

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, Brailes and Cubbington.

The next event is in Wroxall, Wren Hall, on Saturday 14th October 2023, around 10.00

LCWN Steering Group

The steering group met up on 16th May. We talked about membership, the events programme (community, social, networking and schools), the schools project group, the Warwick and Stratford District Council's South Warwickshire Local Climate Engagement Programme and communications (the newsletter and facebook). We have three new members of the steering group and give Matt Black of Lillington, Teresa Buckle of Kenilworth and Bryn Turner of Henley a very warm welcome.

The steering group meet infrequently and only when we have something of significance to discuss, and there is no Treasurer role! If you could spare just a few hours a year and think you would like to join us please contact Bob Sherman for an informal chat at lowcarbonwarks@gmail.com

There will be a LCWN social gathering, bring and share lunch in Napton, 12:30 on Saturday 16th September. Contact Jacky Lawrence for further details at jackylawrence31@hotmail.co.uk

LCWN Schools Project Team

Since opening the Pandora's Box of Educational resource information relating to Climate Change, the LCWN Schools Project Team have been working hard to catch some of it in its various forms, and to gather it in our internet nets so that it is contained long enough for us to see how we can make it appropriately accessible for practical use to the LCWN Groups. Jacky Lawrence has done this in an amazing document which will make it much easier to work from.

We are very aware each of the Groups in the Network have their own priorities, are of different sizes and geographical situations and interests, expertise and skills which is why the Network Events are such a good way of sharing experience, enthusiasm and information. The network has expanded amazingly quickly.



We are also aware that some of the groups have their own newsletters as do many clubs, parishes, organisations districts and schools. So, while we want to be of use to the educational branch of the network tree, we do not want to overload with a deluge of Educational Resource information all at once.

However, I think it is fair to assume that within each Network Group there will be at least one or more persons in any group who is concerned and involved in some way with the education of society's young whether as parents, grandparent's teachers, school governors, youth leaders, council officials etc., so I am hoping that it will not be an imposition to ask those interested LCWN groups if they can find one volunteer who is willing to send us their contact details and be the (school) liaison between the LCWN Steering Group and their 'Eco-Group'. This way we can get to know more about the interests or needs of a particular area and the link person could share any tips on activities or initiatives that have been have tried in their local schools etc.

One of the areas we have been looking more closely at, for example, is the diversity of the Climate Change Lesson Plans and curriculum ideas that can be downloaded for use in the classroom and how successful they are. There are many! If you know of schools which have tried or are using any of these then it would be helpful to know of any comments you have about them etc. These don't have to be long comments as we really don't want to add to anyone's workload but we do believe that connection and communication between local groups with a common purpose is a good way forward. Thank you to those of you have already made contact, we are grateful and hope there will be more. Do email me, **Teresa Buckle** at:

teresabuckle2@gmail.com

Teresa Buckle, June 2023

The Zero Carbon Schools Programme 2023 - 2024

The Zero Carbon Schools Programme is putting climate education and action at the heart of school life so that children and young people can become catalysts for change, now and in future. They have sent us this message to pass on to teachers

Do you want to develop your pupils' knowledge on climate change and empower them to reduce your school's carbon footprint? [Green Schools Project](#) are now recruiting schools to join their Zero Carbon Schools programme 2023-24!

Zero Carbon Schools leads pupils on a journey; exploring the causes and effects of the climate crisis, investigating their school's carbon footprint, designing projects to reduce carbon emissions and inspiring the wider community to take climate action. It gives all pupils the chance to learn about the climate crisis and take a lead on the efforts to reduce their school emissions.

The programme starts after October half term 2023 and will run until the end of the school



ZERO CARBON SCHOOLS

A COMPREHENSIVE PACKAGE OF RESOURCES. SUPPORT AND TRAINING. PUTTING CLIMATE EDUCATION AND ACTION AT THE HEART OF SCHOOL LIFE.

26 SESSION PLANS

Cross-curricular sessions to teach pupils about the climate and nature crisis. Designed by former teachers, suitable for years 4-8.

CARBON CALCULATOR

Estimate your school's annual carbon emissions. Pupils use this data to design and deliver their own carbon reduction project.

TEACHER SUPPORT

Email and phone support, regular support sessions and two CPD sessions are included. Green Schools Project staff are on hand to help!

EMAIL info@greenschoolsproject.org.uk TO SIGN UP



year. Adaptable for ages 8 – 13 (years 4 - 8), the programme is cross-curricular with links to science, maths, geography, and English, and includes outdoor sessions that improve pupil wellbeing and nature connection.

It is free for schools to join, also included are two teacher training sessions and support to involve the local community. Find out more [here](#) and start your school's journey to zero carbon by completing this form to [register an interest](#) for the academic year 2023-24. On completion of the form you will receive full programme information and details of how to join.

**Nell Byron (she/her), Programme Manager, Green Schools Project, www.greenschoolsproject.org.uk
email: nell@greenschoolsproject.org.uk**

The Low Carbon Leamington event at Cubbington Village Hall, 3rd June

The 77 people who signed into the event were treated to a wide range of fun activities. Cubbington choir 'The Harmonisers' had recorded their version of Michael Jackson's 'Earth Song' to start the event. The Mayor of Leamington Town welcomed everyone, then event co-organiser, Matt Black, got the audience participating in his 'listen and response' poem 'Go Eco'. There was a range of presentations on practical action, a 'hopes and wishes' book was passed around, a 'tree of action' was created, people made pledges, the winner of the low carbon poetry competition was announced with several entries on display and a sketch was performed by the newly formed 'Confused Recycler Theatre Company' entitled "Lord forgive me for I have binned" which ended with a rousing chorus of a recycling song composed especially for the event to the tune of 'Roll the old chariot along'.



Sustainabillington are actively looking for new members. Their next meeting is on July 9th from 3-5pm at the Octagon Centre, St Mary Magdalene's Church, Lillington, CV32 7RH. Everyone is welcome - just turn up at the event.



Diary Date - The next LCWN event is at Wren Hall in Wroxall on Saturday 14th October 2023, around 10 a.m.



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.

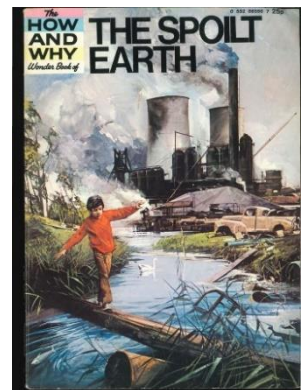
Who are we? Introducing.

This month we get **Gary Stocker** from **Radford Semele** to tell us about his low carbon journey.

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

Probably from about infant school age (I started infant school just after Easter in 1970). As a family we had always been, for the time, environmentally aware. TV and radio programmes which I watched/listened to, both at school and at home, aimed both at adults and youngsters, sometimes went on about the evils of pollution, how it was increasing and how it had to be controlled. I took that seriously. My father sometimes spoke about his grandparents, who farmed at Home Farm in Hatton, about how they looked after the land, probably what we would describe as organic farming these days and still managed to make a profit! So in some ways, yes things needed to change with new ideas, but in other ways it was resurrecting old ideas.

As I got to junior school age and my reading improved, I started getting the “How and Why Wonder Books” (those of us of a certain age can remember them!). Two of them which I had were, “The Spoilt Earth” and “Extinct Animals” (I still have the latter). The first, from memory, said that things were going wrong ecologically and had to be improved. The second was saying how some animals and some human ethnic groups had become extinct, because of other humans’ intervention and the implication was that we would be next if we did not clean up our act.

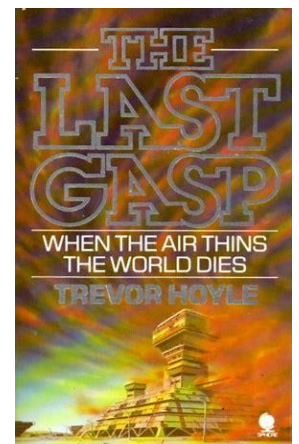


I was actually quite surprised, when I spoke to people, that not everyone shared my views about the environment.

2. What made you commit to doing something?

What really scared me was a book that a work colleague gave to my mother to give to me. It was called, “The Last Gasp” by Trevor Hoyle. It was written in 1983 and I read it in 1986 and have read bits of it since. There was an updated version written in 2016, which I have not read.

In this novel, which was certainly based on the science known at the time, not only does the earth become more polluted and different flora and fauna become extinct, but with a combination of pollution and global warming, the oxygen producing organisms firstly become less efficient and finally stop altogether. Rendering, in the medium to long term, earth becoming totally uninhabitable by anything, humans included. So it was not just a case of cutting down on pollution to make the environment which we inhabit more pleasant, it was a case of potential complete extinction of humanity and everything else, if we do not act properly.



I do think that popular fiction, feature films and some pop records are good at getting the general public interested in green issues initially, which will lead them to hopefully taking more of an active role in it.

3. What have you done?

Until I got older, I could not do much, both because you had to be an adult and because there were only very limited green, voluntary groups and projects going on.

However, this did start to change when I went to polytechnic. I wrote green articles for one of the students' union magazines. When I graduated in 1991, I was initially unemployed. I saw a leaflet for the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (later the BTCV and later the TCV) where you could volunteer once a week doing practical conservation work. I was involved with this for nearly twenty years, until it stopped, in this area.

I do plenty of other things to make up for it though! I am involved with Achieving Results in Communities (ARC). I participate with helping at Foundry Wood most months for a morning and I have been involved with the Childrens' Forest at Leasowe Farm in Radford Semele. We have planted well over two thousand native trees. They will still need some maintenance though. In the last few months, we also did some tree and hedge planting with the Friends of Radford's Green Environment (FORGE) and the Churchyard Committee for All Saints Church in Leamington.

I have written a lot of different articles about the environment for different magazines and emagazines.

I am also involved with a lot of different groups, which are maybe not as practical, but there are still activities which you can get involved with. For instance I attended and spoke at the COP 27 mini conference at Leamington Town Hall late last year.

At work (WMG at Warwick University) I am one of the Green Champions and am involved with various other green groups. The university/WMG are very good with green issues and do a lot of recycling. However, I have arranged the collection of soft plastic, used dental products, postage stamps, used stationery and used teabags for recycling. This has been a big success and at last year's star awards I received the "Paul Grimley Good Citizen Award". I collect the same things for recycling at home.

With shopping there are various non packaging shops which I use. You take along your own containers and buy different groceries which would ordinarily be packaged. We have saved on a lot of packaging, plastic in particular. We have also gone back to using the milkman. The milk (I have oat milk) comes in reusable/recyclable glass bottles, with recyclable foil tops. I have also started using vegan meats for some meals. Which in a lot of cases tastes better than the real thing!

Money makes the world go round. With my pension fund I have opted for the ethical fund, which includes being more green. I also, a number of years ago, transferred my current bank account to the Co-Operative Bank. It has since been taken over by an American bank. However, they are still letting the Co-op run itself using the same ethical principles that they used before.

At home we observe "No Mow May" and after that we leave a rectangle of grass uncut on the front and back lawn until the first cut the following year. In addition, we grow some of our own vegetables and sow a flower bed and some planters with nature friendly, native wildflowers. In the house we conserve gas, water and electricity. For outside water use we use rainwater from the water butt if possible. The car looks better washed in rainwater!



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

Funnily enough, some quotes from some of my favourite films! In the film, "Kingdom of Heaven", the hero says, "What kind of a man, is a man (or woman), who does not leave the world a better place?" If we all took that attitude, in this case towards environmental issues, the world would be a much better place.

The 1958 film, "Dunkirk", has one soldier queuing up to get evacuated who not surprisingly is on the verge of collapse. His commanding officer catches him as he falls and says, "Who's going to do it if you don't!?" That is survive and carry on the fight. In this case though the fight is for potentially the continuance of life on earth.

It is easy to get cynical about humanity, not just with environmental damage but with wars and social injustice, to name a few. However, what often goes unreported are the selfless acts of lots of unsung heroes and heroines who make things better for other people, even if they are only small acts. There are also other people who put their own lives on the line for others. Another film, "Contact", has an extra-terrestrial, in the form of Jodie Foster's character's father, saying to Jodie Foster's character about humanity. "You are an interesting species; you are capable of so many beautiful dreams and so many horrible nightmares."

History itself, with all of the progress made over thousands of years to improve society, whether the progress has been social, technological, political or anything else. It has often been done by ordinary people just doing their jobs. It would be an awful waste if the eco system collapsed, along with humanity. All that for nothing. So, if ever I do feel a bit overwhelmed by getting involved in green activities, one way of renewing my enthusiasm is to think of the above film quotes.

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

With all of the new building going on at the moment in the locality and the wider area, make planning permission insist on having all of the energy saving features practically possible on there! To me it is so blindingly obvious! If you put these energy saving features in as a matter of course you immediately start saving on the carbon footprint of the new building in the first place and make energy saving come second nature. We really cannot start criticising the developing world for not being sustainable if we cannot do the obvious (and not over expensive) in the first place.

Gary Stocker, June 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?**



The Future of the Scottish Highlands - by our guest blogger Neil Kitching

A visit to the new Dundreggan rewilding centre got me thinking about the choices we have for the future of land-use in the Scottish Highlands.

26% of Scotland's land mass is maintained for commercial sport purposes, made up of many large estates, often foreign owned. In the east heather moorland is managed for grouse shooting; whilst the west has more grass suitable for commercial deer stalking. The heather moorland is managed by burning patches to create a mix of new and old heather for grouse. Even much of the 'protected' area of the Cairngorms National Park is managed for deer or grouse shooting.

40% of Scotland, mainly on poorer soils, is maintained for grazing sheep. Like cattle, sheep belch out the greenhouse gas methane. Even at low stocking densities, sheep grazing prevents any native trees from regenerating. Sheep farming is subsidised, so it is a direct land use choices that we make.

23% of Scotland (there will be some overlap with the percentages above) is covered with blanket bog, a layer of peat that has built up from decaying vegetation since the last Ice Age. This is an enormous store of carbon (170 million tonnes). Current land management practices, particularly overgrazing and drainage, are causing most of these areas to 'degrade'. Rather than new peat forming and removing CO₂ from the atmosphere, the peat is 'eroding' and releasing CO₂.

The consequences run deeper. Bare hills lead to flooding and eroding peatlands reduces the purity of the rivers. Climate change is causing rivers to warm up. Salmon are in decline.

Ironically, this upland scenery is widely admired and romanticised. Visitors flock to see and photograph the open landscapes of the Highlands. Clearly, they were not trained in ecology!

The public are simply unaware of the ecological devastation caused by humans. Scotland is ranked 212th out of 240 countries and territories for biodiversity intactness, that is the percentage of nature left from its pristine state (England is worse, ranking as 233rd).

An alternative land-use is large-scale forestry plantations, of sitka spruce, which cover around 10% of Scotland. This monoculture is highly 'efficient' for growing timber, and we do need some of this. However, the dense foliage prevents light from reaching the forest floor, so from a biodiversity perspective these forests are not dissimilar to intensively cultivated cropland.

A new form of land-use is rapidly gaining traction. Perhaps not what you'd expect? This is the semi-abandonment of land. These areas are often quickly colonised by invasive species, most notably rhododendron ponticum. Again, ironically, many visitors enjoy their pink flowers in May. I cannot over emphasise the seriousness of this exponential unfolding disaster. Rhododendron is everywhere you look. Almost every glen has some, originally planted around estate houses. It spreads slowly at first, then rapidly along road verges, then creeps up the adjacent mountain slopes. It becomes an impenetrable monoculture and blocks light therefore it prevents other plant growth. It is present across the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park and is spreading particularly fast in the Argyll area, where it is displacing the few remnants of the once mighty Atlantic rainforest – a verdant landscape of deciduous trees, mosses and lichens. This is not a future I want to see.

An alternative (better) future?

And so to rewilding, landscape restoration; call it what you like, it doesn't really matter. There are numerous small initiatives that aim to restore the environment for nature and people. Duncreggan, near Loch Ness, is the first 'rewilding' visitor centre in Scotland – an encouraging sign of the times. It is operated by a charity Trees for Life. They have reduced deer numbers and fenced some areas to allow the forest to regenerate. In some places this happens naturally, in others new trees have to be planted. They have their own tree nursery to ensure the saplings are local and hardy. A walk in the woods is an eye opener. Unlike the bare hillsides, the landscape feels 'alive' and your senses are alert to the sound of bird song. More trees, more birds, more insects, flowers and mosses. The visitor centre provides opportunities for volunteering, community involvement, professional training and casual education of the passing visitor. New jobs are created.

There are many pockets of rewilding going on in Scotland. The Langholm Community has bought a 10,000-acre estate in the Borders, aiming to regenerate the land and to create local jobs. Argaty farm reintroduced red kites and beavers and has become a popular visitor attraction.

At a larger scale, Cairngorms Connect is a partnership of neighbouring land managers covering 600km². They have a 200-year vision to restore the landscape, primarily through woodland regeneration, peatland restoration and recreating natural floodplains. They have reduced the number of deer. Red deer are a native animal that used to live in harmony with the forest at a time when they were hunted by wolves, bears, and lynx. At reduced deer stocking levels, the forest begins to regenerate naturally. Meanwhile the remaining deer become healthier and larger. Fewer starve to death during harsh winters. Stalking continues, with venison sold to local butchers and hotels.

Of course, a truly rewilded landscape would require heavy grazing animals such as boar, bison and cattle, controlled by large apex predators. For many this is a step too far and I will leave that debate to another day.

What about jobs?

The baseline is extremely low. Sheep farming on poor quality uplands, deer stalking, and grouse shooting are extensive uses of land with few permanent jobs. Rewilding creates jobs in tree planting, estate and visitor management. Visitors then provide wider economic benefits for hotels and restaurants. If sensibly managed, deer stalking can continue on restored land, fishing will benefit, and timber production is possible often aimed at higher value craft uses.

If you'd like to support, or learn more about rewilding, then please visit Scotland: The Big Picture

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). [The Future of the Scottish Highlands \(carbonchoices.uk\)](#), **Neil Kitching, Carbon Choices, May 2023**



Two poems from the Cubbington event

Made It

It was the matchbox and the yoghurt pot,
sticky-back plasticked onto dolls' house furniture,
as instructed by Valerie, on Blue Peter, that led
half a century later, to the realisation that a bag,
designed for the long-term storage of blankets,
was made from exactly the sort of semi-rigid plastic
that could be reconfigured as a tunnel structure,
and, with the aid of Velcro and gaffer tape, fashioned
into a wind-and-hail-and-rain proof hand cover
so a young man might drive his wheelchair
to outdoor festivals and parties in the park
unimpeded by the vagaries of British weather,
and all for the sum of two pound thirty-seven
instead of three hundred dollars for the off-the-peg
version imported from America.

Trish Kerrison, April 2023

Sustainability (Of Self)

Search within yourself to find you care
Unaware of what you're throwing down the drain,
Sustain future generations, yourself as well
Tell your life's stories with love & laughter.
After you've gone to rest your head
Instead of how come, keep asking how?
Now focus on the larger personal tasks
Asked of your own personal society.
Be humble, aware of those in need
Indeed, be the strength that is able to build it back
Lacking the knowledge of where to begin
In case you can bring it back from the brink.
Think about it now, arrest the fall,
You may be your own planets last call.

Adam Lawrence, May 2023

Warwickshire County Council - Sustainable Warwickshire Podcast

New Adaptation Episode now available

In the latest edition of the Sustainable Warwickshire podcast, WFRS' Chief Fire Officer Ben Brook and Alan Carr from Sustainable West Midlands talk about how the effects of climate change are being felt across Warwickshire. They also share some of the steps being taken to respond, react and adapt so that our communities are protected and we are better prepared for the future. You can listen to this and previous episodes at <https://sustainablewarwickshire.podbean.com/>, or search for Sustainable Warwickshire on Spotify or Apple.



Events



Foundry Wood is 10!

Saturday 24th June, 2 – 6pm

Free Entry
(Donations
Welcome)



2 – 6pm: Entertainment,
activities and guided tours
throughout the afternoon
3 – 4pm: Bring & Share
Afternoon Tea

Join the Friends of Foundry Wood for an afternoon of celebrations

– it's been 10 years since we opened our gates to the public

Since then a lot has happened and we'd love you to join us for a celebration!

Expect music, storytelling, poetry, bug hunting, woodland crafts, nature trails, the history of Foundry Wood and much more...

Suitable for all ages. For more details visit www.foundrywood.co.uk/events

Foundry Wood is 10 Celebration! Can you believe it's 10 years since we opened the gates to the Foundry Wood Community Woodland? Come along on Sat 24th June 2 - 6pm for an afternoon of activities, entertainment, information displays, guided tours and much more!

[FOUNDRY WOOD IS 10! CELEBRATION EVENT - Royal Leamington Spa \(royal-
leamington-spa.co.uk\)](http://www.foundrywood.co.uk/events)



Games, tea and cake, music, family fun amongst
our trees in the Children's Forest at Leasowe
Farm.

Join our mailing list or get in touch via email for
further details including location and parking

<http://eepurl.com/hRz8U5> E: childrensforest@arccic.co.uk

Organised by ARC – Achieving Results in Communities

www.arccic.co.uk E: childrensforest@arccic.co.uk

Children's Forest at Leasowe Farm -
Save the date for an afternoon tea
gathering in the Children's Forest at
Leasowe Farm, near Radford Semele.
Saturday 8th July 2 - 4pm

[Children's Forest - ARC CIC](http://www.arccic.co.uk)

Kristie Naimo, Director, Achieving Results in Communities (ARC CIC), www.arccic.co.uk, Tel: 07906 262 364



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, bes and chicken keeping, free plants
- Cycle health 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

Booking is not essential but will help us know numbers for catering.
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/napton-eco-fair-tickets-626382074647>

DETAILS CORRECT AT TIME OF PRINTING

For further info call 07910 124324



Frock wearers of Napton!

TIRE OF YOUR SUMMER
 FROCK? OR WAS IT A MISTAKE?
 WHY NOT SWAP IT FOR
 SOMETHING DIFFERENT?
 CHOOSE A 'NEW' FROCK AT
 NAPTON ECO FAIR ON 1st July.



Napton Cidery will receive frocks before the Eco Fair
 (Thursdays and Fridays 9am to 6pm) and give you a
 voucher for a 'new' frock at the Fair, or bring a frock
 on the day and enjoy going home with something
 different!

Napton Eco Fair

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



- Produce an A4 sized piece of art reflecting your views on any aspect of climate change or the environment
- Bring your entry on the day to be displayed in the conservatory (put your contact details on the back*)
- Big box of chocolates for the most interesting entries as judged by NEAT – under 11, 11 to 16, and over 16



Climate and Environment Art Exhibition



**NAPTON
 ENVIRONMENTAL
 ACTION
 TEAM**



*All entries returned to the artist after the event. For further info – contact Jacky Lawrence by email: jackylawrence31@hotmail.co.uk

[NAPTON ECO FAIR Tickets, Sat 1 Jul 2023 at 10:30 | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/napton-eco-fair-tickets-626382074647)



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 \(heartofenglandcf.co.uk\)](#)

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](#)

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](#)
 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 \(theharmonyproject.org.uk\)](#)
 - ✓ [Sustainability and climate change: a strategy for the education and children's services systems - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

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

Member groups



Have we got the correct logo for your group or organisation?

For contact names and details see the May 2023 or earlier newsletters.

[LCWN-Newsletter-April-2023-issue-26.pdf \(harburyenergy.co.uk\)](#)

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



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, share your experiences, let others know of interesting low carbon news.

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