



Climate and Nature Forum

9th October 2025



Agenda

- **Apologies** - To receive any apologies for absence
- **Welcome**
- **Kent Community Energy**
- **Tree planting and Tress on new developments**
- **Water resilience, overflows, local rivers conditions bathing water quality**
- **Car sharing proposals**
- **Thermal Cameras and EE boxes**
- **Members Updates**
- **Dover District Updates**
- **AOB**





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woodlandtrust.org.uk/publications/2025/06/state-of-uk-woods-and-trees-2025/

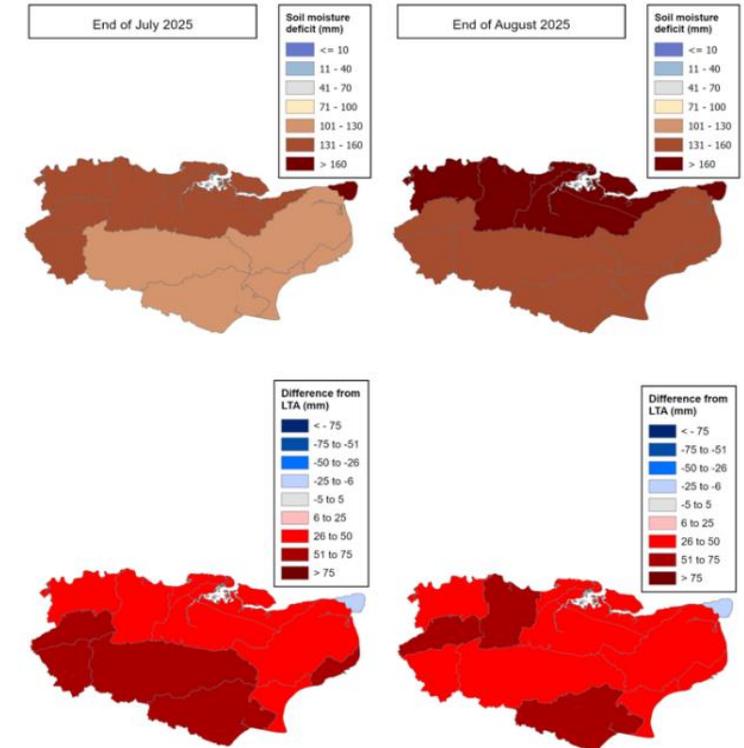
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Water Resilience

The entire Kent and South London (KSL) area received 37% of the long-term average (LTA) rainfall during August. Rainfall received across individual catchments ranged from exceptionally low to normal. Soil moisture deficits (SMDs) throughout all catchments increased during August and ended the month notably above the LTA. Monthly mean river flows (MMFs) ranged from exceptionally low to normal in August in KSL, however most fell into the normal category. Groundwater levels in the Chalk remained mostly normal across the KSL area at the end of August. Groundwater levels in the Greensand aquifer at Riverhead decreased slightly but remained above normal levels. Levels at all the 5 water company reservoirs declined throughout August, ending the month in categories ranging from notably low to notably high. [Kent and South London water situation: August 2025 summary - GOV.UK Water Situation Report Kent and South London August 2025](#)

3.1 Soil moisture deficit map

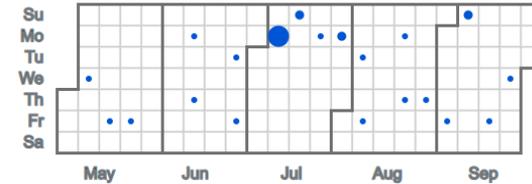
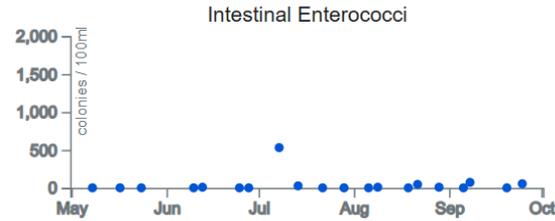
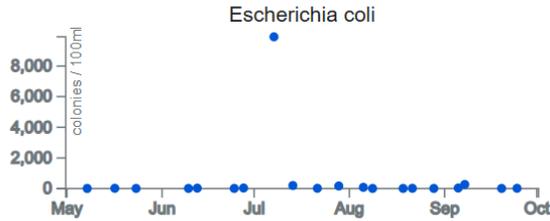
Figure 3.1: Soil moisture deficits for weeks ending 31 July (left panel) and 31 August 2025 (right panel). Top row shows actual soil moisture deficits (mm) and bottom row shows the difference (mm) of the actual from the 1991 to 2020 long term average soil moisture deficits. EA Soil Moisture Deficit data (Source EA Soil Moisture Model).



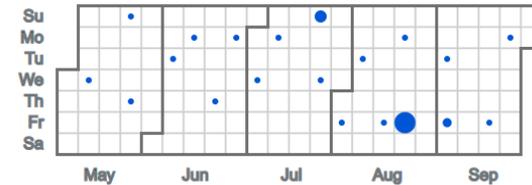
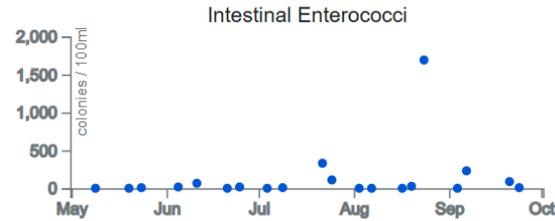
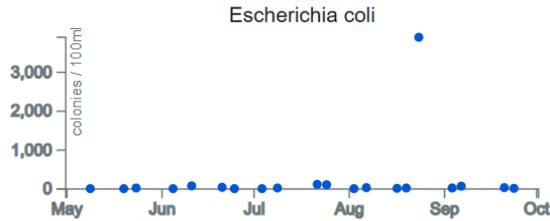
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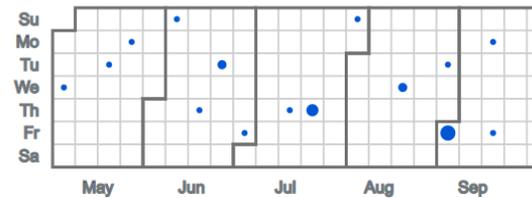
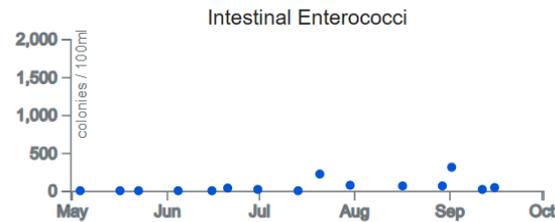
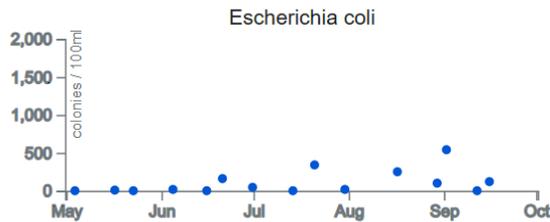
2025



2024 **poor** ?

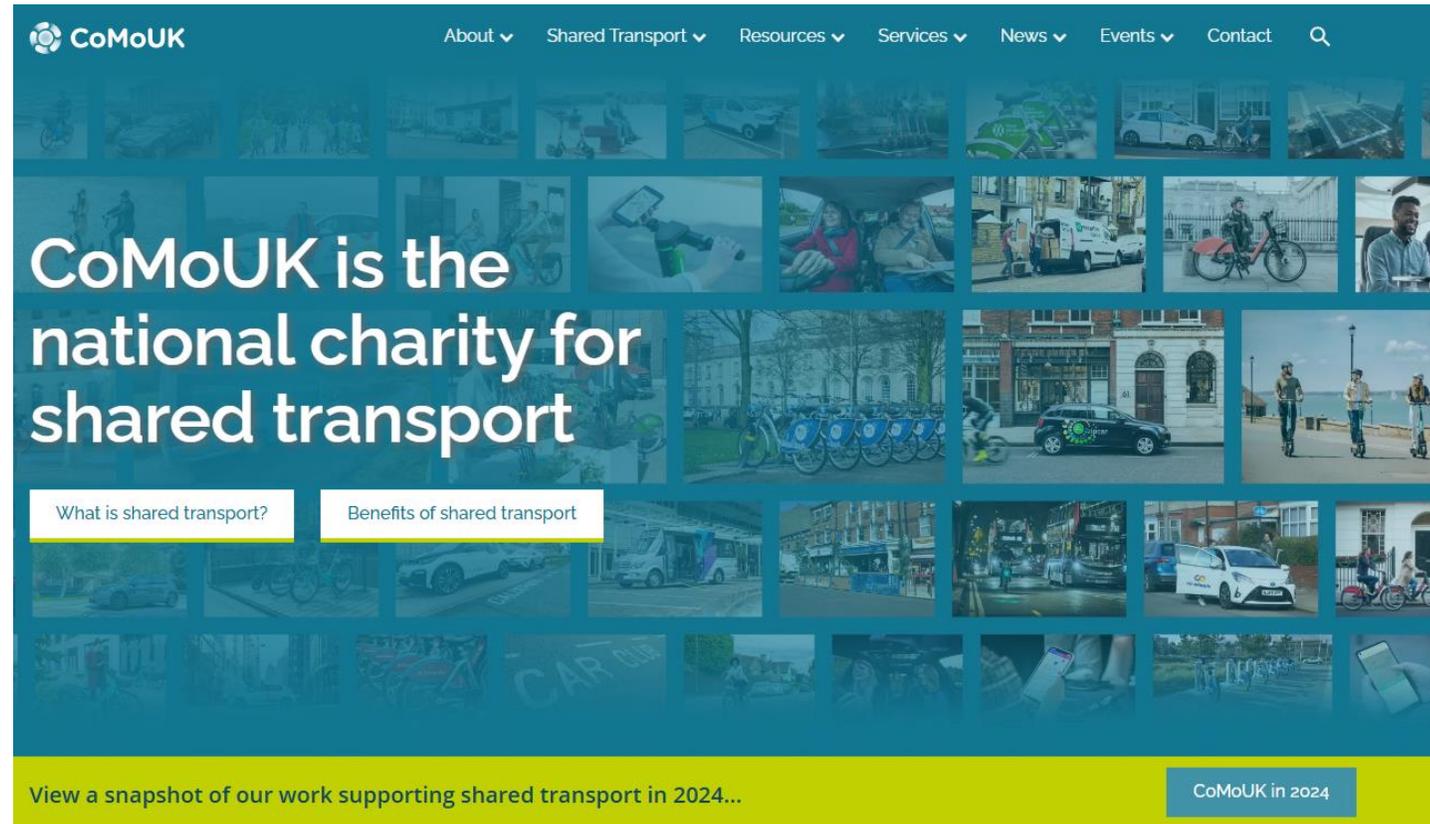


2023 **sufficient** ?





Break



The screenshot shows the CoMoUK website homepage. At the top is a navigation bar with the CoMoUK logo and menu items: About, Shared Transport, Resources, Services, News, Events, and Contact. Below the navigation is a large hero section with a grid of images showing various shared transport modes like bicycles, scooters, and cars. The main headline reads: "CoMoUK is the national charity for shared transport". Below this are two buttons: "What is shared transport?" and "Benefits of shared transport?". At the bottom of the hero section, there is a yellow bar with the text "View a snapshot of our work supporting shared transport in 2024..." and a button labeled "CoMoUK in 2024".

Welcome

Collaborative Mobility UK (CoMoUK) is the national charity dedicated to the social, economic and environmental benefits of shared transport.



EKCA update

- Work continues in the background. One of our members continues to pursue the realisation of a global plastics treaty, working alongside several movers and shakers. Our WhatsApp buzzes with news, info, campaigns, indignation, outrage, always seeking positive ways forward.
- In the foreground, our work will be making an appearance in the autumn edition of our local paper, Deal Despatch.
- Our focus, as ever, is both local and global. An ongoing concern is the maintenance of trees in our area. We continue to seek channels to whichever body will actually act on its responsibility for the upkeep of trees, particularly newly planted ones, be this in the public or the private domain.
- We are planning our warm winter campaign, which will involve drop-in advice sessions at the library and heat escape diagnosis.
- We are actively supporting SOSDAW's campaign to improve the state of our seas, with individuals contributing relevant observations. We took part in DTC's Ocean and Coastal Recovery Strategy consultation.
- Our "Street theatre" group, Making Waves, puts in appearances at local events to highlight the need to care for the ocean, both locally and globally.
- We took part in Deal Carnival, where Poly the Whale made a much-acclaimed reappearance.
- We joined Deal Pride parade and offered an array of plants at the market afterwards.
- A group of us took part in the national "Make them pay" demonstration.
- EKCA is collaborating with Deal with It on showing films of local and wider environmental interest. This will be coinciding with the global and Deal Town Climate Action Day in November (which we will of course be attending.)



Members updates

Deal with It update

- Actively supporting SOSDAW, and will be taking part in DTC Climate Action Day.
- Captain's Garden has had its best year ever for attendance at Open Days; of course, Royal interest might have played a part in this. The avenues of fruit trees have begun to produce well. The latest innovation is our thriving vineyard.
- The garden is now set up as a Community Interest Company.
- Deal Hop Farm had a good yield, in spite of many individual growers having poor results in a strange year weather-wise. This years total was 185 kilos.
- Gleaning continues well, with new bodies keen to receive the proceeds, the latest being a local primary school. Over 35 gleans so far this year.
- Beach cleans continue on a regular basis.
- Deal Repair café now has a permanent home at the Deal Welfare Club, in an area where it is felt our services are most needed.
- Station gardeners have had several new members, so are continuing to do much -appreciated work at the station, in collaboration with our wonderful ticket office manager.



Members updates

Deal Town Council

- Deal Town Council has adopted an **Ocean and Coastal Recovery Strategy**, recognising that we have an essential role to play in recovering the health of our oceans through increasing awareness of how local actions can affect the sea. The Mayor will sign an 'Ocean & Coastal Recovery Declaration' (or Motion for the Ocean) at Charter Day on Sunday.
- **Climate Action Day** returns to coincide with COP on Saturday 15 November. This year's theme will be the town's proximity and relationship with the sea. The event will continue to raise awareness of our local environment and groups and organisations who have worked with and supported the town council in the last 12 months have been invited to exhibit. We hope to see you there.
- **Look After What You Love**, our anti-litter campaign saw chalk stencils with a 'Bin It' message appearing around the town in the summer, encouraging people not to drop litter. The project will return next year.
- Almost 40 hedgehog friendly gravel boards have been requested through our **Hedgehog Friendly Deal** campaign. We offered free boards to local residents to install in their garden, allowing hedgehog greater freedom to roam.

Putting climate mitigation and resilience at the heart of decision making

	Activity	Intended outcome	Led By	Next Steps	Resources required	Time Frame	Comments / contacts
1.1	Continue to cut / halve use of paper ; encourage Cllrs to use (reconditioned) IT tablets, etc. Use QR codes where suitable *See Entry 1.2	To reduce the amount of paper used for office work.	Officer	Office uses recycled paper for agendas and other paperwork Reduction in agendas may be possible. Purchase of projector may be a way forward	Officer Time	Completed Sep 25	It is not sustainable to spend money buying new tablets for Cllrs. Complete switch to QR codes would exclude some members of the community. Reduction of hard copy agendas has begun, use of recycled paper primarily for all white paper printing. Suitable used paper also used as notepaper.
1.2	Put up shelf for projector & get projector for cttee room WTC premises *See Entry 1.1	Cttee meeting agendas can be projected onto wall /screen to reduce use of paper & keep meetings focussed	Officer	To get quotations and then put a recommendation to F&GP	Projector like Cllr PF's & high shelf	Completed Sep 25	To note: if we continue to use Walmer PH for full council meetings, secretary of WPH supplies projector for use at WPH.
1.4	Resolved CEWG motion 18 July 2024 to go to full council on purchasing & procurement, after F&GP approval.	New project purchases / procurement to be made according to best community value for money overall & impact on environment instead of on cheapest in short term	Officer / SWG	Written proposal for full council	Yes	By September Full Council Meeting 2025	Agreed CEWG 27-3-25 draft recommendation to F&GP
1.5	Get a new Carbon Audit done in Jan 2027	Aim to show we have achieved WTC net zero without carbon offsetting by 2027.	Officer	To source a carbon audit and quotation.	Officer time	By Jan 2027	
1.6	Follow Kent Resilience Forum advice (July 2024) on developing new, comprehensive Local Resilience Plan due to expected extreme weather events & lessons learned during pandemic	To be better prepared to help (vulnerable in) community cope with outages, shortages, heatwaves, flooding, etc	Clerk / KALC Rep SWG	Template to be developed during and after DDC workshop for level 1 councils (due March/July 2025 but postponed by DDC) Link in with Deal Town Council regarding working together on a resilience plan to avoid duplication.	Officer time Councillor to attend workshop	Long Term Ongoing	https://www.kentprepared.org.uk/improving-community-resilience
1.7	Liase with KALC / NALC about LGReorganisation ; new EK Unitary Authority from 2027.	Find out what extra powers level 1 councils / WTC may have as result of Local Govt reorganisation				Long Term Ongoing	DDC want to unload some car parks, likely only Borrow Pit in Walmer.
1.8	Offer training to councillors / officers	Awareness among all members of council & officers				Long Term Ongoing	Info & Training sessions and information can be found at: https://www.kent.gov.uk/environment-waste-and-planning/climate-change https://www.carbonfootprint.com/carbonacademy_sbn.html https://www.cse.org.uk/resources https://carboncharter.org/events/carbon-literacy-training-3/
1.9	Provide whole council with update on carbon audit impact report of Walmer Parish Territorial 8.45t CO2e Consumption 15.3t CO2e both per household	So all council members aware of which activities cause biggest carbon footprint (energy inefficiencies of buildings and cars).	Cllr SWG	Provided on agenda of full council 6 March 2024	In 2026	Long Term Ongoing	Cllr SWG completed Carbon Literacy Training Dec 2023, will be able to train CEWG members.
1.11	Work with DDC Climate & Nature Forum sharing good practice.	Learn of initiatives from other TCs suitable for Walmer	Cllrs SWG / PF	Clerk discussed TORs Dec 2023. Cllrs attending quarterly from May 2024		Dec 2023 (clerk); 2 May 2024 2 x Cllr reps quarterly Ongoing	https://www.dover.gov.uk/Environment/Climate-Change/Dover-Climate-Nature-Change-Forum.aspx

Energy Efficiency boxes And Thermal Cameras

£5,000 budget for boxes £1,000 budget for cameras





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New sensors network
 DEFRA are funding a project to install a small network of air pollution sensors in Canterbury's Air Quality Management Area, which covers the main ring road where all traffic passes around and through Canterbury.
[View the AQ sensors page](#)

Latest Summary
 Last updated at KentAir at 9:00 on Tuesday 8th July 2025.

- 17 Sites index Low (1-3)
- 0 Sites index Moderate (4-6)
- 0 Sites index High (7-9)
- 0 Sites index Very High (10)
- 0 Sites Offline

Air Pollution Forecast
 The following days are available to view
 < Today 8th July >

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