

County Durham Environment & Climate Change Partnership

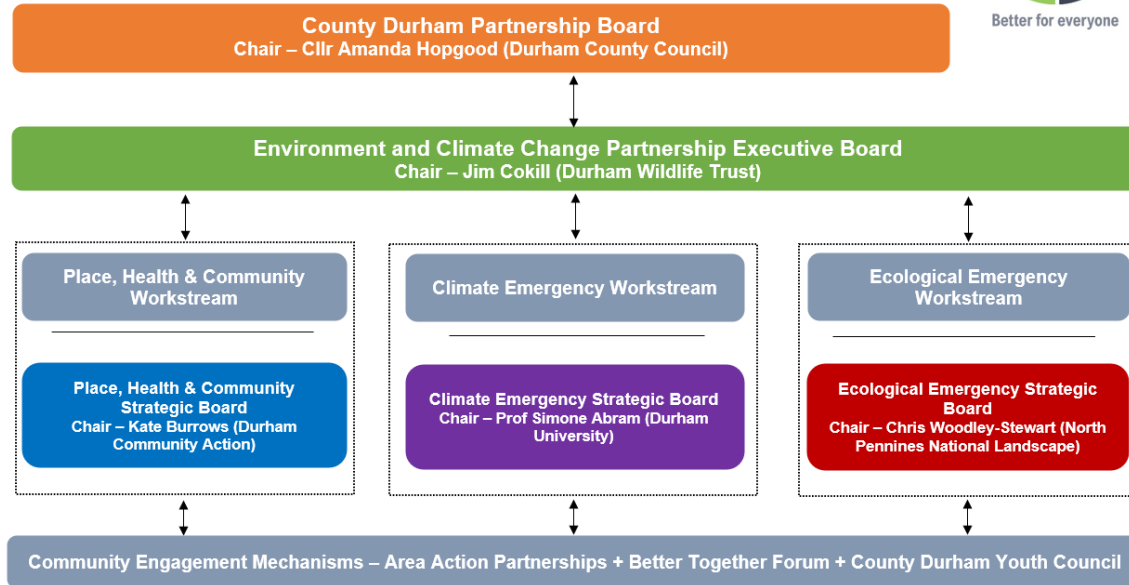
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ECCCP Structure and Vision

Environment & Climate Change Partnership



Our Vision

A better County Durham:
sustainable communities,
resilient to climate change,
richer in nature.



Climate Emergency

Highlights & Updates 2023/24

- CERP3
- Food for the planet project
- Horden minewater project
- Scope 3 methodology and action
- LEVI
- Relaunch of BEEP
- Green economy study
- Solar car ports
- Climate County Durham website and Facebook



Climate Emergency

Priorities

1. Act as a Governance Group for CERP3
2. Work to coordinate energy planning

Challenges and Opportunities

1. Achieving Net Zero
2. Coordinating lots of different activities and future needs
3. Delivery of CERP3
4. Funding



Ecological Emergency

Work in 2023/24

Durham Local Nature Recovery Strategy:

- Production of the baseline Habitats Map
- LNRS Website
- First Stage Consultation underway
- Environmental Records Information Centre (ERIC) NE conference on 'LNRS species Long List'
- Indicative opportunity mapping based solely on habitats.
- Sub-Groups agreed by the Ecological Emergency Board



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Ecological Emergency

The year ahead actions

- Collate the responses to the consultation
- Workshops for farmers and land managers
- Durham LNRS Species Workshop
- Establish and run the sub-groups
- The Statement of Priorities
- Draft LNRS and consultation on the draft in winter 2024
- Final production of the LNRS in March 2025

Challenges

- Tight timescale for production of the LNRS
- Lack of baseline data
- Promote and deliver the actions and ambitions from the new LNRS
- Connect and engage people in the natural world



Place Health and Communities

Areas of focus during 2023/24

- County Durham 'Healthier by 2030' Healthy Weight Plan
- Moving Together Strategy
- Input to Housing and Homeless Strategy
- Update on Towns and Villages Initiative
- Local Heritage Listings
- Horden Minewater support
- Support 34th County Durham Environment Awards



Local Heritage Listings



Eat Smart Waste Warriors of Cestria Primary School



Our Physical Activity Strategy
2023-28



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Place Health and Communities

Priority outputs and actions

- Housing and Homelessness Strategies (planning)
- Health and Twenty-minute Neighbourhoods Plans (planning)
- Area focussed health strategies (health)
- Reduce harmful environmental impacts of climate change on human health
- Contribute and track progress of Inclusive Economic Strategy (economy)
- Support Ecological Emergency and Local Nature Recovery Strategy (culture).
- Support CERP3 (2024-27) & development of Local Area Energy Plans (culture).



Challenges

- Silo working can be hard to break out of.
- Ensuring partners are responding to the group's forward plan
- How to effectively influence delivery with limited resources.
- How to track progress over time.



Executive Board

Refresh and Emergency Summit

A focus on:

Inform, influence and amplify

Emergency Summit identified
Key areas

1. Improving communication
2. Increasing financing
3. Influencing the North East Mayoral Combined Authority's agenda





Questions or comments



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Environment Awards Highlights



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Aims and Objectives

Recognising the great work and commitment towards caring for the natural and built environment through sustainable innovation, design and volunteering across the county's communities and businesses.

The Awards aim to bring people together to harness greater community action and recognise positive behaviours towards our precious environment.



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Varied Entries and Themes



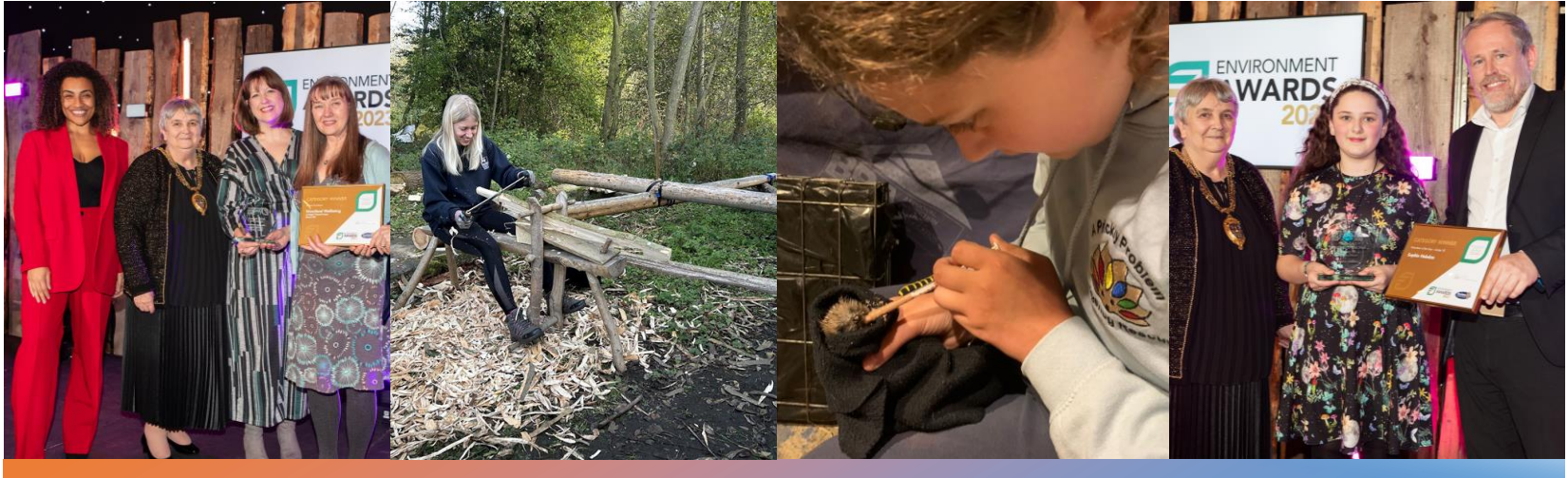
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Sponsors and Prestige



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The Winners 2023



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Outstanding Achiever



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2023: A Revamped Environment Awards

- **New Categories:**
 - Active Outdoors
 - SMEs & Bigger Companies
 - Communities in the Environment
- **Cross Cutting Themes:**
 - Health and Wellbeing
 - Climate Change Impact
 - Ecological Emergency

