

PARTNERS BRIEFING

Community Changemakers

Working together for greener neighbourhoods,
warmer homes and stronger communities

*A 3-year pilot in Wath upon Dearne, East Herringthorpe
and Dinnington*

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About the project

Community Changemakers is a three-year pilot supporting residents, community groups and local organisations to take practical action on climate change — in ways that are relevant to everyday life.

THREE PILOT AREAS

Wath upon Dearne

East Herringthorpe

Dinnington

Focus areas: warmer homes • lower energy costs • greener neighbourhoods • stronger community connections

What the project delivers

01

Community-led climate action

Support for individuals, groups and organisations to develop and deliver practical projects that tackle climate change and benefit local people.

02

Energy advice and household support

Professional guidance on saving energy, improving home efficiency, reducing bills and making homes warmer and more affordable to run.

03

Community conversations

Events, workshops and local discussions that bring people together to identify priorities, share ideas and shape climate action around community needs.

Who delivers it

Project Manager

Oversees delivery across the three areas, coordinates partners, monitors progress and keeps the project focused on its aims.

Community Energy Adviser

Gives residents practical advice on saving energy, reducing bills, improving home efficiency and accessing the right support.

Community Engagement Officer

Works directly with residents, groups and organisations to build relationships, organise conversations and grow locally led action.

A dedicated team working across all three pilot areas.

Why the project matters

Climate action works best when it is practical, inclusive and locally led. The project cuts carbon while addressing everyday priorities.



Reducing carbon emissions through practical action



Helping households cut energy costs and improve comfort



Improving health and wellbeing through warmer homes and greener spaces



Strengthening community connections and local leadership



Creating greener, more resilient neighbourhoods shaped by local priorities

Intended outcomes

3,000

people embedding
practical climate action
into daily life

450

people reached with
digital and remote climate
information

500

households given in-
depth energy support

15

community-led groups
taking climate action

Alongside the numbers

- Develop local climate champions so residents' voices influence local decisions and priorities.
- Work with communities experiencing poverty, disadvantage and discrimination, removing barriers to participation.
- Build lasting partnerships with voluntary, community, statutory and environmental organisations.

The role of partners

Partners are central to the success of Community Changemakers.



How partners can help

Community groups, voluntary sector, statutory services and environmental organisations can help identify local needs, reach residents who would benefit, and strengthen impact across all three areas.

01

Share information about the project with residents, groups and networks

02

Refer households that may benefit from energy advice or practical support

03

Identify local ideas that could become climate action projects

04

Host or promote community conversations, workshops and events

05

Support inclusive engagement with communities facing poverty or disadvantage

06

Contribute local knowledge to shape priorities and remove barriers

Referral and engagement routes

Partners are encouraged to contact the project team to discuss referrals, local opportunities or ideas for joint activity. Routes will be kept simple, accessible and appropriate to residents' needs.

Household energy support

Refer residents for in-depth energy advice, efficiency guidance and help accessing support.

Community group introductions

Connect groups with the team to develop a local climate action idea.

Events and engagement

Signpost residents to community conversations, workshops and local activity.

Full team contact details are provided at the end of this pack.

Questions partners often ask

Who is the project for?

Residents, community groups and organisations in the three pilot areas who want to act on climate, improve homes or neighbourhoods, or shape local priorities.

Do people need climate knowledge?

No. The project is designed to be practical and accessible — whether someone is new to climate action or already active locally.

What projects could be supported?

Local greening, awareness raising, workshops, practical environmental improvements, energy-saving initiatives and neighbourhood events.

How will it stay inclusive?

By working with communities facing poverty, disadvantage and discrimination, and with partners who understand local barriers.

Working together — next steps

Talk to us

Contact the project team to discuss referrals and joint activity.

Spread the word

Share the project with residents, groups and your networks.

Bring ideas

Tell us about local groups or ideas ready to become climate projects.



Get in touch

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