

Energy Update Summer Newsletter 2026



WELCOME

There's plenty happening across Louth County Council when it comes to energy, with projects underway helping us use less energy, reduce costs, and lower our carbon footprint across our buildings.

In this newsletter, we're sharing some of the work that's been going on, along with helpful tips you can use to save energy both at work and at home—especially as energy costs stay high over the summer.

Let's keep the focus on energy awareness and continue making small changes that add up to a big difference across the Council.

Louth County Councils Solar Farm

Our Energy Section has been busy delivering real progress across the Council, with a number of major projects now up and running.

One of the standout developments is the rapid rollout of Solar PV systems across our buildings right across the county. In just nine months, 18 sites are now live—delivering over 540kWp of clean, renewable energy. It's a big step forward in how we power our buildings, cutting reliance on fossil fuels and putting sustainability into action.

And we're already seeing the results. Since January 2026, these systems have generated over 142,000 kWh of renewable electricity—already beating everything produced in 2025. That means real savings, real carbon reductions, and real progress every single day. Some sites are even exporting energy back to the grid, so we're not just using clean energy—we're helping to generate it too.

⚡ POWERING LOUTH – AT A GLANCE ⚡

🌞 18 Sites Installed

🔋 540kWp Renewable Capacity

⚡ 142,000+ kWh Generated (2026)

Some of the completed projects in Dundalk County Museum, Dundalk County Hall and Ardee Fire Station



Optimising Power@Work – Fair Street Gets Involved

Staff in our Fair Street offices are now part of the Optimising Power@Work Programme—a behavioural change initiative focused on helping us all use less energy through simple everyday actions, backed by smart monitoring.

The programme kicked off on 26 March, with staff meeting their energy advisors, getting involved in some lighthearted games, and picking up a few prizes along the way. Staff also picked up practical tips to help reduce energy use both at work and at home.

We're looking forward to bringing the programme to more of our Drogheda offices as we keep building momentum towards carbon neutrality.

🌞 **Chill Out Day is coming soon—keep an eye out for the ice lollies!**



Electric Vehicle (EV) Chargers

EV charging capacity at Dundalk Machinery Yard has been expanded, with space now available for up to 10 vehicles at once—up from 4 previously.



New EV Charging Equipment at Dundalk Machinery Yard

ISO 50001 Audit – September 2026

From 21–24 September, staff across the organisation will take part in a 4-day ISO 50001 Energy Management Audit—an important milestone in how we manage energy.

The progress being demonstrated isn't just about systems or projects—it's about people. Across all areas, improvements have been driven by everyday actions, from switching off equipment to being more energy-aware in how we work.

As we approach the audit, your continued focus and engagement will be key. Every action counts, and together we're building a more energy-efficient and sustainable Louth County Council.

Small Actions. Big Impact.

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Home Energy Kits Available in Louth Libraries

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💡 Top 5 Energy Saving Tips for Staff

1. Switch Off & Save ⚡

Turn off lights, monitors, and equipment when not in use—even during short breaks.

2. Be Smart with Heating & Cooling 🌡️

Keep windows closed when heating is on, and use natural ventilation in warmer months.

3. Unplug Idle Devices 🔌

Chargers and equipment still use energy when plugged in—switch them off at the socket.

4. Use Natural Light ☀️

Make the most of daylight before switching on lights.

5. Think Before You Print 🖨️

Reduce printing where possible—go digital when you can.



Have an energy-saving idea?

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Together, we are driving real change—thank you for the part you play every day.