



## Canterbury Climate Action Partnership

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## **Public Climate Outreach Programme launched for Canterbury**

The Canterbury Climate Action Partnership, CCAP, which brings together local stakeholders such as community organisations, business and universities is starting a new public outreach programme in collaboration with Canterbury City Council and its recently elected lead on Climate Change and Biodiversity, Cllr Mel Dawkins. This follows discussions held between the CCAP Board and Canterbury City Council Leader Cllr Alan Baldock and Cllr Dawkins.

The programme which will be launched in Spring Lane Neighbour Centre, Barton, Canterbury 2-5pm on Saturday 17 June and is designed to give local citizen information on dealing with the cost of living crisis, especially with regard to energy bills, food costs and repairing broken household items. It is being implemented by CCAP as part of a drive to assist local communities to confront the growing climate emergency and support the move towards zero carbon, while recognising that many households need advice and support to take part in these endeavours.

The event will bring together local partners and companies on a wide range of subjects including energy conservation and cost reduction, growing your own food, repairing equipment, and swapping unwanted clothes. After the initial launch it is planned to roll-out the Outreach Programme to other parts of Canterbury District.

The new programme is being launched to coincide with the 2023 **Great Big Green Week**.

Speaking on the eve of the Launch **Cllr Alan Baldock**, Leader of Canterbury City Council and CCAP Patron said: *'This new Outreach Programme, being implemented in collaboration with the Canterbury Climate Action Partnership will help our local citizens confront the cost of living crisis and find sustainable, and we hope less expensive, solutions to sourcing goods and services.'*

**Cllr Mel Dawkins**, Cabinet Member for Climate Action and Biodiversity added: *'I am excited about the Outreach Programme now being launched and the contribution it will make to achieving our Council's goal of Zero Carbon in Canterbury District.'*

**Dr Carl Wright**, Chair, Canterbury Climate Action Programme commented: *'It is greatly encouraging to link up with our City Council in providing practical advice and benefits to citizens and this serves to underline the importance which local government has in collaborating with diverse local stakeholders.'*

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