

Peak District National Park Year of Green Action – Ideas for Communities to Improve Your Environment

Take a look at what other communities around the UK have been up to:

Take a look at Durham’s Environmental Award winners

Community spirit celebrated in annual environment awards. The awards, now in their 28th year, are organised by the County Durham Environment Partnership to celebrate great design, environmental guardianship and community spirit.



Bradwell built a community mini hydro-electric-power scheme to power the Christmas lights.

Residents of a Hope Valley village may be dreaming of a wet Christmas, after launching what may be the UK’s first hydro-powered illuminations. The invention lit up Bradwell for the first time on Sunday, December 10, with a water wheel powering a generator and festive lighting display.



Rhiwbina in Wales hopes to become the first plastic-free village

Across the UK, large businesses and small companies alike are starting to fight in the war on plastic, from the National Trust pledging to stop using single-use plastics on their properties, to Waitrose removing all takeaway disposable coffee cups from their stores. And now, a suburb in Cardiff wants to become the first 'plastic-free village' in the Welsh capital. Rhiwbina’s plastic-fighting campaign aims to engage local businesses in finding alternative materials and teach people what they can do to cut down on plastic use.



Located in rural Cheshire, Ashton Hayes is a well knit community of about 1000 people that is aiming to become England's first carbon neutral community. We started our journey in January 2006 and since then we have already cut our carbon dioxide emissions significantly - by working together, sharing ideas and through behavioural change. We now have our community owned renewable energy company.

