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Sustainable Blackpool: Residents

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At the heart of a sustainable Blackpool are its residents. The aim of this guide is to bring together resources and information in one place to support residents interested in starting their own unique journey towards sustainability.

As a first step you can [take the climate hero quiz](#).

This 5 minute quiz will allow you to see where you have the most potential to reduce emissions and it gives you the choice to make a pledge based off of your unique results.

Eco-coaches in Blackpool

Groundwork deliver **free** to access **impartial advice** and support to help you save energy, reduce your bills, and live in a warmer, more comfortable home. The programme of support is available across Blackpool and is delivered by the Green Doctor team. Support includes:

- Identifying causes of heat loss in homes
- Helping identify and tackle damp or mould problems
- Offering useful tips for saving energy and water whilst ensuring your home stays safe and comfortable
- Installing small energy efficiency measures, such as draft excluders, LED lightbulbs and radiator reflector panels
- Supporting you to switch energy providers to save money
- Registering households with the Warm Homes Discount and Priority Services Register
- Supporting you to access other support, such as emergency heating, government subsidies or grants, advice on energy or water debt

To date across Blackpool Groundwork have supported 607 households providing advice and installing over 2,000 energy saving measures initially within the Grange area of Blackpool, thanks to funding from the European Regional Development Fund.

The programme is supported by Blackpool Council and households can refer themselves directly by;

Emailing greendoctor.clm@groundwork.org.uk or calling free on 0330 1740 863.

[Find out more about Groundwork Green doctors](#).

Sustainable household advice

In Blackpool, residential housing has the biggest share of the emissions pie. This means, the measures you take to increase the efficiency of your home can have some of the biggest collective knock on effects towards the town reaching net zero.

Energy efficiency, retrofitting and green energy

- [Trust Mark](#) is a national government endorsed scheme. You can use Trust Mark to choose from a database of government approved workers to do work on your home
- [Find ways to save energy in your home](#) is a selection of advice put together by national government

- [Energy Advice for your home](#) is a selection of advice put together by the Energy Saving Trust
- You can find funding advice for energy projects in Lancashire from [Cosy Homes Lancashire](#)
- If you are looking for energy support during the cost of living crisis please visit our [Cost of Living Help page](#)

Appliances and home maintenance

- When getting ready to redecorate, larger household items can be collected by the Bulky Matters service and given a new life to those in need. Find out more at the [Bulky collection service](#).
- Many items end up at the tip that don't need to be there, wasting resources and contributing to emissions. Those items that are in good condition can be gotten at the [Tip shop](#)
- The [Energy Savings Trust](#) has advice in which appliances to look for in terms of energy efficiency.
- [How much electricity am I using?](#) provides information on how to find out how much energy your appliances are using

Advice for landlords and renters

- Landlords and renters can find more advice on energy requirements for rental properties on the [private rented repairs and maintenance page](#)
- [Citizens Advice](#) has a selection of advice concerning energy efficiency for renters.
- [Landlords: how to make your property more energy efficient](#)

Sustainable transport advice

Transport emissions are the third biggest slice of the emissions pie in Blackpool, by rethinking how we take our journeys we can begin to collectively have a significant impact on the emissions produced by different modes of transport.

The Land Trust has created a carbon calculator for transport.

[Access the transport carbon calculator.](#)

Ways to reduce your transport footprint

- You can find more information about the emissions of different modes of transport at [Our World in Data](#)
- You can find information on all kinds of low carbon travel alternatives at the [Energy Saving Trust](#)
- You can sign up to [Shared Wheels](#) to join a neighbourhood car share in your area or start up your own car share with friends, family and co-workers.
- [Blackpool Transport buses are going electric](#)
- There is support for getting into cycling through [Active Blackpool](#) & The Salvation Army Blackpool has a [recycle your bike appeal](#)
- You can find the location of EV charge points at [Zap map](#)
- You can get involved with [Ramblers wellbeing walks](#)

Sustainable food advice

Reducing food waste is one of the simplest ways to reduce your carbon footprint, you can Find out more at [Love Food Hate Waste](#). You can also find out what your food based carbon footprint is using a food carbon calculator.

Find out your food carbon footprint here: [What is the true cost of the fruit and veg you waste?](#)

Ways to reduce your food footprint

- You can find advice on how to reduce household food waste at [reducing waste](#)
- Resource saving cooking advice can be accessed at [BBC goodfood](#) and the [Energy Savings Trust](#).
- You can find more information about the emissions produced by different popular foods at [Our World in Data](#).
- You can locate local community fridges using the [community fridge map](#)
- [Home composting advice](#)
- Join your local food growing group or event. Find out more at; [Grow Blackpool](#); [Early years rangers](#) and [Revoelution](#)

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