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Chief's Chat

by Barnabas Shelbourne, CEO



We're already well into 2026 and we are now kicking off with our event season. It's set to be a standout year, with an exciting calendar ahead. The team has been working hard behind the scenes to make this season bigger and better than before. We're looking forward to getting started and hope to see you at an event soon.

We recently hosted our very first Gala Fundraising Dinner which was used as a way to celebrate Greenpower, but also raise funds to help contribute to what we do. The evening was a fantastic success, and helped to raise £30,000 towards the work of the charity.



While this is not something we highlight frequently, Greenpower is a registered charity with a clear and focused mission:

Inspire young people around the world to excel in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths through a unique challenge: to design, build and race an electric car.

As well as having this clear objective, all the financial income that we generate and raise, goes back into the charity helping it to achieving our mission.

Greenpower is 27 years old this year, and in excess of 200,000 young people have been supported as part of the programme over the years in the UK alone, not including through our international partners who deliver the programme in their

territories, but there is always more we can do.

One of the main reasons why Greenpower has been so successful over the years is through our amazing volunteer network. Did you know we have a wonderful group of Ambassadors who work hard to help establish the programme in the different locations around the UK, they visit schools and youth clubs, meet lots of different people, help identify and raise funds, help identify venue, and generally, promote the programme.

Best of luck to everyone this season, keep up the innovating, problem solving, and make sure you have fun as well!

**Best wishes
Barnabas**

TEAM NEWS

WELCOME!

We are delighted to welcome Issy Cooper to the team as our Communications and Social Media Specialist.

You may have noticed our social media posts have been more frequent, and we also now have a TikTok account, so please do check it out along with our Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn accounts. If you have any stories or case studies you would like to shout about, please send them to issy@greenpower.co.uk



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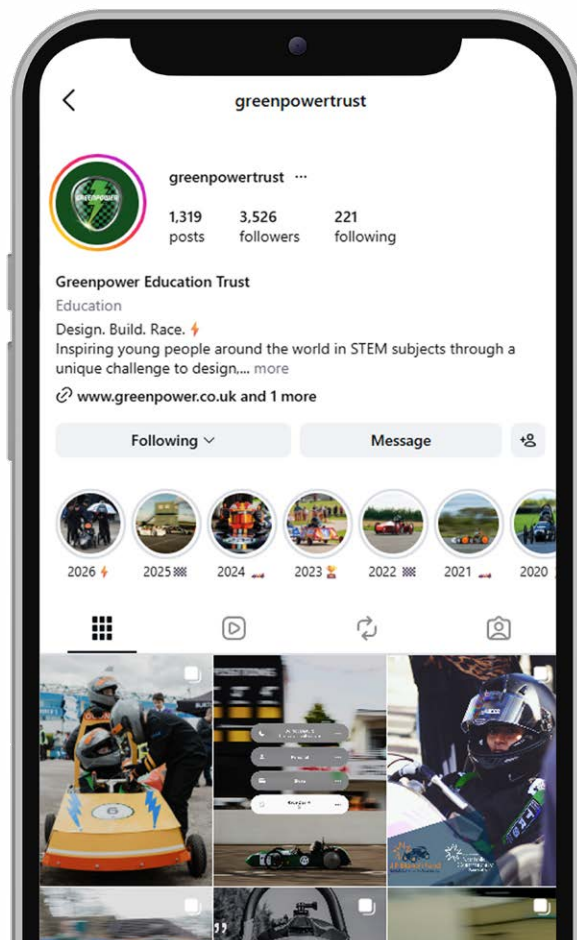
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STRATEGIC PLAN

Since 2024 we have been working on a new Strategic Plan to help us focus on what we do as an organisation, and help us to remain steadfast towards specific goals.

These are big ambitions and will take time to develop our work, but what it does mean is that we will remain focused on the task of ensuring the programme and organisation remains relevant, engaging, and reaches more young people.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES OVERVIEW



DEVELOPING
OUR STEM AND
EDUCATIONAL
WORK

1



REFINING OUR
PRODUCTS AND
PRODUCTION

2



STRENGTHENING
OUR EVENTS

3



GROWING OUR
NETWORK,
REPUTATION, AND
REACH

4



SECURING
FINANCIAL
SUSTAINABILITY

5



WEB SHOP



We have again partnered up with Spacesuit Photography who will be at all of our supported race events to capture your teams and cars in action. This season you can purchase a one off event Photo pass for £25 and a season pass will be £50.

You can purchase the image passes through our website:



Click here to
**Purchase an
Event photo pass**



Greenpower Merchandise: we have a wide range of items from t-shirts, water bottles to portable phone chargers and wireless earbud headphones. Available to order from our webshop:

Click here to go to our
Greenpower webshop

We are soon going to be stocking helmets and gloves and we're also considering stocking race suits and overalls. It would be great to hear your feedback if you think we should stock these.



FINANCE OPTIONS FOR KIT CARS

We have been able to make arrangements to enable schools and youth clubs the opportunity to spread their payments for new kit car purchases. The main aim being that we know some organisations are unable to make a one off purchase for a kit car, and so it would be easier to spread the payment. Essentially the finance option

will allow organisations to cover the cost of one or more kit cars and you can spread the payments over different periods of time, depending on your preference. If this is something you are interested in finding out more about please email:

accounts@greenpower.co.uk

VENUES

Each year we are always on the lookout for new venues to host race heats for both Goblins and F24 & F24+ . The venues that can be used for Goblins can be anywhere with a good sized flat tarmac space which can hold the heat, but also has enough space for the teams, their vans, and trailers. F24 and F24+ events are a little more tricky as we require a good sized race track at least 1km in distance, with a good surface, a track layout that is fairly flat, and not too sharp corners. The other challenge that we have for all events, is we require an event supporter for each one. If you know any potentially suitable venues, and if you also know any organisations or individuals who would like to support an event, please do email racing@greenpower.co.uk



VOLUNTEERS

Event Volunteering

We are looking for more individuals to help support our events. Particularly the following events, email Volunteer@Greenpower.co.uk to find out more.

- **September Heat East Fortune F24 and F24+**
- **Lotus Hethel F24 and F24+**
- **RMB Chivenor Heat F24 and F24+**
- **Bedford Heat F24 and F24+**

Media Volunteering

We are also on the lookout for individuals, including young people who want to develop skills or use their media skills to help capture the action at events and be part of our wider plans to create a media squad. If you are interesting in getting involved in this capacity, please email: Issy@Greenpower.co.uk

TECH CORNER

STEP-BY-STEP TECHNICAL GUIDE: HARNESS SETUP

How to configure your harness so that driver changes only require adjusting the front buckles & lap strap, saving valuable race time.

STEP 1

Secure the lap strap.

The lap strap must be tight and correctly positioned over the pelvis before touching the shoulder straps.

- Place your smallest driver in the car.
- Adjust the lap strap buckles until it is secure, and the driver cannot slide forward.
- Note: Do not move to the shoulder straps until the lap strap is locked in.

STEP 2

Set the front buckles.

The goal is to give your largest driver enough “room” to get in while ensuring the smallest driver can still get the harness tight.

- Fully loosen the shoulder straps at the mounting points (rear of the car).
- On the front buckles (the ones on the driver’s chest), adjust them so they are roughly 2-3 inches (5-8 cm) away from their maximum tightness.
- This “buffer” ensures that even your smallest driver has a little bit of room left to cinch down.

STEP 3

Remove rear slack (The “Set and Forget” Step).

This is the “faffy” part that saves you time later.

- With the front buckles still set as described in Step 2, go to the mounting point buckles at the back.
- Pull all remaining slack through these rear buckles until the harness is snug against the driver.
- Technique: Feed the webbing through the bottom of the buckle, through the mounting point, and back through the top of the buckle to lock it.

Why This Matters

If you follow this “Smallest Driver First” method:

Tallest Driver: Only needs to loosen the front buckles and the lap strap to get in.

Smallest Driver: Only needs to pull the front buckles and lap strap tight.

If you set the front buckles to be “max tight” for your largest driver, the mounting points will have to be re-adjusted for every single driver change.

Incorrectly adjusted harnesses will result in the pit lane holding you or turning you away until they are correctly adjusted. When lining up for gridding and belts are not correctly adjusted you will not be able to adjust the harness on the grid, you will be held until they are properly adjusted, thus starting further down the grid.

Any issues please speak to one of the Greenpower Team and we will happily help you on the day

TECH CORNER

Our regulations for 2026, can be found [here](#). Make sure to check them out and your cars are ready for your first race heat.

If you are thinking of adding a throttle control to your cars, then we have an off the shelf steering wheel, developed for the standard kit cars which you can purchase through our webshop.

Side panels kit – Off the shelf side panel kits for the F24 can also be purchased from our webshop.

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use with Throttle**

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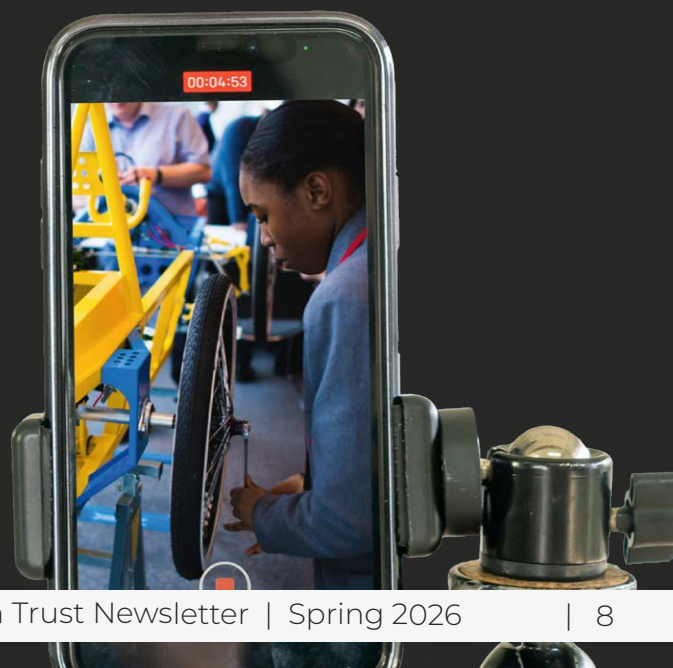


MEDIA AWARD

We're introducing a Media Award this season alongside the Portfolio Award for the F24 and F24+ categories.

From the 2026 International Finals, and continuing into the 2027 season, teams in F24 and F24+ will be invited to submit a 60-second video capturing the development and progress of their team. Selected entries will be reposted on our social channels to showcase your journey.

If this is something you'd like to do, please send it to Issy@Greenpower.co.uk 2 weeks before the heat, it will be judged and be for a chance of receiving recognition at your planned race heat. Please make sure you state your team and the event you are submitting for.



YOUR STORY

CALLING ALL TEAMS!

Calling all teams! We're always on the look out for your inspiring stories to share on our website, newsletter and social media.

Send your stories and pictures to info@greenpower.co.uk. to feature in the next issue!



This could include:

- **Any Greenpower activities your team is doing**
- **A report of a race day**
- **Additions to newsletter you would like to see**
- **Artwork/drawings that are Greenpower based**
- **Any Greenpower themed jokes**
- **How Greenpower has benefited your school**
- **Other interesting stories**



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