

High impact actions will make an important contribution to reaching net zero.

**I want to  
connect with  
others taking  
action**

Find others in your community and be inspired to take action on climate change.

**Alternatively, [click here](#) to choose your actions by topic (travel, home, food etc.)**



# Helping communities to take action



Please join and share your knowledge

<https://khub.net/group/sdnpa-climate-action-working-group>

Watch this space for the Climate Action Toolkit and  
Climate Pledge campaign!

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