

CONNECTING LOW CARBON GROUPS ACROSS THE COUNTY

# Low Carbon Warwickshire Network Newsletter

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The Low Carbon Warwickshire Network aims to connect low carbon groups across the county, sharing ideas and stimulating and supporting new activity. Although primarily rural in focus, we exclude no one.



<https://www.harburyenergy.co.uk/warwickshire-low-carbon-network>

## Welcome to the Low Carbon Warwickshire Network (LCWN) Newsletter

The LCWN aims to create a central hub providing guidance, information and inspiration for new and existing groups, mainly in rural areas. 'Low Carbon Communities' events have been held in Harbury, Napton on the Hill, Henley-in-Arden, Church Lawford, Boddington and Kenilworth.

**The next event is with Sustainable Brailes on 28th January 2023**

## LCWN Steering Group

We give a very warm welcome to Teresa and Bryn. We are very keen to expand the steering group membership to include a few more representatives from the groups in the Network. For continuity and better representation this is really important. We meet infrequently and only when we have something of significance to discuss, and there is no Treasurer role! Please do think of joining us. **If you can spare just a few hours a year please contact Bob Sherman: [lowcarbonwarks@gmail.com](mailto:lowcarbonwarks@gmail.com)**

The LCWN Steering Group met on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022. We discussed Warwick District Council's mini COP 27 event, Warwickshire County Council's Sustainable Futures Strategy consultation and focus groups, Warwick and Stratford District Council's Local Climate Engagement Programme, the climate change survey being undertaken by WALC of all Parish Council's in Warwickshire and the LCWN events planned for 2023.

## LCWN Schools Task Group

When the LCWN formed, the top priority identified for action was 'Engage young people and give them a voice'. The second priority was 'public education'. A LCWN School Task Group has been established and had its first meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022. The objective of this group is to develop a useful package on the themes of carbon saving, energy efficiency and air pollution which will be offered to all community group members of the LCWN to use if they wish to engage with and support their local schools on climate change. We are beginning to collate a list of organisations and resources available to help schools act on climate and environmental issues and hope to develop a library of practical resources that schools could borrow. If you would like to find out more or get involved – please contact Jacky Lawrence: [lowcarbonwarks@gmail.com](mailto:lowcarbonwarks@gmail.com)



## The Green Schools / Zero Carbon Schools Project 2022-23

Zero Carbon Schools helps schools get serious about sustainability and respond to the climate crisis. It is a cross-curricular programme for Years 4 – 8 with links to science, geography, maths, English, PSHE and art.



As a result of the programme, pupils will:

- Learn more about climate change and feel empowered to take action in their school community
- Develop leadership, communication, problem solving and teamwork skills
- Calculate an estimate of their school's carbon emissions
- Lead meaningful projects to reduce the school's carbon footprint

The Zero Carbon Schools programme has been running since October half term in 83 schools around the country. We've been visiting schools to lead assemblies and delivering teacher training sessions to our premium schools.



We're excited about the year ahead and are already recruiting schools to run the Zero Carbon Schools programme from September. If your school is interested in joining our growing network of schools aspiring to go zero carbon next academic year, please go to the web site and fill in the Expression of Interest form.

[zero carbon schools - Green Schools Project](#)

[Green Schools Project - Zero Carbon Schools 2023-24 - Expression of Interest \(beaconforms.com\)](#)

In 2019 we became educational delivery partners for Solar For Schools. They are a fantastic organisation who do exactly what you would expect and install solar panels in schools. They do this at no up front cost to the school as the cost of the panels is paid off through the charges for electricity. With the soaring price of energy, it represents a considerable saving over the life of the panels, so schools can save money over time while generating renewable energy, it really is a win-win!



[Solar for Schools - Education funded by the sun](#)

**Henry Greenwood, Green Schools Project,** [henry@greenschoolsproject.org](mailto:henry@greenschoolsproject.org),  
[Green Schools Project | Facebook](#)

## Who are we? Introducing. . . . .

This month we get **Jo Taylor** from **Sustainable Brailles** to tell us about her low carbon journey.

### 1. What is your first memory of when you realised things needed to change?

I was first introduced to Climate Change in 2008 when I did Permaculture Course – at the time I felt like I was living in a parallel universe, that I knew a secret that no one else did and didn't really know what to do with it or how to manage it - both for myself and our wider society. At the time there was also lots of talk about Peak Oil and I met like-minded people in Transition Town Shipston - but still didn't really do anything and carried on life pretty much as normal.

After the Paris Agreement I really thought everything was ok.



## **2. What made you commit to doing something?**

The publication of the IPCC Report in Oct 2018 - with 10 years to change things around - and then every scientific paper/news article/lack of UK and Global action since - together with the sleepless nights and feelings of anxiety that I have about our current situation.

## **3. What have you done?**

Not long after the 2018 IPCC Report I read a Guardian Article about a new group/movement called "Extinction Rebellion (XR)" which had the backing of 100 eminent people including Dr Rowan Williams - I thought if he thinks they are ok then they must be and so I set about finding out more about them. I attended their "Day of Declaration" on 31st Oct 2018 - I was fascinated by the way they blocked the road outside the Houses of Parliament in such a democratic way that there was group decision making and no pressure for anyone to do something they didn't want to. I then went to the next XR event - blocking Four London Bridges in November 2018. For the first time ever, I sat blocking the highway - it was on Blackfriars Bridge - and met some very welcoming people from all walks of life. I was amazed at the impact sitting peacefully had at the time. This action felt bigger and scarier than anything I have done before - and it hit the headlines.

Since then, I have helped set up the Banbury local group and been to numerous protests with XR - protesting in London, at G7 in Cornwall and COP26 in Glasgow. And if you are curious to know - no I haven't (been arrested that is).

There will be some of you reading this who won't agree with what Extinction Rebellion does - I've heard the phrase "I like what you say, but don't like what you do and how you do it " numerous times. I do get frustrated that our media focuses on the immediate impact of a protest and not the wider message. We also seem to be good at reporting events such as flash flooding and those affected at the time - but what happens afterwards? What about the long term financial, social, emotional and psychological effects that weather events are having long term? What about the future that our children are facing? How can our Government say that they are serious about Climate Change and then approve a new Coal Mine and give out numerous new Fossil Fuel Licences?

## **4. What's kept you going? What sustains you?**

Family, Friends, time on my bike and growing veg.

There is something else that sustains me and if you haven't already guessed it's protesting with like-minded people. I find it helps with the anxiety I feel, although when I have been protesting there are times when I become overwhelmed with emotion - here just a couple of the examples:

- Hearing about the COP26 Delegates who told fellow rebels to please carry on doing what you're doing because "we need you and we can't do this alone"
- The vast majority of members of the public that I meet when I am protesting agree that we need to take some form of action. There's always someone who doesn't agree or is upset/cross but they really are in the minority - if they were the majority I don't think I could do it.

I've signed petitions, I've written and met with my MP, I've been on marches - there's been no significant change. We've just had COP27 and the delayed UK Government's Environment Act (and countless other papers, reports etc) - there's been no significant change. The Met Office has recently reported that 2022 has been the UK's hottest on record and 2023 will be hotter. I don't know what else to do. I have no reason not to do it.

## 5 If there was one thing / one solution you wished everyone knew about / did - what would it be?

I'd like you all to join me at The Houses of Parliament from Friday 21st April for a Mass Event. You may have already started to hear about it in the Media. This Event will be different - we won't be disrupting the public, we'll be leaving the glue and lock-ons at home. We will be gathering at the Houses of Parliament day after day in large numbers (we want in excess of 100,000 people), to demonstrate faith in a critical mass of people and to create a moment that's impossible to ignore. Why will we be there? To demand a fair society and a citizen-led end to the fossil fuel era. You don't need to join Extinction Rebellion to be able to take part, though you would be very welcome; we only ask that you respect our Principles & Values and if you come along then to sign up to our Rebel Agreement (no drugs and alcohol, respect others etc). The invitation is to all humans, all movements, all organisations to come together and stay for as long as you can. If you want to know more then please email me [jo.m.taylor4@gmail.com](mailto:jo.m.taylor4@gmail.com) or see <https://extinctionrebellion.uk/the-big-one/>

**Jo Taylor, January 2023**

### Who are you?

If you have an interesting story to tell which could inspire others to take action, please send your answers to the five 'who are we?' questions to [lowcarbonwarks@gmail.com](mailto:lowcarbonwarks@gmail.com). We'll include your story in a future newsletter.

1. What is your first memory of when you realised things needed to change?
2. What made you commit to doing something?
3. What have you done?
4. What's kept you going? What sustains you?
5. If there was one thing / one solution you wished everyone knew about / did - what would it be?

## Good news environmental stories for 2023 - by our guest blogger Neil Kitching

Seven positive and uplifting stories for you. Sometimes we need to hear good news to cheer us up, be optimistic and to keep fighting for the better future that we deserve.

### Electric Vehicles (UK)

OK, we are not doing as well as Norway, but the UK is doing OK. In December, an amazing 34% of new car sales were pure electric with a further 23% hybrid. Overall, 17% of new car sales in 2022 were pure electric. This has been driven by generous tax breaks for company car drivers which will eventually trickle down to the wider population when these new cars get sold on.

The UK Government has proposed a mandate on manufacturers to sell an increasing proportion of electric cars each year, starting with 22% in 2024 and rising to 100% by 2030. Anybody else notice that we are already ahead of the 2024 target?

### Solar Car Parks (France)

France is bringing in a law making it compulsory for solar canopies to be built on all car parks with more than 80 spaces. This applies to new car parks and existing ones, with existing car parks having between 3 to 5 years to comply. Solar panels must be installed over at



least half the car park surface area. This should create 11GW of green electricity, the equivalent to 10 nuclear power stations. And all using 'surplus' land for solar.

Now solar pv will work better in France than Scotland, but there is already an electric vehicle charging station in Stirling, near my home, with solar panels on the canopy.

### **Offshore Wind (Scotland)**

Scotland has huge ambitions for offshore wind. Developers submitted proposals for 25GW of offshore wind under the recent Scotwind leasing round. These proposals are a mixture of turbines fixed to the shallow seafloor and floating ones in deeper water. This is in addition to the 10GW already in the pipeline and a further 4GW proposed to directly power offshore oil and gas rigs.

The electricity generated will be much larger than Scotland's current demand for electricity. If they are all built, then it will enable renewable energy to supply the increased demand from electric vehicles and heat pumps with plenty to spare to create renewable hydrogen for use in shipping or industry or perhaps export it to power hungry Germany.

### **War in Ukraine**

This is a dreadful situation, but it has made us acutely aware of the cost of energy and the security implications. After the oil crises of the 1970's Denmark made a strategic shift from oil-based heating to district heat networks. Meanwhile the UK invested in the North Sea to extract our own oil and gas. Whilst we benefitted from this decision for many years this resource is now dwindling. Meanwhile our housing stock is hopelessly badly insulated as we relied on cheap natural gas to heat our homes.

This crisis has forced us to rethink. We need to insulate our buildings. Solar panels are now cost effective on many of our roofs without any subsidy. Every European government is taking action to accelerate the move to renewable energy. For example, Portugal has already phased out all coal, and now plans a 100% renewable electricity network by 2030.

### **Innovation (USA)**

Lithium, cobalt, copper, graphite and nickel are required to build electric car batteries. It is environmentally destructive to mine these resources, many are mined in politically unstable or unreliable locations or young children work in the mines, for example in the Congo.

But we have been here before. I remember people saying that we couldn't have catalytic converters on all our cars as there was not enough platinum. Now the USA is using market forces to instigate change. From 2029 only electric vehicles with 80% of minerals sourced from "USA or allied nations" will be eligible for full tax credits. This will encourage recycling and new local investment in mines, but more importantly will act as a catalyst for innovation. New batteries with less of these minerals, or totally new designs such as solid-state batteries or perhaps batteries that use silicon (from sand).

### **River Restoration (global)**

Rivers were once seen as something to be tamed. Build dams and artificial banks to reduce flooding. Divert water for irrigation, after all water is 'free'. Straighten and dredge rivers to 'reclaim' agricultural land and to enable transport by ships or barges. But these 'improvements' all cause adverse impacts on the environment which then impacts on humans.

There is now a global movement to physically remove many weirs and even dams. Dams can have a terrible ecological impact on fish migration and on sediment transportation downstream. The Colorado River completely dried up due to dams and diversion of water to irrigation, leaving a dusty delta in Mexico. Now there is an agreement between Mexico and the USA to allow 'pulses' of water to flow downstream all the way to the sea. A small step in the right direction.

### **Heat Pumps (home)**

My own 'experiment' in fitting a heat pump to replace natural gas has been a success. Not only did it heat our house during a particularly cold spell in December, it also did so at around the same cost as natural gas. And that was before I moved to a new time of day electricity tariff with cheap and expensive rates. I now heat up the house as much as possible during the cheap rates.

I can also charge up my battery during the winter direct from the grid at a cheap rate. In the summer this won't be necessary, I will charge the battery from 'free' solar pv. An all-electric future is now achievable.

### **Sources of Good News**

These 'good news' stories come from a variety of sources including Yale Environment and Future Crunch. Future Crunch issues a newsletter full of 'good news' stories covering climate and energy, nature, health and human rights. Across the world – on the news, on social media, even talking to one another - we dwell on sensational and bad news stories. We forget, or are not told, that a lot of things are improving.

### **Carbon Choices**

If you like my blogs you might also enjoy my book, Carbon Choices on the common-sense solutions to our climate and nature crises. Available direct from me or <http://www.carbonchoices.uk/index.php/buy>  
I am donating one third of profits to rewilding projects.

Follow me at carbonchoicesuk (twitter), carbonchoices (Facebook), carbonchoices (Instagram).

[Good News Environmental Stories for 2023 \(carbonchoices.uk\)](http://www.carbonchoices.uk)

### **Neil Kitching, Carbon Choices, January 2023**

## Do you want to host a LCWN event in your community?

If you would like to host a funded “Low Carbon Community” event where you live, please email:

[lowcarbonworks@gmail.com](mailto:lowcarbonworks@gmail.com) and let us know where and when and we will support you in planning it. You will not be on your own.

**Diary Date** - The next LCWN event is with Sustainable Brailes on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

### **“Tomorrow’s Brailes”**

**Information on  
Low Carbon Initiatives to  
Save Energy & Money for  
You and Your Community**

We are hosting a series of Presentations and Workshops, showcasing inspiring action and invite everyone to share ideas, experience and know-how.

You’ll hear a range of topics including:

- Acting On & Saving Energy
- Thermal Imaging—how it can help us to better insulate our homes / save us money
- Solar PV—What is it and can it help you?
- Harbury Energy Initiative—Inspiration from Harbury
- The Circular Economy— Reduce, Reuse, Recycle—what can we do in our own Community?

This is a RSA/Low Carbon Warwickshire partnership event organised by Sustainable Brailes. It’s free to attend and open to all. Please book if you can (to help with catering) using the link or QR Code—but come anyway!  
<https://tinyurl.com/t56du665>

Or contact: Jo Taylor,  
[sustainable.brailes@gmail.com](mailto:sustainable.brailes@gmail.com)





**Saturday 28th  
Jan 2023  
10.00-  
14.00hrs**  
Doors open 09.30

**Refreshments  
and  
Slow Cooker  
Lunch  
included**

Venue:  
**Brailes  
Village Hall**  
Castle Hill Lane,  
Upper Brailes,  
Banbury  
OX15 5AS

[Tomorrow’s Brailes: Information and Inspiration for Low Carbon communities - RSA \(thersa.org\)](https://www.thersa.org/tomorrow-s-brailes)

[Tomorrow’s Brailes: Information and Inspiration for Low Carbon communities Tickets, Sat 28 Jan 2023 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tomorrow-s-brailes-information-and-inspiration-for-low-carbon-communities-tickets-38545666666)

**Diary Date:** A Cubbington and Lillington event is being planned for 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023.

**Diary Date** – An event at Wren Hall with Shrewley and Wroxall Environment Action Team (SWEAT) is being planned – likely to be in September 2023.

## Invitation to join the Warwickshire Climate Alliance (WCA) Climate Roadshow – Information & Project Launch Event

**When: Wednesday, January 25th, 7.30pm, via Zoom**

The WCA bid to the County's Green Shoots Fund was successful and we have been awarded a grant of £10,998 to be spent in the coming months hosting roadshows in and around **Nuneaton, Bedworth and North Warwickshire**.



This first meeting will provide you with information on the aims of the project, how the funding will be allocated, and most importantly how you can get involved in supporting this exciting project. If you are not able to attend but know someone else who might be interested in getting involved, please feel free to share this invitation with them.

### Agenda:

1. Essential information on the grant (Hazel Underwood)
  - a. stated aims of the grant application,
  - b. resources the grant will pay for
  - c. initial ideas for action
2. Discussion of (c)
3. Preliminary decisions on plans

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88479520092?pwd=eVdCNHlNbUxrWmF4L2x5VFJxME01UT09>

Topic: WCA Roadshow

Time: Jan 25, 2023 07:30 PM London

Meeting ID: 884 7952 0092

Passcode: 643552

Carrie, WCA, email: [info@warwickshireclimatealliance.org](mailto:info@warwickshireclimatealliance.org)

## Go ECO by Matt Black

GO ECO  
(with audience response)

If you think dolphins are fantastic  
Don't fill the seas with plastic  
Go Eco

If you think Planet Earth's a treasure  
Make looking after it your pleasure  
Go Eco

If you love elephants and emus  
Campaign for wildlife issues  
Go Eco

Walk more, bus more, leave your Porsches  
Save more natural resources  
Go Eco

Eat more local fruit and veg  
Wear solar panels on your head  
Go Eco

Plant trees, turn off taps and lights  
Try to make fewer flights  
Go Eco

Buy less stuff, and less stuff in packets  
Wear more recycled jackets  
Go Eco

If everyone does their bit  
Together we can save the planet  
Go Eco

If you want to be cool and trendy  
Be environmentally friendly  
Go Eco



Matt Black, Research Poet-in-Residence,  
Dogs Trust 2021

Sniffing Lamp-posts by Moonlight – book of  
dog poems, 2020, The Storm Officer – play  
touring 2020, Tales from the Leaking Boot –  
travel haiku, Iron Press, 2018, Spoon  
Rebellion – Smith Doorstop, 2017,  
Derbyshire Poet Laureate 2011-2013,  
[www.matt-black.co.uk](http://www.matt-black.co.uk), + 44 77656 84941

## Warwickshire Association of Local Councils – Community Emergency Volunteers

### Could you become a community emergency volunteer?

Communities Prepared - Join the online community resilience hub - We help communities across England to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a range of emergencies which they may face through learning, support, and open discussion.

<https://www.communitiesprepared.org.uk/about/>

### Want to get involved? – find your local climate action group

1. Low Carbon Warwickshire Network (LCWN), Harbury Energy Initiative (HEI), Harbury e-Wheels and Harbury Future Energy – Bob Sherman, email: [lowcarbonwarks@gmail.com](mailto:lowcarbonwarks@gmail.com) T: 01926 612277, M 07919 157224
2. Achieving Results in Communities (ARC CIC), Kristie Naimo, Director, [www.arccic.co.uk](http://www.arccic.co.uk) Tel: 07906 262 364
3. Act on Energy, Nick Bancroft, Head of External Programmes, Unit 1.4 Lauriston Business Park, Pitchill, Salford Priors, Warwickshire, WR11 8SN, Tel: 01789 333169, Email: [nick@actonenergy.org.uk](mailto:nick@actonenergy.org.uk), website [www.actonenergy.org.uk](http://www.actonenergy.org.uk)  
<https://www.facebook.com/actonenergy>
4. Alcester Town Council, [Climate Action | Alcester Town Council \(alcester-tc.gov.uk\)](http://www.alcester-tc.gov.uk)
5. Avon Dassett Parish Council, <http://www.avondassettparishcouncil.com/>
6. Bidford on Avon Parish Council [Bidford Climate Change Action Group - Bidford-on-Avon Parish Council \(bidfordonavon-pc.gov.uk\)](http://www.bidfordonavon-pc.gov.uk)
7. Bishop's Itchington Parish Council, [Climate Change Action - Bishops Itchington Parish Council \(bishopsitchington-pc.gov.uk\)](http://www.bishopsitchington-pc.gov.uk) [Bishops Itchington Parish Council \(bishopsitchington-pc.gov.uk\)](http://www.bishopsitchington-pc.gov.uk)
8. Boddington Parish Council Sustainability Group, Mark Thompson, <https://www.boddingtonparish.co.uk/index.php/information/sustainability>, [Sustainability \(boddingtonparish.co.uk\)](https://www.boddingtonparish.co.uk)
9. Build Back Better (Ilmington) - Liz Garton, email: [lizgarton15@gmail.com](mailto:lizgarton15@gmail.com) Liz is also a contact for Ilmington 20:20 Vision
10. Church Lawford, [keithsinfield@talktalk.net](mailto:keithsinfield@talktalk.net)
11. Clean Air Warwickshire, Warwickshire Cycle Buddies, Hazel Underwood, [www.warwickshirecyclebuddies.co.uk](http://www.warwickshirecyclebuddies.co.uk)
12. Grapevine Environmental Action Team (GREAT) (Charlecote, Hampton Lucy and Loxley) – Tass, email: [hellogreatfuture@gmail.com](mailto:hellogreatfuture@gmail.com) Trello Board: <https://trello.com/b/Pz8kWzqd/hello-great-future>
13. GROW (Wolverton) - Paul Anthony, email: [paul.anthony@wolvertonpc.org.uk](mailto:paul.anthony@wolvertonpc.org.uk) phone: 077109821456
14. Harbury Parish Council [Climate Working Party | Harbury Parish Council \(harbury-pc.gov.uk\)](http://www.harbury-pc.gov.uk)
15. Henley Climate Action - John Stott, phone: 01564 792251, Cllr Bryn Turner, Beaudesert & Henley in Arden Parish Council, phone: 07904221742
16. Kenilworth All Together Greener, Jan Burnell, <https://www.facebook.com/Kenilworth-All-Together-Greener-331940026990994/>
17. Napton Environmental Action Team (NEAT) – Jonathan Horsfield and Jacky Lawrence, email: [neat@gmx.co.uk](mailto:neat@gmx.co.uk) email



18. Pillerton Hersey PC - Tim Newcombe (although no longer on the PC), email: [timnewcombe123@btinternet.com](mailto:timnewcombe123@btinternet.com)
19. Shrewley & Wroxall Environment Action Team (SWEAT) Martin Wood, email: [martinwood.fiveways@gmail.com](mailto:martinwood.fiveways@gmail.com)
20. Snitterfield Actioning Climate Change, Duncan Parker, [Snitterfield Actioning Climate Change | Community Group \(snitterfieldacc.org\)](http://Snitterfield Actioning Climate Change | Community Group (snitterfieldacc.org))
21. Stratford Climate Action, Stephen Norrie, email: [info@stratfordclimate.org](mailto:info@stratfordclimate.org), web: [Stratford Climate Action – Local responses to the climate crisis in Stratford-upon-Avon and South Warwickshire](http://Stratford Climate Action – Local responses to the climate crisis in Stratford-upon-Avon and South Warwickshire), fb: [Stratford Climate Action | Facebook](http://Stratford Climate Action | Facebook)
22. Stratford Friends of the Earth, Janet Palmer, [Stratfordonavonfoe@outlook.com](mailto:Stratfordonavonfoe@outlook.com)
23. Stratford Methodist Church, Eco-Congregation, Stratford Churches Together Eco group, Lim Ho, [Eco-Church – WELCOME TO OUR WEBSITE \(wordpress.com\)](http://Eco-Church – WELCOME TO OUR WEBSITE (wordpress.com))
24. Stretton on Fosse Sustainability Initiative - Dave Passingham, email: [davepassingham@hotmail.com](mailto:davepassingham@hotmail.com) phone 07973 846605
25. Sustainable Brailes, Jo Taylor and Louise Appleton, email: [sustainable.brailes@gmail.com](mailto:sustainable.brailes@gmail.com)
26. Sustainable Wellesbourne, Lucy Hartley, email: [Lucy.Hartley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Lucy.Hartley@yahoo.co.uk)
27. TRACC (Bishop's Tachbrook Resident's Action on Climate Change) - Martin Drew, email: [BishopsTRACC@outlook.com](mailto:BishopsTRACC@outlook.com)
28. Transition Town Rugby, Carrie Pailthorpe, <https://www.facebook.com/transitiontownrugby>
29. Warwickshire Climate Alliance (WCA) – David Mond, fb: [1 Warwickshire Climate Alliance | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/1WarwickshireClimateAlliance)

## News

**Henley in Arden Parish Council** have recently passed a climate motion and formed a working group, chaired by Cllr Bryn Turner.

[CLIMATE-CHANGE-DOCUMENT.pdf \(henley-in-arden-pc.gov.uk\)](http://CLIMATE-CHANGE-DOCUMENT.pdf(henley-in-arden-pc.gov.uk))

The **Warwickshire and West Midlands Association of Local Councils (WALC)** are working with Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon District Council on their 'Climate Engagement with Rural Communities in South Warwickshire programme. This work seeks to engage the public to support and influence local decision making and will deliver a series of events. All Parish and Town Clerks in South Warwickshire have been encouraged to complete a questionnaire to enable WALC to map out current climate action and resources.

[Climate Engagement with Rural Communities in South Warwickshire - Warwickshire & West Midlands ALC Ltd. \(walc.org.uk\)](http://Climate Engagement with Rural Communities in South Warwickshire - Warwickshire & West Midlands ALC Ltd. (walc.org.uk))

[Parish and Town Community Mapping for - Warwick & Stratford-on-Avon Districts \(google.com\)](http://Parish and Town Community Mapping for - Warwick & Stratford-on-Avon Districts (google.com))

[Parish Online - Map Data \(parish-online.co.uk\)](http://Parish Online - Map Data (parish-online.co.uk))

[Microsoft Word - What can local councils do on climate change.docx \(nalc.gov.uk\)](http://Microsoft Word - What can local councils do on climate change.docx (nalc.gov.uk))

**LCWN Facebook group** set up by Emma Powell for everyone to share useful things. Please like and follow it. Please send any comments to [emma.powell@octoenergy.com](mailto:emma.powell@octoenergy.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/Low-Carbon-Warwickshire-Network-101562702401683/>



## Act on Energy

At Act on Energy we're here to offer people free and expert support with everyone's energy advice needs – anything from insulation and heat pumps to worries about energy bills.



### Worried about your energy bill?

We know that despite the Energy Price Guarantee (the 'price cap') many people are very worried about their energy bills. Please don't worry alone – we can offer expert advice on:

- Energy efficiency tips to reduce your bills
- Grants and funding for energy efficiency measures
- Grants for replacement heating systems
- Help with fuel bills and Energy debt
- Billing issues with your supplier

**The advice is free** – simply call on **0800 988 2881** or online [www.actonenergy.org.uk](http://www.actonenergy.org.uk)

Some funding schemes require certain criteria to be met – but others don't, so it's well worth giving us a call now to see how we can help. The advice is free – simply call on 0800 988 2881 or check out the website: [Act On Energy - Energy Efficiency, Grants & Advice](#)

## Warwickshire County Council - Warwickshire County Council Sustainable Futures Strategy

### Have your say on Warwickshire County Council's Climate Change Plan

Warwickshire County Council have published their draft Sustainable Futures Strategy, which sets out their priorities and approach to reduce carbon emissions, support biodiversity and promote economic growth across the county. It covers 6 key areas:

1. Transport
2. Energy
3. Built Environment
4. Resources, Waste and the Circular Economy
5. Sustainable Communities and Green Economy
6. Natural Capital and Biodiversity

WCC are inviting feedback on the Strategy and plans, so this is a great opportunity to make your views heard. You can read the full Strategy and complete the online survey at [www.ask.warwickshire.gov.uk](http://www.ask.warwickshire.gov.uk). Please also share this amongst your own friends, family and wider networks, so that the Council gets as much feedback as possible. The survey will close on 15 January 2023.

## Useful Links

- [www.harburyenergy.co.uk](http://www.harburyenergy.co.uk)
- [Warwickshire Low Carbon Network – Harbury Energy Initiative](#)
- [Tomorrow's Brailles: Information and Inspiration for Low Carbon communities Tickets, Sat 28 Jan 2023 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)<https://www.thersa.org/fellowship>
- [Report Sustainable Futures Strategy 2022-05-12 \(warwickshire.gov.uk\)](#)



- The Department for Education's strategy for sustainability and climate change for the education and children's services systems. [Sustainability and climate change strategy - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/612122/sustainability-and-climate-change-strategy.pdf)
- [Solar for Schools - Education funded by the sun](#)
- Community Energy Warwickshire Fund <https://www.heartofenglandcf.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/CEW-2020.pdf> The fund aims to:
  - • Support the development and installation of renewable energy projects
  - • Encourage the sustainable use of energy and reductions in carbon emissions
  - • Promote public awareness of environmental issues and support educational initiatives
  - Available Funding - There's grant of up to £2,000. Funding must be spent within 1 year. [CEW-2020.pdf \(heartofenglandcf.co.uk\)](https://www.heartofenglandcf.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/CEW-2020.pdf)
- [Act On Energy - Energy Efficiency, Grants & Advice](#)



## Have your say— What do you want to see in future editions?

This is your newsletter and only as good as you make it – it is your opportunity to :

- publicise any on-line events you are holding
- let other community groups know what you are currently up to and other news
- share your experiences

## Ideas, requests, offers, Q & A, hints & tips

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