

What is Care4Air?

Care4Air is a South Yorkshire wide campaign, aimed at raising awareness of air quality issues in the region. You can help improve air quality by walking, cycling or using public transport instead of driving and being more energy efficient in the home.



Ian McMillan pens a poem, to mark his appearance at the care4air awards.

NEW BUILDING IN TINSLEY WILL CUT CARBON EMISSIONS IN HALF



Illustration of new community building in Tinsley

A new community building currently under construction in Tinsley will help reduce pollution in the area as it cuts emissions by half, compared to a normal building its size, thanks to a new environmentally friendly heating system.

The new Family Centre in Tinsley is believed to be the first in the area to use a ground source heat pump, which brings heat from underground. The thermal heat, which naturally exists just a few feet beneath the surface, will be pumped around the building.

In addition to the heat pump, the building will also contain solar panels, to provide additional energy, and insulation throughout, to ensure heat is retained within the building.

Mark Daly, of Care4Air, said: "We're delighted that the Tinsley Family Centre will be using sustainable energy sources to power the building.

"This is a great example of how developers can use new technologies to reduce carbon emissions, and further improve air quality throughout the city."

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IAN MCMILLAN PENS A POEM TO HELP IMPROVE AIR QUALITY IN SOUTH YORKSHIRE

▲ The Care4Air Poem

The thing about air is it's everywhere
There's some down here and there's some over there
And there's some in the corner
And lots on the street
And without air we'd just be
Incomplete!

The thing about air is we must keep it clean
We shouldn't dirty it with our big machines
We should share our cars
Or take the bus
Because air's valuable
So kick up a fuss!

Walk or cycle, take the tram
Every dad and every mam
Take the tram or walk or bike
Down to the shops is a lovely hike
Bike or take the tram or walk
There's time to look and time to talk
Why don't you keep your 4 X 4
Locked behind the garage door!

The thing about air is it keeps us alive
From babies to folks of 105!
Air's common as muck
And precious as a jewel
So don't tarnish it
With emissions of fuel!

The thing about air is it's everywhere
The thing about air is we must keep it clean
The thing about air is it keeps us alive
And everybody here knows what I mean

So if you really, really, care:
Watch what you do with the air!

▲ Barnsley wordsmith Ian McMillan has composed a poem to mark his appearance at the latest Care4Air Awards Ceremony.

The Internationally acclaimed poet joined Barnsley Councillor Margaret Morgan, Cabinet Spokesperson for Environmental Services, at the ceremony, which was held at Barnsley's Cannon Hall on Monday 20th June.

As well as reading his specially produced poem for the first time, Ian presented Care4Air Awards to schools, community groups and businesses from across South Yorkshire.

The awards were presented to: Royston High School in Barnsley, who run a successful cycle to school

information about energy efficient motoring and run a tree planting programme to offset vehicle emissions; and the Recycling Community Enterprise in Rotherham, who use energy efficient vehicles to collect recyclable goods.

Mark Daly of Care4Air said: "We're delighted that Ian McMillan has helped us



scheme; The Schools and Homes Education Project in Sheffield, who encourage people to become more energy efficient; Dixon Honda in Doncaster, who provide

recognise Schools, Community groups and Businesses, who have worked hard to improve air quality in South Yorkshire."

CHINESE DELEGATION LEARN FROM DONCASTER AIR QUALITY EXPERTS

A delegation of 11 environmental professionals, from the Jiangsu Environmental Centre in China, visited Doncaster recently to find out how the town successfully deals with air quality issues.

The delegation from China chose to visit Doncaster, after receiving a recommendation from the British Government, who described the town as being "leaders in the field of air quality monitoring", and complimented Doncaster "for using innovative methods of promoting good air quality."

The delegation were welcomed at the Mansion House in Doncaster by Councillor Glyn Jones, members of the Pollution Control Section, and Head of Environmental Health, Hilary Caunt. During their time in Doncaster, the delegates were given a short presentation on the work of the Pollution Control Section, including a detailed account of the Care4Air campaign,



The presentation was followed by a lively question and answer session, which was conducted through an interpreter, and a tour of the new air quality public display unit in the Mansion House reception, and the Market Place air quality monitoring unit.

Malcolm Beal, of Care4Air said: "We're very proud that the delegation from China chose to visit Doncaster because of the town's growing reputation in the field of air quality monitoring."

ROTHERHAM DOCTOR GETS ON HIS BIKE TO HELP IMPROVE AIR QUALITY!

Care4Air has visited a Rotherham Doctor to find out how he keeps himself, and the environment, in good health!

Dr Kevin Perrett, who cycles every day, as part of his journey to work, said: "I really hated being stuck in traffic every day, and feeling stressed when I got to work, so I decided to leave the car at home and use my bike instead!"

"For the past few years, I've cycled to the train station, to catch the train to Rotherham, and arrived at work feeling refreshed and relaxed." He added:

"Having worked with patients with respiratory conditions, such as asthma, I've seen how people can benefit from improvements in air quality.

"This encouraged me to use my car less, because vehicles produce harmful emissions, which contribute towards air pollution."

Mark Daly of Care4Air said: "We understand it's not always possible to leave the car at home, but Dr Perrett has shown how people can benefit from cycling, walking, car sharing or using public transport.



"Making lifestyle changes can make a real difference to an individual's health, as well as saving them money and helping to improve air quality in South Yorkshire."

Want to know more about what's happening with the Care4Air campaign? contact Mark Daly on 0114 273 4655 or register to be on our e-mail list -

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To find out how you can do your bit to help the environment you can download a pdf from the website below:

www.airquality.co.uk/archive/yourbit.pdf

Useful Websites

The UK National Air Quality Information Archive:

www.airquality.co.uk

Clean Air Partnership (Sheffield & Rotherham area)

www.m1airaction.com

Sheffield City Council

www.sheffield.gov.uk/environment/waste-and-pollution

Air Quality Management

www.air-quality-management.co.uk

Sheffield City Centre Clean Air Partnership

www.sheffieldairaction.com

Rotherham Air Quality

www.rotherham.gov.uk/graphics/Environment/Air+Quality/

Current Air Quality Forecast

www.airquality.co.uk/archive/Current_Bulletin.php

Doncaster Air Quality

www.doncaster.gov.uk/Living_in_Doncaster/Environment/environmental_protection/Pollution_control.asp

Barnsley Air Quality

www.barnsley.gov.uk/service/ehealth/pollutioncontrol.asp