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Community Climate Boost

A big win for Bristol's climate movement: the Community Climate and Nature Project has been awarded £1.75 million from the National Lottery's Climate Action Fund. The project, led by the Bristol Climate & Nature Partnership, helps local groups create their own climate action plans. So far, 17 organisations have taken part, with six more joining soon. From community gardens to flood protection and youth projects, the work is already making a difference. Over 11,000 people have been involved, cutting 382 tonnes of CO₂—a huge step for local



Heroic Hauteville!

Well Done to Hauteville for getting a fantastic 41! Another congratulations to Rodney with a terrific 24, closely followed Bilbie with 19 and Moreton with 18 environmental positives.

COP30: Turning Point in the Amazon

From 10–21 November 2025, the world's attention will turn to Belém, Brazil, where the 30th UN Climate Change Conference (COP30) will take place in the heart of the Amazon rainforest, marking the 10th anniversary of the Paris Agreement and following 2024, the hottest year ever recorded. More than 60,000 par-



ticipants, including leaders from 195 countries, scientists, businesses, NGOs, and Indigenous peoples, are expected to attend, with Brazil highlighting the Amazon's role in regulating the global climate and pledging to put Indigenous voices at the centre of discussions. Key issues on the agenda include updated 2035 climate plans (NDCs), which countries must present to show how they will cut emissions in line with the 1.5°C target, as well as debates on scaling up climate finance for adaptation

and loss and damage support, accelerating the energy transition away from fossil fuels, and protecting forests. Brazil is championing the Tropical Forest Forever Facility, a proposed \$125 billion fund to reward nations for keeping tropical forests standing, with Brazil already pledging the first \$1 billion. Major economies have also signalled new commitments: China has pledged a 7–10% emissions cut by 2035 alongside a huge expansion of renewables, Nigeria has set its first economywide reduction target, and the EU is preparing to double its climate finance for adaptation. Yet despite these steps, the world remains off track to cut emissions by 43% by 2030, the level scientists say is essential to keep 1.5°C within reach. COP30 is therefore seen as a defining moment: a chance to turn ambitious promises into concrete action that protects people, forests, and the planet's future.

