

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 Village Hall on 3rd June 2023, 9:30 for 10.00

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 at lowcarbonwarks@gmail.com**

New member groups

- ✓ **Bidford Climate Action** - is supported by Bidford-on-Avon Parish Council, bringing concerned people together to raise awareness and organise action in response to the climate emergency. We organise eco-friendly activities in and around Bidford and offer practical advice, as well as using our voices to push for action. If you are concerned about climate and environmental change and would like to talk to like-minded people, or would just like to find out more, please get in touch. We take a gentle and inclusive approach, with a focus on information and looking for positive change in our community and beyond (as well as meeting for a pint). Please contact us on Facebook or by email: bidfordclimate@gmail.com

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.

Diary Date - The next LCWN event is at Cubbington Village Hall on 3rd June 2023, 9:30 for 10:00.

For any questions or to register please contact **Matt Black** at matt.black@pop3.poptel.org.uk Or book here: [Low Carbon Leamington: inspiration, tips and ideas Tickets, Sat 3 Jun 2023 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)





LOW CARBON LEAMINGTON



Recycled hat by Lynne Chapman



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

June 3rd 10.00-12.15
(doors open 9.30, informal chats till 1.00pm)

- Easy ideas for busy lives
- Recycling advice and Terracycle
- Repair cafes, solar panels, thermal imaging
- Stalls and information from experts
- Entertainment and free refreshments

Free EVERYONE WELCOME

Booking greatly preferred (for catering)
Please use QR code link or email



SCAN ME

<https://tinyurl.com/mrxsb6d5>
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ianwoodawas@ntlworld.com

VENUE: Cubbington Village Hall
Broadway, Cubbington CV32 7LP

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LCWN Schools Project Group

We would love to know the areas in which you feel we would be most useful and if you have any school initiatives which you would like to share with us. Do email me, **Teresa Buckle** at: teresabuckle2@gmail.com

Engaging Children with Nature, the Environment and Climate Change - Warwickshire

County Council – New Sustainable Warwickshire Podcast

Our children and young people will be amongst those most affected by climate change, so giving them opportunities to get involved with nature and the environment from an early age is critical. In the latest episode of the Sustainability Warwickshire podcast, we hear from Kristie Naimo from ARC CIC, who leads the WCC Green Shoots funded Children's Forest in Radford Semele, and two teachers from Michael Drayton School in Nuneaton, who have a



fantastic outdoor education offer for their pupils. They each share the work they are each doing with children, based on the theory that the more they are connected to nature, then the more likely they are to take part in activities that help to protect it.



So, if you want some great ideas on how to involve your own families in nature or are simply interested to learn about some of the projects and approaches being taken to support Warwickshire children to get involved with building a sustainable future, listen now. You can find it at [Sustainable Warwickshire Podcast - Engaging Children with Nature, the Environment and Climate Change | Free Listening on Podbean App](#), or search for Sustainable Warwickshire on either Spotify or Apple. Please share/subscribe/download and leave a review!

[National Trust - 50 things to do before you are 11 and 3/4 - Mini Travellers - Family Travel & Family Holiday Tips](#)

Solar for Schools 8th Bond Offer now live!

Up to 5% return on investment

Community solar and student education

With a track record of over £3 million fundraised and 90+ UK schools across the UK, Solar for Schools CBS has now launched its 8th Bond Offer! This investment is geared towards community minded investors passionate about schools, solar and national climate education.

Support schools

Solar for Schools is also working with Low Carbon Warwickshire to help local schools save money and gain education. If you are interested in helping schools in your area, please contact **Bob Sherman** at lowcarbonwarks@gmail.com or **Shannon Jackson** at shannon.jackson@solarforschools.co.uk



Invest today

You can also invest to support action for schools in the latest Bond Offer here [Solar for Schools - Renewable Energy - Ethex investment opportunity](#).

Details include,

- Up to 5% interest on investment
- IFISIA and non-ISA eligible options
- £500 minimum investment
- 80+ UK schools track record
- Supporting community solar and student education

Offer closes **30/06/2023**

Shannon Jackson, UK Schools Project Manager, Solar for Schools, April 2023

Who are we? Introducing.

This month we get **Mark Boulton** from **Chipping Campden** to tell us about his low carbon journey.

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

This may not be what you expect, but when I was in my 2nd teaching (Biology) post in the early 60s students brought in a couple of very young foxes and later, a young tawny owl which had fallen out of its nest. We successfully reared both and eventually released them back to the wild. This somehow led to becoming involved (with some students) at trying to expose otter and stag hunting through 'joining in' and collecting photos for publication to explain to a wider audience both the conservation and the cruelty aspects of these ancient barbaric pastimes.

2. What made you commit to doing something?

I became increasingly aware of the need for accurate information and better education about the natural world and moved on to a Teacher Training Post in Kenya. There was much to celebrate at this time and we (students and I) planted trees, built a pond and reptile enclosure just outside the Biology labs. Amongst other things this gave me an opportunity to expose to students that snakes had an important role in the ecosystem and only a few were poisonous.

3. What have you done?

After 4 years teacher training, I took up two UN appointments- both involving developing education / information in Zambia & Nepal and was then invited to develop an international conservation programme for WWF International working closely with Sir Peter Scott who was passionate about conservation. This eventually led to the establishment of ICCE - the International Centre for Conservation Education based in an old Manor House in Guiting Power. ICCE developed a variety of practical programmes including building mobile education units based on Renault 4 vans with partner organisations like the International Mountain Gorilla Project in Rwanda. It also established an audiovisual production unit producing over 100 slide-tape packages on everything from acid rain and climate change (yes - back in 1980 with Friends of the Earth!) to

programmes on British bats and disappearing wetlands. Eventually we focussed almost completely on running training programmes for educators in less developed countries - mostly in Africa.

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

Now in my mid 80s I've become increasingly aware of the two great global crises increasingly threatening climate and biodiversity. The effects are now obvious globally for all to see and are increasingly linked to issues of global justice. Building an eco-house occupied much of my time for four years in 2010 but enabled me to carefully follow the principles of sustainability and I am currently involved in some interesting innovative developments including V2H which will hopefully allow me to become almost completely zero energy by using energy stored in the battery (almost completely generated from solar PV) to power the house at times when solar output is insufficient, and at night. We've also managed to put a large part of our acre down to native wild plants. I've still made time to coordinate the EcoChurch Programme for more than 100 churches in the Birmingham area as well as some local rewilding in the village. Finally, I have 3 children and 7 grandchildren and am constantly concerned about the kind of planet they will inherit if we don't rapidly begin to focus on a more sustainable world.



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

This is a really challenging question and I could come up with a host of answers!

I think based on the need to cut carbon and the effectiveness of my own solar installation, it would be to have PV panels on all new properties required under building regulations. I have been challenging various developers on various Long Marston builds to do this but haven't even had the courtesy of any replies. This was notably absent from the UK Government recent so-called Green Programme despite support from 7 in 10 MPs.

I am conscious that in responding to these questions one can appear very ostentatious. Following these principles is often pretty challenging and I could not have achieved whatever I have without strong encouragement and support from my wife and family.

Mark Boulton, Coleman's Hill Farm, Mickleton, Chipping Campden, May 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.

- 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?**

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

IS THIS A JOKE ??

No it certainly isn't but it did make me wonder at first, see what you think!

Two companies, one in Holland and one in France are about to start producing a completely new type of Heat Pump using "SOUND" to create the Heat!

One of the biggest problems with installed heat pumps has been that they can generally reach a maximum temperature of around 55°C which means that they cannot heat many homes to a comfortable heat in very cold weather without major changes to the radiator system or installing underfloor heating, both very disruptive and costly - until now if all these companies say is true.



It is claimed that these new Heat Pumps can create temperatures up to 80°C, they are also very compact, quiet (about the noise of a domestic freezer), have a very long life with very little maintenance and to cap it all they will be cheaper installed.

The new Acoustic Heat Pumps can take heat from ground source water, brine and air and do not require a large hot water storage tank, being so small and quiet can be installed inside.

If they work as they say, we need millions of them next week!!!!

The companies:-

In Holland: [BlueHeart Energy](#)

In France: [EQUIUM - The acoustic heat pump](#)



A.E.(Ted) Dowdeswell, Member of Harbury Energy Initiative, April 2023

What has the Greenhouse Effect ever done for us? - by our guest blogger Neil Kitching

Here are my thoughts on why things might be even worse if there was no greenhouse effect.

I was taking our Carbon Literacy course at work and was reminded that without the natural greenhouse effect there would be no life. Planet Earth would be frozen with an average temperature of -15°C. This got me thinking, what else has the greenhouse effect done for us?

For this blog, imagine if you can, that our lifestyles did not add greenhouse gases to the atmosphere. Nothing else changes; we still burn fossil fuels and alter the landscape, but none of these heats up the planet. What are the implications?

Firstly, there would be no United Nations climate conferences and no Climate Change Act in the UK. And no pressure to work together to change so many things.

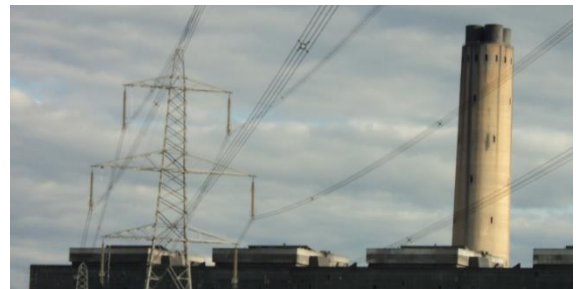
We would still be burning coal in power stations to generate electricity. Arguments would rage between importing cheap coal and maintaining deep mines in the UK. Miners would continue to work in dangerous conditions with accidents and ill health. There would be planning disputes over huge opencast coal mines in the countryside. Air pollution would be worse. No wind farms.

Oil consumption would soar as there would be less pressure to impose fuel efficiency standards and taxes on fuel would be lower so people would travel more. People would choose to live further from work, our suburbs would expand even further. There would be an expensive road building programme in an attempt to reduce congestion, but of course new roads, generate ever more traffic. There would be no electric cars. Air pollution in our cities would be worse.

Our built environment would be even more car dominant, with more car parks, fewer cycle lanes and less pedestrian friendly streets. We would be lazier with less cycling and walking. Our health would deteriorate.

Our reliance on burning gas to heat our homes and businesses would be even more dominant. Most gas would be imported, often from politically unstable parts of the world. The price would fluctuate. There would be no heat pumps. New houses would still be built cheaply, with inadequate insulation, whilst older homes would remain draughty. Our heating bills would be higher, with more fuel poverty.

Our electricity bills would be higher because the EU would not have regulated to improve the energy efficiency of appliances such as fridges and freezers. LED lightbulbs would be a rarity. We often forget how regulations to address climate change also have wider benefits for us.



More waste of all sorts would be disposed of at landfill, leading to planning applications to open new landfill sites. Food waste would continue to be dumped in landfill and there would be less pressure on local authorities to offer recycling services. With less recycled materials available, even more resources would have to be quarried, mined, processed, and manufactured – often imported from overseas.

Exciting innovations directed at a cleaner, better planet would not progress, or certainly not as quickly. Offshore wind turbines, solar power, efficient batteries, low temperature washing powders, LED light bulbs.....

There would be no taxes on flights, and no guilt from flying. Communities across the UK would be fighting airport expansion plans, local noise and air pollution. Long distance train services would be cut. Our trains would all burn diesel, our railway stations would be pollution hot spots.

There would be less pressure on governments to reduce rates of deforestation. There would still be the issue of loss of biodiversity, but wealthy countries are more interested when they realise that tropical deforestation affects global climate. In the UK, there would be no tree planting targets, and consequently fewer forests.

Few would care about the loss and damage to critical ecosystems. Our lowland peatlands would be mined for garden peat, our upland peatlands would continue to erode causing more water pollution. Seagrasses and mangroves would be removed even faster. A powerful argument to restore lost ecosystems would be lost. Biodiversity would decrease.

More people would eat even more meat. Beef and dairy consumption would increase. More forest would be cut down to make way for cattle pasture and to grow soya to feed cattle. Waste manure from cattle and factory farming would cause more water pollution. There would be fewer grants for nature

restoration on farms and therefore fewer hedges, ponds, wildflowers, trees. Our soils would be even more exhausted through the unabated application of carbon intensive fertiliser, pesticides and weedkillers.

Conclusion

I would suggest that if we didn't have a climate change issue then we would still be hurtling towards any number of other environmental crises. Climate change is forcing us to do so many new things, much of which have wider benefits in the form of tackling excess consumption, air and water pollution, biodiversity and have health benefits. Climate change is forcing society to think about the issues of overconsumption, resources use, waste and biodiversity loss. It is acting as an emergency break. Without its global impacts, much of the clean technology that we see today would not have been developed, or certainly not as quickly.

Clearly climate change is not a good thing, but we can and must use it as a catalyst to develop a cleaner, fairer, healthier, and more biodiverse world.

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).

[What has the Greenhouse Effect ever done for us? \(carbonchoices.uk\)](http://www.carbonchoices.uk)

Neil Kitching, Carbon Choices, April 2023

From This Earth - by Matt Black

From this earth
We rise dreaming

Crossing winter
Wanting spring

Into the light
Slowly reaching

Into the quiet
Forever beginning

From the dark
Forever searching

Into the heart
Returning.



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, + 44 77656 84941

WANTED – Old Rechargeable Batteries

Jeanius Technologies is a technology start-up in Warwick focussing on R&D of the materials which help achieve ambitions in net-zero, reducing carbon footprint and reducing climate change.

Jeanius Tech have 25+ years of experience and is currently working on alternative electrical motors without rare earth permanent magnets and the possibilities of reusing 2nd life rechargeable batteries (e.g. from small electric appliances like electric bike, scooters, power tools, etc.).

Jeanius Tech are now looking for battery e-wastes which come up for recycling in and around Warwickshire and from the council waste collection centres. If you can help – please contact them at

jeanius.technologies@gmail.com

Thoughts from an Organic Farmer – We need to talk about glyphosate

Should glyphosate be banned or is there an argument for using it as an agent of last resort?

I spent the Easter weekend digging bindweed out of a relative's garden. After a hot, back-breaking morning, I had cleared 20 square metres. One teaspoon of the weedkiller glyphosate would have done a better job for just six pence.

Glyphosate was first formulated as Roundup and sold by Monsanto in 1976. It soon became the world's 'favourite herbicide', because it kills the entire plant, right down to the roots. Instead of herbicides, organic farmers plough to clear weeds. Large-scale 'regenerative' farming, now advocated by multinationals like Mars, PepsiCo and McDonald's as a way to restore soils and reduce the carbon losses associated with ploughing, almost always depends on annual use of glyphosate.

At university in 1980, I was told that glyphosate was completely safe. We now know that it is carcinogenic, has devastating effects on our waterways, soil ecology, and the biome of bees, and is persistent enough to be found in 80 per cent of U.S. urine samples. It is even in the rain.

Clearly, the process used to assess glyphosate's safety was inadequate – and clearly, unregulated market forces acting on something so cheap, yet so powerful, will lead to overuse. But should a chemical that has the potential to produce food cheaply, and with less carbon losses, be banned?

We desperately need an honest, well-informed conversation, and a more nuanced way of balancing planetary risks against societal benefits. Using glyphosate once every 50 years to control weeds and help establish trees, or to remove bindweed without hours of work and disturbing the soil, might be justifiable. It can even be argued that it is less bad than ploughing to clear ground for new crops.

But glyphosate is also routinely used as a desiccant, sprayed onto wheat destined to be eaten – marginally easing harvest and boosting a farmer's profits, in an act of thoughtless eco-thuggery. The annual use of glyphosate before sowing maize, when fields will have to be ploughed anyway, also shows that the vast power of the chemical and its consequences are out of all proportion to its tiny financial cost.

As I left, my relative asked what I thought of clearing the rest of the bindweed with some glyphosate that he had in the back of his shed. I said that I wasn't the Pope, but perhaps we do need a system for trading indulgences; an environmental tax that reflects the cost of a farmer's decision to inflict this chemical on the rest of us and our planet.

Guy Singh-Watson, April 2023, farmer and founder and creator of Riverford organic farm

[We need to talk about glyphosate - Wicked Leeks \(riverford.co.uk\)](https://riverford.co.uk/we-need-to-talk-about-glyphosate-wicked-leeks/)

News

Warwickshire County Council (WCC) – Councillor's Grant Fund

WCC's Councillor Grant Fund is now open to community and voluntary groups.

The Councillors' Grant Fund provides each of Warwickshire County Council's 57 Councillors with an allocated fund of £8,000 to support small-scale projects within their area that have a positive impact on the wider community.

Applications are open now until 18th June and there's various events taking place for those that want to find out more about the fund and how to apply. More details:



<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4165/warwickshire-county-council-launches-councillor-grant-fund>

Developing a Devolution Deal for Warwickshire – Warwickshire County Council Cabinet Paper 11th May 2023

Although not featured in the White Paper as one of the 12 specific Levelling Up missions, the local definition of Levelling Up adopted for Warwickshire highlights the importance of climate change and net zero as a key element of Levelling Up and therefore devolution. Negotiating a devolution deal presents opportunities to further Warwickshire's local climate change agenda through new powers and formal partnerships.

[mgConvert2PDF.aspx \(warwickshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/mgConvert2PDF.aspx)

Warwickshire County Council publish a climate change adaptation action plan.

[Supporting communities to adapt to the impacts of climate change in Warwickshire – Warwickshire County Council](https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/Supporting-communities-to-adapt-to-the-impacts-of-climate-change-in-Warwickshire-Warwickshire-County-Council)

The Climate Adaptation Plan has been prepared alongside a Sustainable Futures Strategy, which lays out WCC's approach to reducing both Council and county-wide greenhouse gas emissions. The plan therefore also considers low-carbon approaches to climate adaptation and landscape scale adaptation, which will help to offset residual emissions within the county.

[Climate Change Adaptation Plan \(warwickshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/Climate-Change-Adaptation-Plan)

Events

No Mow May

No Mow May is Plantlife's annual campaign calling all garden owners and green space managers not to mow during May.



We've lost nearly 97% of flower rich meadows since the 1970's and with them the vital food needed by pollinators, like bees and butterflies, has also disappeared. With over 20 million gardens in the UK, even the smallest grassy patches add up to a significant proportion of our land which, if managed properly, can deliver enormous gains for nature, communities and the climate.

Dandelions are a particular superfood for bees and butterflies. Despite being outnumbered by daisies 85 to 1 on a typical 100m² lawn, they produce 9% of the lawn's pollen and 37% of its nectar sugar.

[Take part in No Mow May - Plantlife](#)



Napton Eco Fair

Our fair will feature a range of great speakers, exhibits, and lots of practical advice.

We are delighted to have TOM HEAP - Broadcaster (BBC TV Countryfile + Radio4, Sky News The Climate Show), Journalist and Author - LEADING TWO SESSIONS - one exploring attitudes and beliefs around renewables - the other an 'In Conversation' where you can exchange views on the environmental issues of the day. Whether you're already living a green lifestyle or just starting to learn about it, the Napton Eco Fair is the perfect place to connect with like-minded individuals and learn about how you can make a positive impact on the planet. Booking not essential – but it will help us know how many to cater for.

[NAPTON ECO FAIR Tickets, Sat 1 Jul 2023 at 10:30 | Eventbrite](#)

Anyone wishing to donate a 'good as new frock' in advance of the eco fair will be given a frock swap voucher to use to choose another 'good as new frock' on the day.



Napton Eco Fair

Saturday 1st July, 10:30 till 4
Napton Village Hall

FREE entry, info, activities and refreshments

What's happening?

Hear from the Broadcaster, Author and Journalist
Tom Heap

**Sky News 'The Climate Show', BBC's 'Countryfile',
 'Costing the Earth' and '39 Ways to Save the Planet'**

- **Practical advice – ideas for saving energy, water and money, zero waste, caring for nature**
- **Stalls, talks, people to talk to, things to look at**
- **Repair shop, frock swap, recycling**
- **Grow your own, food preservation, low energy cooking, bee and chicken keeping, free plants**
- **Cycle checks, ev's, e-bikes, UBUS, active travel**
- **Napton Cidery, Napton Buffalo ice cream, Flowers from the Farm, environmentally friendly goods**
- **Activities for children, books**

For further info contact Jonathan Horsfield on 07910 124324.




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 \(heartofenglandcf.co.uk\)](#)
- [9 things you can do about climate change \(imperial.ac.uk\)](http://imperial.ac.uk)
- [Sustainable Warwickshire Podcast - Engaging Children with Nature, the Environment and Climate Change | Free Listening on Podbean App](#)
- [National Trust - 50 things to do before you are 11 and 3/4 - Mini Travellers - Family Travel & Family Holiday Tips](#)
- [5 Ways to Wellbeing | Mind - Mind](#)

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](#)



Repair Café's

1. [\(1\) Repair Cafe Alcester | Alcester | Facebook](#)
 2. [Bar zero Barford | Facebook](#)
 3. [\(1\) Repair Cafe Harbury | Facebook](#)
 4. [Repair Cafe | Repair Cafe Kenilworth | Kenilworth \(repaircafe-kenilworth.org\)](#)
 5. [Repair Café Leamington Spa | Leamington Spa | Facebook](#)
 6. [\(1\) Repair Cafe Rugby | Rugby | Facebook](#)
 7. [Stratford Repair Cafe: A Net Zero and Stratford Town Trust Venture, organised by Stephen Norrie - Co-operate \(coop.co.uk\)](#)
 8. [\(1\) Repair Café Southam | Facebook](#) (cancelled at present due to a lack of volunteers)
 9. [Wellesbourne Repair Café | Facebook](#)
- ✓ [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 \(earthwarriorsglobal.com\)](#)
 - ✓ [Putting sustainability and Nature at the heart of learning - A New Way of Teaching and Learning \(theharmonyproject.org.uk\)](#)

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 \(alcester-tc.gov.uk\)](#)
5. Avon Dassett Parish Council, <http://www.avondassettparishcouncil.com/>
6. Barford Bar Zero, [Bar Zero | Barford Residents Association](#), email: barzerogroup@gmail.com
7. Beaudesert & Henley in Arden Parish Council, Cllr Bryn Turner, phone: 07904221742
8. Bidford on Avon Parish Council [Bidford Climate Change Action Group - Bidford-on-Avon Parish Council \(bidfordonavon-pc.gov.uk\)](#)
9. Bidford Climate Action, Amanda Billingsley, bidfordclimate@gmail.com
10. Bishop's Itchington Parish Council, [Climate Change Action - Bishops Itchington Parish Council \(bishopsitchington-pc.gov.uk\)](#) Bishops Itchington Parish Council (bishopsitchington-pc.gov.uk)

11. 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/index.php/information/sustainability_Sustainability(boddingtonparish.co.uk))
12. Build Back Better (Ilmington) - Liz Garton, email: lizgarton15@gmail.com Liz is also a contact for Ilmington 20:20 Vision
13. Church Lawford, keithsinfield@talktalk.net
14. Clean Air Warwickshire, Warwickshire Cycle Buddies, Hazel Underwood,
www.warwickshirecyclebuddies.co.uk
15. Energise Leamington, Trevor Power
16. 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>
17. GROW (Wolverton) - Paul Anthony, email: paul.anthony@wolvertonpc.org.uk, (on behalf of Barbara Harland) phone: 07710981456. Councillor Sue Murphy is the lead on Climate.
18. Harbury Parish Council [Climate Working Party | Harbury Parish Council \(harbury-pc.gov.uk\)](http://harbury-pc.gov.uk)
19. Henley Climate Action - John Stott, phone: 01564 792251,
20. Kenilworth All Together Greener, Jan Burnell, <https://www.facebook.com/Kenilworth-All-Together-Greener-331940026990994/>
21. Napton Environmental Action Team (NEAT) – Jonathan Horsfield and Jacky Lawrence, email: neat@gmx.co.uk email
22. Pillerton Hersey PC - Tim Newcombe (although no longer on the PC), email: timnewcombe123@btinternet.com
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