

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, Cubbington and Wroxall. **The next event being planned is for next year - 2024.**

Inspiring Ideas for Local Community Action – the launch of the Shrewley and Wroxall Environmental Action Team

This lively event attracted both locals and people from all over Warwickshire – from Ansley and Water Orton to Shipston and Napton to Alcester. The Kenilworth Town Council Mayor, Councillors from various Town and Parish Councils and some from a range of community groups came to find out more about ideas for community action.

Launch of SWEAT
Shrewley and Wroxall:
Inspiring ideas for local
community action



We were welcomed with a tasty breakfast snack of chick pea and vegetable pancakes and raita plus a really interesting talk given by Anne Marie Lambert from Get Cooking (Warwick). She gave her top tips on reducing food waste using tasty leftovers recipes and getting children engaged in cooking. She shared some of the surprising things she's come across in her work such as people who did not know that 'cabbage was in coleslaw' and 'chips came from a potato' in the 'if you don't know – you don't know' section of her talk.

[Cooking Made Easy - Get Cooking! \(get-cooking.co.uk\)](https://get-cooking.co.uk)

Hugh Reynolds entertained us with his 'Confused Recycler' performance poem. Martin Wood talked about all the things they have done in Wren Hall to reduce energy consumption – construction of the extension using a timber framed building, air source heating, insulation, LED lighting, point of use hot water and remote control of the heating when the building is being used.

Louise Bowlt from Act on Energy talked about energy efficiency using a retrofitted doll's house to demonstrate 11 different actions that can be taken at home. [What does retrofit mean? - Act on Energy - Energy Advice Charity](#)



The suggestions for a local action plan from those that lived in and around Wroxall and Shrewley included: Basic cookery lessons for both children and adults; making jams, pickles and chutneys from gluts; supporting local schools; a community orchard; a harvest share veg scheme; plant and seed swaps; sharing knowledge on how to repair things; incredible edible raised beds at Wren Hall and sharing good practice through local case studies. 24 people signed up to continue the discussion on how to take things further.

At the end of the event Martin gave a tour of Wren Hall grounds covering biodiversity, soil matters and other projects.



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.

The LCWN Steering Group have also started to develop an **event resource library** including action, pledge and creativity ideas plus posters to support you.

Introducing the New RSA Area Manager for the Central Region

Hi, I'm Callum, the Central Area Manager for the RSA. I have a background of working with youth charities and engaging community organisations to work collaboratively, building connections and relationships for the collective good. I believe sustainability is crucial as we all have a duty to improve the world that we live in, and to enable those who come after us to live and thrive in a safe and happy environment. I feel supporting groups like the **Low Carbon Warwickshire Network** is important as meaningful discussion and change often happens first at a local level and the work they have done so far is testament to this.



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The RSA – the royal society for encouragement of the arts, manufactures and commerce. Where world-leading ideas are turned into world-changing actions. The RSA is committed to a world where everyone can fulfil their potential and contribute to more resilient, rebalanced, and regenerative futures.

LCWN Steering Group

The steering group meet infrequently and only when we have something of significance to discuss. **If you would like to get in touch with us please contact Bob Sherman** at lowcarbonwarks@gmail.com

Diary Date

There will be a **LCWN Spring Social** gathering plus bring and share lunch in Napton, 12:30 till 3 on **Saturday 23rd March** 2024. Contact Jacky Lawrence for further details if you'd like to join us at lowcarbonwarks@gmail.com or email: jackylawrence31@hotmail.co.uk



To find out a little more about the steering group members see their '**who are we?**' answers:-

Bob Sherman - [LCWN-Newsletter-Issue-3-February-2021.pdf \(harburyenergy.co.uk\)](https://harburyenergy.co.uk/LCWN-Newsletter-Issue-3-February-2021.pdf)

Jacky Lawrence - [LCWN-Newsletter-Issue-7-June-2021.pdf \(harburyenergy.co.uk\)](https://harburyenergy.co.uk/LCWN-Newsletter-Issue-7-June-2021.pdf)

Ted Dowdeswell - [LCWN-Newsletter-Issue-9-August-2021.pdf \(harburyenergy.co.uk\)](https://harburyenergy.co.uk/LCWN-Newsletter-Issue-9-August-2021.pdf)

Ian Wood - [LCWN-Newsletter-Issue-10-September-2021.pdf \(harburyenergy.co.uk\)](https://harburyenergy.co.uk/LCWN-Newsletter-Issue-10-September-2021.pdf)

Teresa Buckle - [LCWN-Newsletter-February-2023-issue-24.pdf \(harburyenergy.co.uk\)](https://harburyenergy.co.uk/LCWN-Newsletter-February-2023-issue-24.pdf)

Matt Black - [LCWN-Newsletter-April-2023-issue-26.pdf \(harburyenergy.co.uk\)](https://harburyenergy.co.uk/LCWN-Newsletter-April-2023-issue-26.pdf)

Louise Bowlt - [LCWN-Newsletter-August-2023-issue-30.pdf \(harburyenergy.co.uk\)](https://harburyenergy.co.uk/LCWN-Newsletter-August-2023-issue-30.pdf)

Bryn Turner -

LCWN Schools Project Team

Thank you to all those who have contacted us with comments and enquiries, most of which were about solar panels for schools. This is what we hoped would happen as it gives us an idea of which areas we can explore further to help.

The LCWN is, of course, particularly interested in encouraging the reduction of carbon levels and the use and cost of energy consumption is a priority in this direction. We have been communicating for some time with Solar for Schools. It is a Community Benefit Society (CBS) which offers a scheme for schools to acquire solar panels without having to directly invest themselves and offering benefits if schools group together for the purpose. More details about this scheme are on the Solar for Schools Website. ([Solar for Schools - Education funded by the sun](#)).

This organisation also offers an online educational programme which hopes to teach students everything they should know about the environment, energy, electricity, and photovoltaics.

Other environmental programmes available to download proliferate and Jacky includes any new sources which come to our attention in the Newsletters and in a **school resource pack**. We would be interested to know of any which you are currently using, or have used, and your thoughts about any you have found valuable aids to curriculum requirements.

We are also interested in the ways in which different schools fit the various aspects of Climate Change and Sustainability into different, or even all, aspects of the curriculum. Something in the Leamington Spa Courier caught my eye a few weeks ago and I was delighted in the way the school had managed to include so many aspects of learning under a chosen topic. I thought you might also like to know about St. John's Primary School Bee Project.

St. John's Primary School Bee Project.

Leamington Spa Courier (28th July) printed a great article about a Bee Project which had taken place at St. John's Primary School in Kenilworth resulting in the school receiving the first Silver Award under the Bee Friendly Schools Award Scheme launched by 'Bee Friendly Kenilworth and Leamington'. It sounded interesting and I wanted to learn more so I contacted the school. Year Three Teacher, Saurabhi Bhawe, generously spent time with me on a Friday afternoon after school to tell me how it all came about.

Ms Bhawe explained how at St. John's, Year Groups work with Claire Tennant, the school's STEM lead, on topics which integrate the different STEM areas of the curriculum. Year Three's topic for that term was



Bees which gave ample opportunities to link with the stages of the curriculum for the 7-8 year olds in Science, Maths, Technology, English etc. such as learning the anatomy of a bee, together with the appropriate vocabulary and terminology around beehive structure and beekeeping, contrasting and discussing the benefits of pictures of wild flower meadows with stark concrete surroundings, writing persuasive letter to local councillors to encourage wild areas to grow etc.

I am not conversant with the exact aims of each stage of the school curriculum these days but as she spoke, it became obvious that Saurabhi had researched the subject thoroughly and I became excited and in awe of the imaginative and skilled way in which this topic had been presented to involve and engage these young students.

After the introductory work, Jo Harper, the Education Co-ordinator of Bee Friendly Kenilworth came into the school to deliver a 'Why Bees Matter' awareness session which incorporated a physical game of the 'Pollen Hunt Challenge' where the children took the roles which different bees comprising the hive play to sustain it. The game encourages them to think about the threats bees face in order to survive and ways to overcome them in order to gather enough pollen for their colony of bees to survive.

Saurabhi smiled when she was recounting this and said simply 'sticky learning!' How clever to connect the word stickiness associated with honeybees to the developmental understanding that identifying with bees and acting out their roles was a clever way of ensuring that this knowledge sticks in the child's mind!

It was of course also fun, so the ripples of the project spread throughout the school with a beekeeping parent bringing in a demonstration hive for other classes to observe safely. They also planted wildflower areas in different parts of the school ground, sowed seeds to take home, grew vegetables and fund raised with the vegetables they produced. Kenilworth Lions supported the project by donating funds for wildflower seeds and the purchase of a fruit tree which was presented to the Headteacher, Adam Lee, by the Mayor of Kenilworth, Alix Dearing, along with the Silver Award for being a Bee Friendly School, in fact the first Bee Friendly school to achieve it.

The enthusiasm created by this is project is perhaps embedded in the ethos of St. John's School, as towards the end of my conversation with Saurabhi, Headteacher, Adam Lee, came in to say 'Hello' and talked glowingly about the extent and success of the project explaining that pupils had come to him expressing their concern for the environment and wanting to do more to help. The school now has a Pupil Environmental Council and two 'Family Environmental Plastic -Free Days' are planned for November with planning on the way for Earth Day Celebrations in February.

We can look forward to watching the Environmental Movement develop with the children at St. John's School Kenilworth.

Teresa Buckle, LCWN

We would love to hear about any school initiatives which you think could be shared. Do email, **Teresa (O'Connor) Buckle** at: toconnor2@btinternet.com



Adam Lee, Head Teacher at St. John's Primary School and Nursery, Kenilworth, requested the **school resource pack** and said:

"Thanks for sending this through. Some of the links in this document will likely prove useful in our upcoming environment days, coinciding with the COP summit in Nov/Dec. The aim of these days is enacting a small change in each house across our community, building on the plastic free work of last year. The two days of learning in school will focus on 'raising awareness', culminating in an open event where children will invite parents to make a change in their household in one of three themes:

1. *Reducing energy use*
2. *Reduce, reuse, recycle*
3. *Supporting renewable energy*

As a school, our parent association are raising money over the next three years with the aim of installing LED lighting in the building, reducing our energy use and impact."

LCWN Resource Library

Cubbington and Lillington Environmental Action Network (CLEAN) shared their 'Pledge Board' activity.

Selfie Pledge Board

LCWN event organisers can borrow this large painted selfie pledge board. You need enough time in your event for this activity and a person to manage the activity - to help people write their pledge, get into the holes on the board, pass them their pledge sheet, and use their phone to take a photo.

Purpose

To get people to think about what actions they could do to help the environment.

Objective

To get people to decide on one thing they are willing to do to reduce their environmental footprint.

Task

People at your event use the 'I pledge to' sheet to write down what their pledge is and get their photo taken.



Presentation

All the pieces of paper with pledges written on them could be photographed separately or together and used in any post event publicity or further community engagement – or with permission – use a selfie photo.



Diary Date – Saturday 18th November, 2:45 to 5:30, Lapworth Village Hall



Green Pop Up Cafe

SAVE THE DATE 18TH NOVEMBER

Everyone Welcome ages 0 to 110

Come say hello and join us for:
Expert tips for lower energy bills
Nature Talks
Happy Confident Kids In the Wild activities.

All FREE including tea, coffee and cakes.

Happy Confident Kids

Hosted by your Green Councillors:
David Armstrong, Kyn Aizlewood,
Zoe Leventhal & Alix Dearing
Working actively in our community.

Sat 18 Nov 2023
2.45pm - 5.30pm
Lapworth Village Hall

Promoted by Warwick District Green Party c/o 6 Waverley Road Leamington Spa CV31 2DF

Diary Date – Tomorrow's Wellesbourne event, 27th Jan 2024, Sustainable Wellesbourne



Kineton Clean Water - taking action

Kineton Clean Water group are planning to do some water testing in Kineton's little River Dene after hearing that there were 179 hours of sewage "overspill" into the Dene in 2022.

It is their intention is to hold an open meeting in the next few weeks, to invite interest (and indignation) and look for help with funding testing kits. They hope to work with other groups testing water throughout the Severn Basin, especially locally.

If you are interested in joining this group, they can be found at [Kineton Clean Water – Kineton community](#)
Their email address is water@kinetoncommunity.co.uk

[Kineton Water Babies – aka Kineton Clean Water – Kineton community](#) [Kineton community – Looking ahead](#). Their email address is water@kinetoncommunity.co.uk



Who are you?

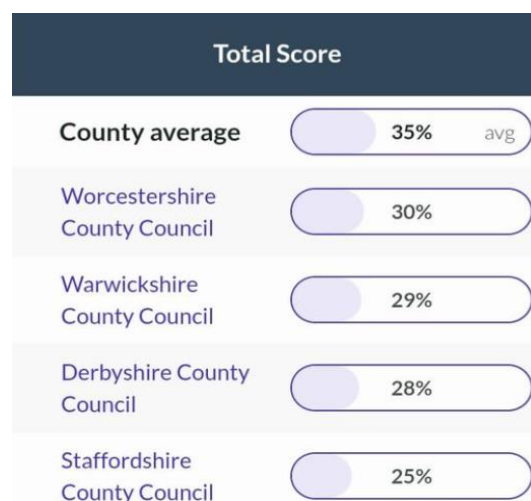
If you have an interesting story to tell which could inspire others to take action, please send your answers to the five 'who are we?' questions to lowcarbonworks@gmail.com. We'll include your story in a future newsletter.

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?

Climate Emergency UK Score cards

Climate Emergency UK assessed all UK councils on the actions they've taken towards net zero. The Scorecard assessment consists of 91 questions or less, depending on council type, across 7 different sections, created in consultation with over 90 different organisations and individuals. Each council was marked against these criteria and given a right to reply before the scores underwent a final audit. This work was completed between January and August 2023.

Below are the scores for Warwickshire Borough and District Councils and the counties in the West Midlands.



[Council Climate Action Scorecards | Climate Emergency UK \(councilclimatescorecards.uk\)](https://councilclimatescorecards.uk)

Reflections on Carbon Choices - by our guest blogger Neil Kitching

Three years on from publishing Carbon Choices, what has changed? Would I write the same again? What is next? Another book?

I wrote Carbon Choices during the Covid-19 pandemic. I felt inspired, almost compelled, to help to change our world. I had known for years that we were heading towards societal and ecological catastrophe and was frustrated that so few people seemed to know or care or act. If only they really understood what was happening, then they would campaign to change everything for the better. At least that was my belief. Now I am not so sure.



Climate Change

Carbon Choices has a chapter that summarises the impacts of climate change. Re-reading it today, it hasn't really dated. I did say climate change was potentially "disastrous," and that many of its effects will be "irreversible." I underestimated impacts such as the increase in extent and ferocity of forest fires; whilst the impact on cloud cover is new research that might result in more extreme climate change. What people haven't really got their heads around is that a 2°C rise in temperature doesn't sound much but it will result in a shift in climatic zones. Human society, and crucially agriculture, developed within stable climate zones. Any shift will be disruptive for our society, and even more catastrophic for nature which has little space to migrate to.

Some Progress.....

There is some good news. The roll-out of solar energy has been faster than predicted and innovation continues to result in cheaper, lighter, and more efficient solar panels. Similarly, electric vehicles have reached a tipping point in some countries and will soon become the dominant form of transport, at least, in developed countries. As always, this is due to a combination of innovation, multiple supportive regulations, taxes, and subsidies.

Aviation

Re-reading my chapter on aviation, I was a bit muddled in my solutions. There is still no technology available to eradicate the environmental impact of aviation. I am sceptical of the progress being made on electric planes, as I think these will spawn new short-distance commuter and tourist sight-seeing markets, rather than displace any existing markets.

What we need is an immediate mandate on the aviation industry to use an increasing proportion of 'sustainable aviation fuel' in every flight. This mandate needs to increase each year. This will be expensive to achieve but innovation and economies of scale will reduce this cost. In addition, the Government should levy a substantial carbon tax on every flight with the money raised used to research and deploy projects to bury carbon dioxide underground – a permanent storage reservoir. Airlines also need incentives to fly their aeroplanes at an altitude that will avoid making contrails as far as possible.

Heating

In the UK, glacially slow progress continues in the shift to new low carbon heating systems for our homes. The solutions exist. Large-scale district heating systems in dense urban areas (like Copenhagen), individual air sourced heat pumps in the suburbs and for isolated rural properties; and small-scale communal ground sourced heat pumps for villages and some areas of our cities. All of these are capital intensive to build and are undermined by the low running cost of burning gas. We need to bring the capital costs down. This can be achieved by the usual mechanisms of innovation and economies of scale. Adopt a street-by-street approach, offering each household a new heating system at the same time. This will require planning, organisation, community engagement and deployment – is this too difficult for us?

Is Education Enough?

My hope was that by educating people in the facts, they would all work towards solutions to our climate change impacts. I have had a lot of feedback from individuals who have read Carbon Choices. They have made changes to their lives; travel by train instead of aeroplane, eat less meat; are thinking about buying an electric car. Unfortunately, whilst good, most are too small to make much of a difference.

Education is necessary, particularly around areas of behavioural change such as improved diets. But education doesn't seem to be enough to overcome vested and political interests.

Vested Interests

I am an advocate for more regulations to force manufacturers, retailers, and the public to change to lower their carbon impact. Regulations are fair on everybody, they encourage innovation, and they enable fast, sometimes overnight, change.

So, why don't Governments introduce more regulations? It is because of vested industrial interests. Big corporations employ lobbyists whose job is to sow the seeds of doubt; to water down and delay any new regulation. Often their claims are backed-up by a newspaper headline, and the Government wants to be seen to be 'listening,' so they announce another public 'consultation.' The lobbyists input and/ or respond to the consultation and so the dither and delay continues. You end up with the ridiculous situation in the UK where one arm of Government provides subsidies to replace gas boilers with heat pumps, whilst another arm is consulting on a future ban on installing gas boilers in new houses. In the meantime, housebuilders continue to install thousands of new gas boilers every year.

The Underlying Causes?

The underlying causes of human induced climate change are the constant desire to grow our economies and to consume more goods and services. All of this requires ever more energy and more raw materials, whether it is minerals or agricultural products. Resource efficiency helps, but population growth and increased consumption offset any gains.

So, is capitalism the problem? Perhaps not, as all political regimes advocate growth. It is excess consumption that is the problem, and few economists are advocating new models to address that. There is some talk of 'degrowth' and 'community economics' but I don't see any mass appeal to this from the public.

The Way Forward

I do feel that Carbon Choices hasn't really aged. I could update a few case studies, but its underlying message is still as valid today. I feel that educating everybody is still a worthy aim but isn't sufficient on its own. So, I will keep writing blogs, and write another book on the solutions to climate change when I retire.

We need guts. We need to tackle vested interests head on – their scare stories rarely come to light. We need innovation, regulation and to 'sell' a vision of a better future to the public.

So, rather than (or in addition to) make a minor change to your lifestyle, you could create a bigger impact by influencing your local politicians, writing to businesses, and proposing and responding to Government consultations on faster, smarter regulations.

Perhaps, the pen is mightier than the sword?

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).

[Reflections on Carbon Choices](#) **Neil Kitching, Carbon Choices, September 2023**



Thoughts from an Organic Farmer - Get fair about farming.

Farmers cannot keep feeding us if they are denied commitment and security, and are not making a fair, reasonable profit.

Every day, my mother used to cook lunches for family, farm staff and anyone who was passing. It was great food, made from great ingredients – with minimal fuss, no packaging and no supermarkets quadrupling the price in between. As a child, I thought everyone ate like that. Those lunches inspired so much of what I have done at Riverford; like most farmers, I love feeding people and have devoted my working life to doing it well. However, farmers cannot keep feeding us if they are denied commitment and security and are not making a fair, reasonable profit.



During my 50 years of farming, the proportion of the price of food which actually goes to farmers has fallen relentlessly. Instead, ever more goes to supermarkets and food processors. This imbalance of power, combined with climate change and fickle government policy, has brought the farming industry I love to its knees. Almost half (49 per cent) of British fruit and veg farmers fear they will go out of business within the next year. Supermarket behaviour is a leading cause.

The exploitation of many small producers by a few large, powerful retailers, driving the surviving farmers to increasingly environmentally destructive practices, is not an immutable rule of nature. It is a political and social choice – and a better way is possible. Over 20 years, Riverford has developed a Fair to Farmers Charter. Unique in our industry, this humane and honourable document sets out guidelines for both us and our suppliers, ensuring that our relationships are mutually fair and beneficial. An independent ombudsman is in place to settle any disputes. After decades spent building Riverford, our supplier relationships and the diverse businesses they support are what I am most proud of.

We have written an open letter to the CEOs of the 'big six' supermarkets, urging them to adopt five key principles from our charter: pay what you agreed to pay, buy what you agreed to buy, agree on fair specifications, commit for the long term and pay on time. Government support is also vital – so we are petitioning for three of these principles (commitments to agreed quantities and prices, and prompt payment) to be made legally binding for all supermarkets, without exception.

[Get fair about farming - Wicked Leeks \(riverford.co.uk\)](https://riverford.co.uk)

Guy Singh-Watson, September 2023, farmer and founder and creator of Riverford Organic Farm

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

Community Newsletters

- [Community Engagement Resources for TPCs on Climate - Warwickshire & West Midlands ALC Ltd. \(walc.org.uk\)](#)

WCC News

- [Warwickshire Climate Emergency – Warwickshire Climate Emergency](#)
- [Working in partnership to create wildflower meadows at Rowley Fields in Stratford – Warwickshire County Council](#)
- [Wildflower Meadow at Ryton Pools Country Park Blooms with Biodiversity – Warwickshire County Council](#)
- [Huge boost for electric vehicle charging in Warwickshire! – Warwickshire County Council](#)
- [Request a new electric charging point \(office.com\)](#)
- [Walk, cycle or scoot your way back for the new school year! – Warwickshire County Council](#)
- [Creating safer school streets in Warwickshire – Warwickshire County Council](#)
- [New recycling shop at St Paul's School in Leamington Spa – Warwickshire County Council](#)

Repair Cafés

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](#)
- [Local Nature Action Plans guidance for town and parish councils \(southglos.gov.uk\)](#)
 - [How can local authorities engage the public on climate decision-making? | Involve](#)
 - [Climate change action programme - Warwick District Council \(warwickdc.gov.uk\)](#)
 - [Public engagement on climate: a practical guide | Involve](#)
 - [Shared Future CIC | Empowering, Sustaining, Innovating](#)
 - [UK100 | Network of highly ambitious local government leaders for cleaner, more powerful communities](#)
 - [Climate Outreach](#)
 - [Climate News - Record-breaking September heat \(govdelivery.com\)](#)
 - [Half of Britain's fruit and veg growers 'may go out of business within a year' - Wicked Leeks \(riverford.co.uk\)](#)
 - [Save British family farms - sign the petition \(getfairaboutfarming.co.uk\)](#)
 - <https://youtu.be/qWWAE4NEnFw>



- A Scottish company manufactures electric fire engines! **Emergency One UK Ltd** is celebrating following a contract with Hérault Fire Service to supply its innovative electric fire appliances and further the net zero goals for the French fire service. <https://e1group.co.uk/> [Emergency One Secures Export of Electric Fire Appliance to France \(e1group.co.uk\)](https://e1group.co.uk/ Emergency One Secures Export of Electric Fire Appliance to France (e1group.co.uk))
- **Microsoft UK and The Crown Estate** have partnered to launch a new initiative aimed at educating children on wind energy and biodiversity, via the use of popular video game Minecraft. [Engaging Minecraft Worlds for Environmental Education: Offshore Wind Power Challenge and Windsor Great Park \(edie.net\)](https://www.edie.net/news/microsoft-crown-estate-minecraft-environmental-education/)
- [Kenilworth primary school becomes Warwick district's first 'bee friendly school' \(warwickshireworld.com\)](https://www.warwickshireworld.com/news/kenilworth-primary-school-becomes-warwick-districts-first-bee-friendly-school/)
- [Sewage Map | The Rivers Trust](https://www.rivers-trust.org.uk/)

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

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

The LCWN aims to bring people together to share ideas and stimulate new activity in rural areas.

Keen to see real practical change in your community?

Are you part of a local low carbon group? Why not join us and the 33 groups already in the Network?

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

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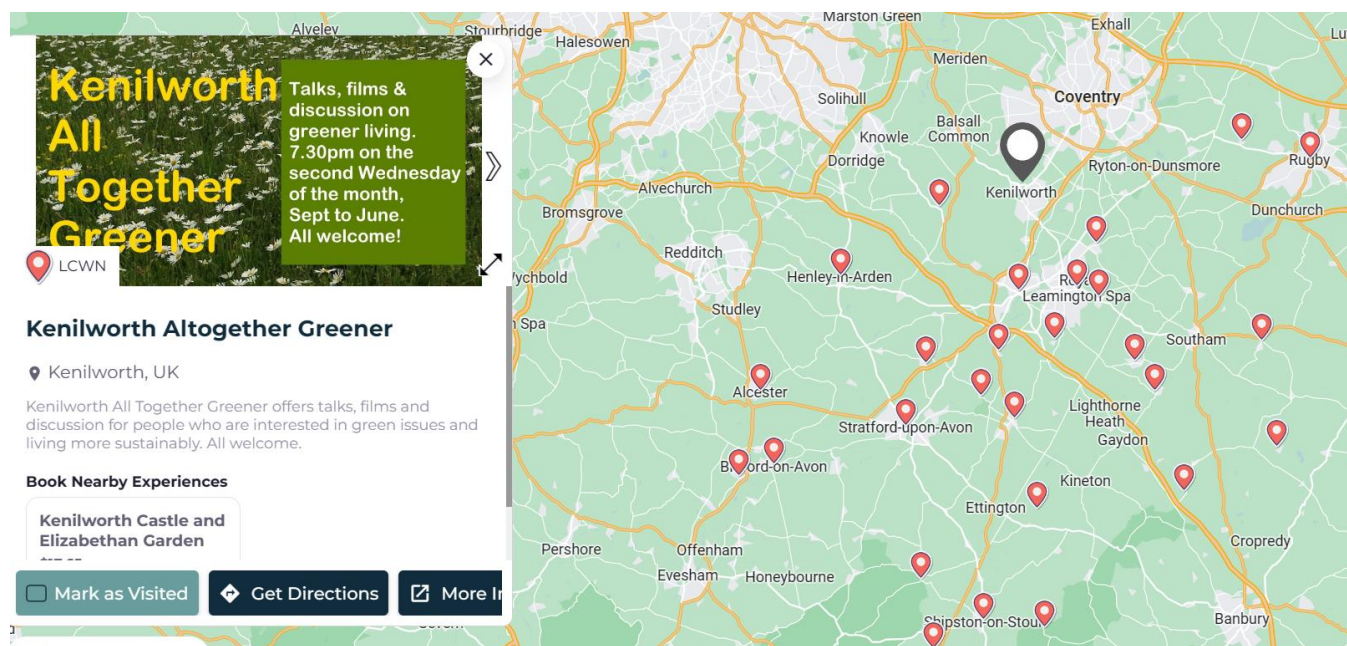
Shrewley and Wroxall Environment Action Team (SWEAT)

Clean Water Kineton

Arley and Ansley Big Local



With support from Nik at Arley and Ansley Big Local and her husband Chris we are creating a web resource showing where all the community groups and Parish and Town Councils active in tackling the climate crisis are and giving a link to their web sites – **so make sure your web page is up to date.**



LCWN Facebook group set up by Emma Powell for everyone to share useful things. Please like and follow it. Please send any comments to lowcarbonworks@gmail.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.

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

Please send all copy (by 12th of each month), news items, case studies, details of events, comments, suggestions and enquiries about this newsletter to: lowcarbonworks@gmail.com referring to the issue date and number for queries or phone Jacky Lawrence on 07906 440496.

Question from Sustainable Wellesbourne

Anyone got any experience of developing a Local Nature Action Plan with links to surrounding villages with wildlife corridors?