

# CHESHIRE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

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The CFWI Committee for Public Affairs presents:

## CONGLETON HYDRO TALK & LUNCH



Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2026, 11am – 3pm

Holmes Chapel Community Centre, Station Rd, Holmes Chapel CW4 8AA

£18.00 pp

### Powering Change: Local Energy, Lasting Impact

Dane Valley Community Energy (DVCE) Ltd is a not-for-profit mutual society on a mission to bring clean, renewable energy to the heart of Cheshire. Based just north of Congleton at Havannah Weir, DVCE has set up a hydroelectric generation project producing enough green electricity to power around 60 homes—cutting carbon emissions and creating a Community Benefit Fund to support local initiatives

**Hear from the Expert:** Join Mervyn Sara, electrical engineer and company secretary of DVCE, as he shares the inspiring story behind the Havannah hydro project and the positive ripple effects it's already creating in the community. He'll also introduce the exciting Congleton Solar Project—another step toward a more sustainable future.

**Sustainability in Action:** The Havannah hydro system uses technology like that showcased in Cranage in 2025. However, the funding model is different and aims to generate £5000 per year for reinvestment into environmental education and sustainability projects that benefit the local area.

**Reserve Your Spot:** This event includes refreshments and a buffet lunch. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how local energy generation can power a greener tomorrow.

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**Event Name:** "Congleton Hydro" 16 July 2026

**Event Code for BACS Payment:** COHY (followed by WI name)

Name of WI \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Email \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ and Contact Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Places \_\_\_\_\_ £18 = £ \_\_\_\_\_

Bacs Payment Date \_\_\_\_\_ / Cheque Enclosed £ \_\_\_\_\_

**Closing date 16<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Secretaries. Please let us know how many of your members will be attending. The contact email address is essential so we can send further information.** Please either complete the cut off slip, send WI cheque (made payable to CFWI) to CFWI, 11 White Friars, Chester, CH1 1NZ, or if paying by BACS, use the event code and email slip to [payments@cheshirewi.org.uk](mailto:payments@cheshirewi.org.uk). Please note if this event is oversubscribed there will be a ballot. Places will be confirmed with the contact person, after the closing date.

Please let us know of any allergies or access requirements that you'd like us to be aware of. Assistance dogs may be present. Refunds are not given, except if ballot required. Registered Charity Number 1044383