

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, Kenilworth and Brailes.

The next event is in Cubbington on 3rd June 2023

LCWN Steering Group

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.

Warwickshire County Council – Climate Change and Sustainability News

1. Sustainable Warwickshire Podcast – Repair Café's

The second episode of the new Sustainable Warwickshire podcast has just been published. "Repair Cafés and the Circular Economy", it brings together two of the volunteers involved with two of Warwickshire's seven Repair Cafés – **Sharon Maxted from Kenilworth** and **Martin Bryant from Rugby**. They talk about the role that the Cafés play in repairing



items so they don't end up in landfill, but also discuss the pleasure that fixing things can bring to their volunteer repairers. So if you are keen to know more about the new Right to Repair law, or the things you can learn from someone's broken toaster, do have a listen – you can find it [here](#) or search for Sustainable Warwickshire on either Spotify or Apple. Please share/subscribe/download and leave a review!

Meanwhile, if you have something that needs fixing and you aren't sure where to start, why not go and visit your local Repair Café? You can find all their details, and links to their opening days/times on the [WCC climate change website](#).

Usual opening days are given below, but please check the latest dates/availability with each Repair Café in advance of turning up.



Alcester Repair Café

- Usually meeting on the first Thursday of every month at the Eric Payne Centre, Alcester.

Barford Repair Café

- Usually meeting on the first Sunday of each month at Barford Scout Hut, Wasperton Lane.

Harbury Repair Café

- Usually meeting on the fourth Saturday of each month at Harbury Village Library.

Kenilworth Repair Café

- Usually meeting every third Saturday of each month at Abbey Hill URC Church.

Leamington Spa Repair Café

- Usually meeting on the first Saturday of every month at the SYDNI Centre in Leamington Spa.

Rugby Repair Café

- Usually meeting on the third Saturday of each month at St Andrew's Church, Rugby.

Stratford Repair Café

- Usually meeting on the first Saturday of every month at Foundation House, Stratford.

[Sustainable Warwickshire | a podcast by Warwickshire County Council \(podbean.com\)](#)

[Repair Cafés – Warwickshire Climate Emergency](#)

2. Free Carbon Literacy Training

If you're interested in learning more about the impact of climate change, what personal actions you can take to tackle it and how you can influence others to do the same, then sign up to the free carbon literacy course run by the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA).



The course is open to anyone living in the West Midlands, including in Warwickshire. It is accredited by the Carbon Literacy Project, a charity that is supporting individuals and organisations to shift to a low carbon culture.

The course includes three self-led e-learning modules and one facilitated module on Zoom. When you've completed the final module, you submit your action plan to the Carbon Literacy Project. If they approve this, then you are accredited as Carbon Literate and sent your certification.

Sign up at <https://www.wmca.org.uk/what-we-do/environment-and-energy/carbon-literacy-training/>

3. Financing energy efficiency measures in your community building webinar

This free event, from [Power to Change](#), is for those who manage community buildings. This session will cover how to fund higher cost energy efficiency measures and the installation of renewable or low carbon technologies in your building. They'll provide practical tips about funding and submitting a grant application. The event is on Monday 3 April, 3-4pm online. [Book your place.](#)

[About us - Power to Change](#)

climateemergency@warwickshire.gov.uk





Low Carbon Leamington

**Inspiration, Tips and Ideas
to Save Energy and Money
for you and your community**

June 3rd 10.00-12.00 (doors open 9.30)

Everyone welcome

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: lowcarbonwarks@gmail.com and let us know where and when and we will support you in planning it. You will not be on your own.

Who are we? Introducing.

This month we get **Ruth Carter** from **Kenilworth** to tell us about her low carbon journey.

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

Hmmm, this is a tricky one. I’ve always kind of been tuned in, I guess. Being a child of the 1970s with parents who moved to the Shetland Islands to explore a more self-sufficient way of life for 6 years, I was always connected to nature. However, as an adult and a parent I realised I really needed to ramp up what I could do in terms of my individual impact.

2. What made you commit to doing something?

Social media has really brought the messaging on in previous years. I have been able to see what other individuals are doing and share ideas. I started making more and more small differences and sharing with friends and colleagues. I am fortunate to work for an organisation who have supported me to bring my passion into the workplace. I’m Co-Chair of our Staff Environment Network (approx. 800 members across the organisation) and am working on projects to develop new qualifications in Natural History and Sustainability. I want to be able to make a difference and a key part of my work is to work with stakeholders in this area such as The Eden Project and The Wildlife Trusts. I’m also an advocate for enabling young voices to be heard, at work I’m always championing and looking for ways in which we can engage with young people and have also mentored several young people. Having children myself and getting further ‘tuned in’ really gave me a further push to commit to doing more.

3. What have you done?

I’ve made smaller changes from getting milk delivered, buying my fruit and veg from the local market and using refill shops (such as Core, Zero, Cogs of Coventry and Leave Nothing but Footprints in Banbury – I’m in Banbury with my daughter twice a week for her sporting activity) to not buying any new clothes for a year (2021-2022) and going plant based with my diet.

I have a list of small changes I’ve made which is below (reminder to self that I need to update it further too). It’s a daunting list at first but was done in stages and I quickly realised how much just small changes



add up. It's also a good exercise to do to help you see how far you've come. As well as the Environment Staff Network at work I help to run Climate Cafés which is an informal and supportive space for people to come together and talk about the climate crisis. The purpose of the cafe is share experiences, worries, hopes and ideas, and see what emerges when we come together with no agenda but just the space to chat. The monthly meets mainly take place online as our organisation is international, but we also hold some walking cafés too in some of our UK locations as the majority of colleagues who join us are UK based at present.

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

Meeting with other like-minded people and hearing their journey and ideas, having friends and colleagues say they are inspired by my journey and that they have started to make changes themselves. Talking to my children and hearing how tuned in they are becoming, particularly my eldest in relation to fast fashion.

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

To really think whether we need something or not. To take time to think whether we can do without it or not. Considering all the options before just buying something. This year I'm committing to decluttering further and only having what I need, I'm terrible at keeping something just in case (particularly as I'm a crafter), but I do have too much and if I can help someone by passing something on so they don't need to buy something new that will hopefully help in a few small ways.

Some of my zero waste journey actions in past 5 years

- ✓ Swapped to the milkman.
- ✓ Now buy fruit, veg, spices, nuts, dried fruit and dried goods from the market whenever possible
- ✓ Goodbye cling film – swapped to homemade beeswax wraps.
- ✓ Goodbye plastic food/freezer bags – swapped to brown paper bags, beeswax wraps, old Tupperware, glass containers, jam jars.
- ✓ The death of the sponge – now using cotton cloths, coconut husk scourer and Eco cloths
- ✓ Christmas – more homemade goods for everyone and all wrapped using recycled wrapping from last year or brown paper.
- ✓ Goodbye Sellotape and Scotch tape – swapped to brown paper tape which was excellent and I never lost the end!
- ✓ Swapped my gas and electricity provider to a clean energy one.
- ✓ No more cotton wood pads and eye make remover in a plastic bottle for removing make up – swapped to re-useable cotton pads and jojoba oil, but mainly go make up free now.
- ✓ No more buying mineral water in plastic bottles when travelling – got a reusable bottle and just refill on the go for free (no one has refused to refill).
- ✓ Bar soap instead of liquid – made my own too.
- ✓ Bulk buying shampoo and conditioner (rest of family just couldn't get on with bar substitutes).
- ✓ Bulk buying washing up liquid and laundry liquid.
- ✓ Buying second hand – our rug, tv stand, electric fire, 1930's lounge door, etc. from second-hand sites e.g. Facebook Marketplace and clothes from charity shops.
- ✓ De-cluttering by selling our items on, giving to charity or giving away to friends with small children to avoid items going to landfill.
- ✓ Conscious decisions not to buy in plastic/choose the most sustainable option wherever possible – often just walking away.
- ✓ Using the library more instead of buying new (try before you buy) or buying second-hand books.



- ✓ Supporting others or incentivising others on their zero-waste journey e.g. following on Instagram, Facebook or buying from market stall, zero waste shop, etc.
- ✓ Make my own deodorant.
- ✓ Using the same plastic glove to refuel the car.
- ✓ Crocheting/knitting my own kitchen scrubbies (and teaching others).
- ✓ Making my own beauty products e.g. sugar scrub and moisturising cream.
- ✓ Using natural ingredients such as castile soap, vinegar, bicarbonate of soda and lemons or natural sustainable products for cleaning. Nancy Birtwhistle on Instagram or her books are excellent.
- ✓ Sorted out my kitchen food cupboard so could see everything at a glance, helps with seeing what I need to restock or use up – reducing food waste.
- ✓ Supported a local zero waste shop set up by helping with researching products, promotion and giving ideas.
- ✓ More houseplants to reduce toxins in home and create lovely visuals.
- ✓ Meal planning to reduce waste.
- ✓ More vegetarian meals for the family – discovered new Turkish and Moroccan dishes to enjoy.
- ✓ 85% homemade Christmas presents.
- ✓ All presents wrapped throughout the year in recycled paper from my hoard or brown paper that can be recycled.
- ✓ Set up recycling of crisp packets and stationery collection at work.
- ✓ Organised and implemented Cogs of Coventry to come in to work to do a pop-up shop at the end of each month (this was pre-pandemic).
- ✓ Swap to drinking loose tea.
- ✓ Support local refill shops.
- ✓ Refills for hand soap – family don't like bar soaps.
- ✓ Support local recycling terracycle point by doing monthly drop offs of items they collect and help with the organisation.
- ✓ Buying goods from small independents where possible to support during pandemic.
- ✓ Commitment to not buy any new clothing for 12 months.
- ✓ Adopted a plant based/vegan diet – daughters now vegetarian too.
- ✓ Helped set up Climate Café.
- ✓ Supporting local organisers of Terracycle schemes that collect items for recycling to generate money for charities e.g. stationery items, medicine blister packs.

Ruth Carter, March 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. We'll include your story in a future newsletter.

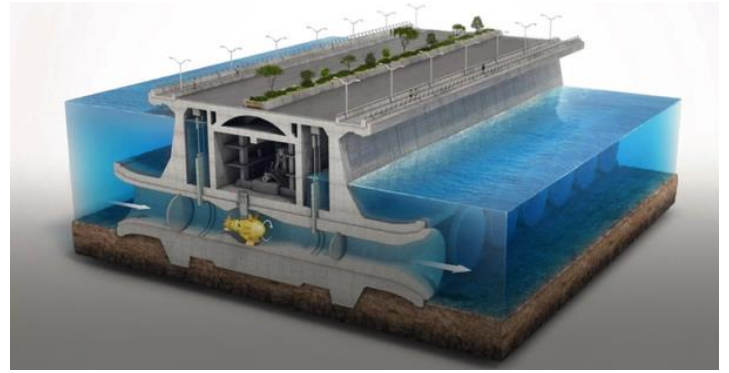
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Ian's Tech – what in the world are others doing?

A £1.7bn renewable energy project featuring a tidal lagoon in the Swansea Bay area “will absolutely be delivered”, according to Swansea Council leaders.

The Blue Eden project now appears to be fully funded by the private sector paving the way for its delivery, according to Swansea Council chief executive Martin Nicholls.



Speaking at a planning scrutiny meeting, deputy council leader Andrea Lewis added that the scheme “stacks up commercially” and will “absolutely be delivered”.

The Blue Eden scheme includes a 9.5km-long breakwater wall as part of a tidal lagoon, floating solar panels and would also include a battery factory and a data centre run on renewable energy. The plan has been drawn up by the Blue Eden consortium led by DST Innovations, which makes industrial batteries in the United States.

It is the third such proposal for a tidal lagoon in the Swansea Bay area, following the ill-fated [Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon](#) proposal and it builds on the [Welsh Government-backed Dragon Energy Island plans](#).

[Swansea tidal lagoon: 'Significant' steps for £1.7bn project - BBC News](#)

[£1.7bn Swansea energy hub and tidal lagoon 'will absolutely be delivered' | New Civil Engineer](#)

From an article that inspired Ian Wood, March 2023

Costa Rica – a Sustainable Paradise? - by our guest blogger Neil Kitching

Learn from my experience of tourism in Costa Rica.

Can sustainable tourism work? I was fortunate to enjoy a 2-week holiday in Costa Rica, travelling with Intrepid Travel, a company with a strong sustainability and community ethos. Here are my impressions of Costa Rica.

Costa Rica (CR) is a small country (smaller than Scotland) sandwiched between Nicaragua and Panama. It has a population of 5 million, with one city, San Jose. It has incredible biodiversity, hosting over 4% of all species on this planet, encouraged by its tropical climate and its geography – mountains and coasts straddling two continents and two oceans. Half a million species live here including 12,000 plants (1500 orchids alone), 900 birds, 1240 butterflies and 230 mammals. Contrast that with 70,000 species in the whole of the UK.

Like many ‘developing’ countries CR cut its forests for timber and to grow export crops – pineapples, bananas, palm oil. The USA even provided loans to encourage new cattle ranches. This export led development is very competitive often resulting in low export prices, low wages, and environmental devastation. Unique forests were lost, pesticide and fertiliser use soared, and rivers polluted. The forests are essential for wildlife, they keep the micro-climate cool, and the transpiration helps to create rainfall.

In 1997 the CR Government began to pay small landowners to reafforest their land, funded by a tax on fuel and from tourism revenues. Tree cover had decreased from 75% in the 1940's to a low of 21% in 1987. Now, remarkably, it has increased to nearly 70%. CR is the first tropical country in the world to reverse deforestation.

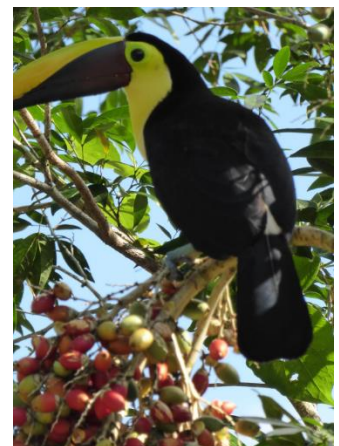


CR is a democracy with a government that thinks long-term and works to benefit its people. They abolished their army in 1948. They pay landowners for 'ecosystem services'. Landowners need to apply for permission to cut trees, pesticides have been banned for use near watercourses, and there is a ban on new palm oil and banana plantations. And for what? To encourage eco-tourism. Tourism accounts for 8% of the economy and 200,000 jobs – all year round. CR also has the healthiest population in Latin America, with a life expectancy of 80 years.

Electricity is provided from 100% renewable sources. Mainly hydro-electric power stations plus some windfarms and geothermal from its volcanoes. However, emissions from transport continue to rise with a rapid growth in car ownership and road building. I saw very little evidence of electric car infrastructure (2 EV charge points in 2 weeks)! The only electric transport we used was a small electric boat for wildlife watching – far quieter and less disruptive enabling us to see more wildlife.

3 million visitors come to CR each year, drawn by its 28 national parks, wildlife, beaches, and eco-tourism-based activities. Unlike those in the UK, these are true National Parks where nature protection takes priority. 28% of the land is protected including some small areas where indigenous tribes retain land ownership.

Intrepid Travel try to use local and community-based facilities. They employ local drivers, use public buses where possible, stay in family-owned guest houses or home stayovers and arranged a visit to learn from an indigenous tribe. There was certainly evidence that much of the tourism infrastructure is owned by families, rather than multi-national corporations. With family or community owned tourism the benefits are more likely to trickle down to wider society.



We enjoyed a kayak trip through the mangroves. Our guide operated the business from his family farm. Decades ago, his father had cut down the mangroves to plant rice, but now the family are paid to restore the mangrove forest. The guide was a biologist and was passionate to educate us about the importance of mangroves. Mangroves protect the land from storms and hurricanes and provide a safe nursery for juvenile fish which then migrate to the ocean. They provide habitat for algae which create oxygen. When the algae die, they sink and store carbon on the seafloor. Mangroves are therefore important for our future survival on this planet.

Of course, inevitable problems do arise from the rapid growth in tourism. A huge increase in demand for air conditioning, hot water for showers, drinking water and sanitation, traffic jams, tourist shops selling overpriced goods, imported over packaged goods and associated plastic and litter. There are luxury yachts, ever larger and more luxurious hotel rooms with swimming pools and hot tubs, and areas where the wildlife is scared away, or controversially, are attracted by waste food.

However, my overall impression is positive. A country with a government with a vision to protect the environment for the benefit of its people, and to pay for that protection by encouraging tourism. We could see large areas of abandoned cattle pasture being reclaimed by the forest, and much of the land and tourism facilities are still owned locally.

All our guides talked about climate change. We don't usually think about the effect on the tropics, but climate change is making the tropics warmer and changing rainfall patterns. So many species are adapted to their current environment and are dependent on one another. For example, orchids that are pollinated by only one species of insect. Lose the insect, lose the orchid. Lose the orchid, lose the insect.



The elephant in the room, as always, is that wealthy tourists from North America or Europe must fly to reach CR. There is an Air Departure Tax, but the impact of international flights is a hard nut to crack. The airline I flew with, United Airlines, argues that they are 'leaders in adopting sustainable aviation fuel' but we are decades away from a technological solution that really works. I could try to argue that my visit has helped to provide tax income to CR, which is helping to finance reforestation, but this is merely restoring carbon from its lost forests and won't offset the additional carbon from my flight. However, without tourists, CR would cut down its forests with devastating impacts on its wildlife. My conclusion is that to properly offset the impacts of aviation we need a global mechanism to permanently bury an equivalent amount of CO₂ underground. But there is no sign of this happening.

Other countries, in both the tropics and temperate areas, would do well to learn from CR. It is refreshing to see a developing country that is safe, with little corruption, and has a healthy population. Back home we need to campaign to restore some of the massive loss of habitat in so called 'developed' countries to create a healthy environment that is good for us and our economy.

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).
[Costa Rica – a Sustainable Paradise? \(carbonchoices.uk\)](http://www.carbonchoices.uk)

Neil Kitching, Carbon Choices, January 2023

Sky's Daughter - by Matt Black

Sky's Daughter

If you walk into mist a story begins
If you eat snow snowmen appear in your dreams
If you see a whale in a pond it's time to wake up
Falling in streams brings you good luck
These are the laws of water, sky's daughter

If you watch a river too long you start to feel old
One cup of water is worth two buckets of gold
If you look at clouds long enough a dragon appears
Icicles don't grow on my grandfather's beard
These are the laws of water, sky's daughter

If you watch the wild sea you start to grow wise
If you leave a tap running a cactus plant cries
At the centre of whirlpools devils make plans
Goblins hide in watering-cans
These are the laws of water, sky's daughter

If you stand in puddles it will help you grow tall
If you watch the tides turn you sometimes feel small
Sleeping lakes dream of fish falling through air
Waterfalls are rivers washing their hair
These are the laws of water, sky's daughter



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,
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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 T: 01926 612277, M 07919 157224
2. Achieving Results in Communities (ARC CIC), Kristie Naimo, Director, 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, website 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. Barford Bar Zero, [Bar Zero | Barford Residents Association](http://www.barzerogroup@gmail.com), email: barzerogroup@gmail.com



7. Bidford on Avon Parish Council [Bidford Climate Change Action Group - Bidford-on-Avon Parish Council \(bidfordonavon-pc.gov.uk\)](http://bidfordonavon-pc.gov.uk)
8. Bishop's Itchington Parish Council, [Climate Change Action - Bishops Itchington Parish Council \(bishopsitchington-pc.gov.uk\)](http://bishopsitchington-pc.gov.uk) Bishops Itchington Parish Council (bishopsitchington-pc.gov.uk)
9. Boddington Parish Council Sustainability Group, Mark Thompson, <https://www.boddingtonparish.co.uk/index.php/information/sustainability>, Sustainability (boddingtonparish.co.uk)
10. Build Back Better (Ilmington) - Liz Garton, email: lizgarton15@gmail.com Liz is also a contact for Ilmington 20:20 Vision
11. Church Lawford, keithsinfield@talktalk.net
12. Clean Air Warwickshire, Warwickshire Cycle Buddies, Hazel Underwood, www.warwickshirecyclebuddies.co.uk
13. Grapevine Environmental Action Team (GREAT) (Charlecote, Hampton Lucy and Loxley) – Tass, email: hellogreatfuture@gmail.com Trello Board: <https://trello.com/b/Pz8kWzqd/hello-great-future>
14. GROW (Wolverton) - Paul Anthony, email: paul.anthony@wolvertonpc.org.uk phone: 077109821456
15. Harbury Parish Council [Climate Working Party | Harbury Parish Council \(harbury-pc.gov.uk\)](http://harbury-pc.gov.uk)
16. Henley Climate Action - John Stott, phone: 01564 792251,
17. Beaudesert & Henley in Arden Parish Council, Cllr Bryn Turner, phone: 07904221742
18. Kenilworth All Together Greener, Jan Burnell, <https://www.facebook.com/Kenilworth-All-Together-Greener-331940026990994/>
19. Napton Environmental Action Team (NEAT) – Jonathan Horsfield and Jacky Lawrence, email: neat@gmx.co.uk email
20. Pillerton Hersey PC - Tim Newcombe (although no longer on the PC), email: timnewcombe123@btinternet.com
21. Shrewley & Wroxall Environment Action Team (SWEAT) Martin Wood, email: martinwood.fiveways@gmail.com
22. Snitterfield Actioning Climate Change, Duncan Parker, [Snitterfield Actioning Climate Change | Community Group \(snitterfielddacc.org\)](http://snitterfielddacc.org)
23. Stratford Climate Action, Stephen Norrie, email: info@stratfordclimate.org, web: Stratford Climate Action – Local responses to the climate crisis in Stratford-upon-Avon and South Warwickshire, fb: [Stratford Climate Action | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/Stratford Climate Action | Facebook)
24. Stratford Friends of the Earth, Janet Palmer, Stratfordonavonfoe@outlook.com
25. 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))
26. Stretton on Fosse Sustainability Initiative - Dave Passingham, email: davepassingham@hotmail.com phone 07973 846605
27. Sustainable Brailes, Jo Taylor and Louise Appleton, email: sustainable.brailes@gmail.com
28. Sustainable Wellesbourne, Lucy Hartley, email: Lucy.Hartley@yahoo.co.uk



29. TRACC (Bishop's Tachbrook Resident's Action on Climate Change) - Martin Drew, email:

BishopsTRACC@outlook.com

30. Transition Town Rugby, Carrie Pailthorpe, <https://www.facebook.com/transitiontownrugby>

31. Warwickshire Climate Alliance (WCA) – David Mond, fb: [\(1\) Warwickshire Climate Alliance | Facebook](#)

News

Manchester City Council has revealed that £227 million has been invested so far into its Climate Change Action Plan. This plan is for the council and city to become entirely net zero carbon by 2038 or before.

[Manchester invests £227m into 2038 net zero target - future Net Zero](#)

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. **The advice is free** – simply call on **0800 988 2881** or online www.actonenergy.org.uk

[Act On Energy - Energy Efficiency, Grants & Advice](#)



Events

HOME COMPOSTING WORKSHOP

The Jubilee Room
Napton Village Hall
The Crescent
Napton on the Hill
Warwickshire
CV47 8LS

Saturday 25th March
10.00am for 10.30 start
Finishing at 12.00pm

Attendees will be eligible to purchase a compost bin for just £5.00. One per household. Warwickshire residents only. Terms & conditions apply.

To book your place, please visit
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/composting

Warwickshire recycles

Napton on the Hill Parish Council

Climate & Environment Questionnaire

NAPTON'S CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT SURVEY - MARCH 2023

A community approach to tackling the big issues
An invitation to have YOUR say
A plan that prioritises our parish resources

ALL VIEWS WELCOME

Further information and questionnaires available in March - online (preferred) or paper (on request)
Please share your views and ideas
Help us create Napton's Climate & Environment Action Plan

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

PROTECTING FUTURE GENERATIONS

Diary Date: Napton's Eco Fair will be at Napton Village Hall on Saturday 1st July 2023.



Useful Links

- www.harburyenergy.co.uk
- [Warwickshire Low Carbon Network – Harbury Energy Initiative](#)
- 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 \(heartofenglandcf.co.uk\)](#)
- ✓ [Carbon Literacy Training \(wmca.org.uk\)](#)
- ✓ [Power to Change - Strengthening communities through community business](#)
- ✓ **Financing energy efficiency measures in your community building** [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)
- ✓ [Sustainable Warwickshire | a podcast by Warwickshire County Council \(podbean.com\)](#)
- ✓ [\(1\) Repair Cafe Alcester | Alcester | Facebook](#)
- ✓ [Bar zero Barford | Facebook](#)
- ✓ [\(1\) Repair Cafe Harbury | Facebook](#)
- ✓ [Repair Cafe | Repair Cafe Kenilworth | Kenilworth \(repaircafe-kenilworth.org\)](#)
- ✓ [Repair Café Leamington Spa | Leamington Spa | Facebook](#)
- ✓ [\(1\) Repair Cafe Rugby | Rugby | Facebook](#)
- ✓ [Stratford Repair Cafe: A Net Zero and Stratford Town Trust Venture, organised by Stephen Norrie - Co-operate \(coop.co.uk\)](#)
- ✓ [zero carbon schools - Green Schools Project](#)
- ✓ [Earth Warriors: The World's First Climate change curriculum for children \(earthwarriorsglobal.com\)](#)
- ✓ [Encourage your child to build a bond with nature - Earth Warriors \(earthwarriorsglobal.com\)](#)
- ✓ [Climate & Environment Questionnaire \(google.com\)](#)

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
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