

CONNECTING LOW CARBON GROUPS ACROSS THE COUNTY

Low Carbon Warwickshire Network Newsletter

November 2023 – Issue 33

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 will be 'Tomorrow's Wellesbourne' on 27th January 2024.**

A Good Thing CIC – matchmaking businesses with stuff to give away with local charities who want it

A Good Thing CIC (www.agoodthing.org.uk) runs an online platform that allows businesses (of any size and of any type) to quickly and easily give things away to local charities – meaning less to landfill and more to a good cause.



The idea is super simple: businesses are generating too much waste, while many charities are in need of more resources. **A Good Thing** connects the two.

It's really easy for charities and other not-for-profit organisations to get involved: it takes 30 seconds to register for a free account at www.agoodthing.org.uk, and then you can immediately begin to request any items that are on offer nearby.



Businesses can – and do! – give away literally anything they no longer need. Laptops, plastic bags, candles, stationery, gardening equipment, end-of-line clothing, packaging, crafting materials and half-used tins of paint have all been successfully donated to local charities via the platform... alongside the more traditional items like furniture and IT equipment.

The team at **A Good Thing** love to see things being saved from landfill. Companies can make such a difference to their communities through supporting the wonderful work of local charities.

Fran Hopes

Communications Volunteer, A Good Thing CIC

www.agoodthing.org.uk www.facebook.com/agoodthing.org.uk www.twitter.com/agoodthing_uk
www.linkedin.com/company/agoodthing-org-uk www.instagram.com/agoodthing_uk



Lapworth – Pop Up Green Café

People came to have interesting conversations about:-

- Progress on Kenilworth's Climate Road Map
- Low Energy Buildings, Thermal Imaging cameras, what to recycle and where
- Bee Friendly Kenilworth and how to become a bee friendly town
- Green Councillor ambitions, and
- Harbury Energy Initiative and the Low Carbon Warwickshire Network.



**Green
Pop Up
Cafe**

SAVE THE DATE
18TH NOVEMBER



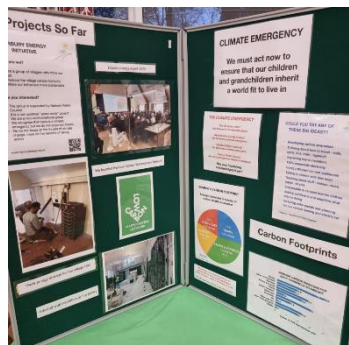
Everyone
Welcome

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.

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

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



Bee Friendly Town checklist

- We have planted up patches of land such as roundabouts with Bee Friendly plants
- We have a Bee Friendly School or College in our town
- We have made our local railway station Bee Friendly
- We have put up homes for wildlife in the town
- We have set up a seed and Bee Friendly plant exchange point
- We have promoted pesticide-free gardening
- We have a Bee Friendly pub
- We have celebrated guerrilla planting
- We have committed to running a community event to promote pollinators



Photo: Zoe Leventhal, Kenilworth Greens

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 or Jacky Lawrence at lowcarbonwarks@gmail.com**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bryn Turner -

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

If you would like to host an RSA 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 your event planning.

The RSA

Callum Bate is the Area Manager for the Central Area. His contact details are: The RSA, 8 John Adam Street, London, WC2N 6EZ, e: Callum.Bate@rsa.org.uk, w: [The RSA - RSA](#)



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.

Diary Dates

The ‘**Tomorrow’s Wellesbourne**’ event on **January 27th 2024** will be in the Church Centre, Church Street, Wellesbourne, CV35 9LS. It will be a half day event and speakers will talk about action elsewhere to inspire. Doors will open at 9.30 a.m. for refreshments with talks starting at 10.00, followed by discussions and feedback then closing at 1 p.m..



Question from Sustainable Wellesbourne

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

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



Napton Know-How Talks on sharing skills and knowledge will start at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 20th 2024 with a talk on how to make your home energy efficient on a budget and how to use a thermal imaging camera to identify where heat is leaking from your home.



**NAPTON
ENVIRONMENTAL
ACTION
TEAM**

**TOWARDS
NET ZERO**

THE NAPTON KNOW HOW TALKS SKILLS + KNOWLEDGE SHARING

**SATURDAY AFTERNOONS ... 2-4^{PM}
NAPTON VILLAGE HALL, CV47 8LS**

**Free Entry
Donations
Welcomed**

- 20th Jan'** **An Energy Efficient Home on a Budget – Phil Hemsley (Rugby)**
Phil is a Fellow of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. He has applied his knowledge to cutting CO2 emissions in a cost-effective way. He has made his own home (a 1930s semi) net zero for less than £10k. He's also on the Church of England Energy Advisory Group and working to reduce costs for St. George's Rugby.
- Thermal Imaging to Identify Heat Losses – Jim Sleight (Napton)**
NEAT has been awarded funds to buy a 'thermal imaging camera'. Images taken (with consent) can show where heat is being lost to help you focus on where to improve insulation. Understand how the scheme will work + register interest in a future survey.
- 17th Feb'** **Growing Fruit and Veg' – Rebecca Stevenson**
Five Acre Farm – a Community Supported Agriculture Project is based at Ryton Organic Gardens, Ryton on Dunsmore.
NAPTON SEED SWAP – to be confirmed



FUTURE DATES

**TOPICS + SPEAKERS TO BE CONFIRMED
23rd March; 13th April; 18th May; 22nd June
SEE YOUR COMMUNITY FACEBOOK SITES**

**RESTORING
NATURE**

LCWN Schools Project Team – Useful links

The Harmony Project Resources - Which is my favourite wildflower and why?

[Medium-term plan: Which is my favourite wildflower and why? - The Harmony Project](#)

In this enquiry of learning, students learn how to identify wildflowers native to the UK and find out why they are so important in a healthy ecosystem.

How many wildflowers can you name? How many do you think your students could name? The learning enquiry set out in this medium-term planning, linked to the principle of the Cycle, allows you and your students to become experts in identifying wildflowers native to the UK and to explore why wildflowers are so important to pollinators, playing a crucial role in maintaining healthy, resilient ecosystems.

Half-termly planning overview Year 1 – Summer Term 1



Enquiry question: Which is my favourite wildflower and why?

Harmony principle: The principle of the Cycle

Great Work: Sowing seeds to create wildflower meadows

Partners in learning: Local gardeners, gardens and garden centres; the RHS

Sustainability theme: Creating and preserving local wildflower meadows



Weekly Questions						
	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
	What is a wildflower?	What do wildflowers need to grow and survive?	What are the parts of a wildflower and what does each part do?	Why are wildflowers important?	How can we care for wildflowers?	Where can we sow local wildflower meadows?
GEOMETRY	What shapes are seeds and why? (drawing seeds using two overlapping circles)	How can circles help me to draw a three-petalled flower?	How can circles help me to draw a four-petalled flower?	How can circles help me to draw a five-petalled flower?	What will help me create a symmetrical butterfly drawing?	How can circles help me to draw a six-petalled flower?
SCIENCE	What are wildflowers and where do we find them?	How do plants get water?	Which parts of a plant can I name?	Why do plants have flowers? Why are their flowers important to other creatures?	How do butterflies, bees and other insects help plants?	How can we use our learning to pick the best spot to sow a wildflower meadow?
GEOGRAPHY	How can I use a map to plan a wildflower walk?	How can I show where I found wildflowers on a map? (wildflower walk)	How many different types of wildflowers can I find? (recording data)	How will I create a sketch map of our school grounds? (aerial photos for support)	How can I use a key to show different things on my map of our school grounds?	How can I show where we will sow a wildflower meadow on my map of our school grounds?
ENGLISH	What sentences can I write to describe the shapes and colours of wildflowers?	How will I create a wildflower shape poem?	How will I retell the story of <i>Jack and the Beanstalk</i> ?	How will I write my own 'wildflower' story of <i>Jack and the Beanstalk</i> ?	How well can I describe the stages in the life cycle of a wildflower?	What will I include in a booklet about my favourite wildflower?
GPS FOCUS	How well can I use full stops and capital letters in sentences?	How can I use describing words in a poem?	How does adding -ed to verbs help me write a story?	When could I use an exclamation mark in a story?	What words help show the order things happen in? (first, then, finally...)	How can I use conjunctions to add information to sentences?
MATHS	How can I add and subtract using seeds?	How can seeds help me count in 2s, 5s and 10s?	What arrays can I make with seeds?	How can I share seeds equally into pots?	How can I show halves and quarters of flowers by colouring petals?	How can I find fractions of amounts of seeds?
ART & DESIGN	How accurately can I sketch a wildflower?	What will I use to create a wildflower collage?	How can I mix colours to create a watercolour still life painting?	How can I blow paint to create the background for a wildflower meadow artwork?	Which wildflowers will I add to my wildflower meadow artwork using oil pastels?	What detail will I add to my butterfly using bright colours? (link to Geometry)
IT & COMPUTING	How will I create a storyboard for an animation showing how a wildflower grows?	How can I create the first frames in my wildflower animation?	How can I create the final frames in my wildflower animation?	How can I find out information on the internet about my favourite wildflower?	How can I find and collect images of my favourite wildflower on the internet to use in a booklet?	How can I use the information and images I've found to create a page for my wildflower booklet?
PSHE	What helps us to grow?	What things are good for our bodies?	What things aren't good for our bodies?	How can we keep our bodies safe?	What things help us to feel well?	How can we help others to feel well?
NOTES	Bring in a selection of good-sized seeds	'Wildflower Walk' to identify different wildflowers	'Wildflower Walk' to collect data about wildflowers	Visit from local gardener or other 'Partner in learning'	Plan opportunity for mindfulness activities and/or time spent outdoors in PSHE	GREAT WORK Sowing seeds to create a wildflower meadow (or pots to take home)

The learning in this medium-term planning is celebrated through a Great Work that sees students sow wildflower meadows. Depending on the grounds of your school, space could be cleared for this around the edges of the school field, in flowerbeds or containers – seeds can even be sown in pots to take home if space is tight. This allows young people not only to learn about the importance of protecting our remaining biodiversity, but also to find ways of enhancing it.

Wildflower meadows are magical, especially when bees and butterflies are buzzing over them. In the autumn, students can be involved in collecting some of the wildflower seed heads and gathering and storing seeds ready to sow the following year. This is a great way for the students to learn how a cyclical system works.

The Science content in this medium-term plan links to National Curriculum objectives relating to flowering plants and the conditions they need to thrive. This knowledge of how wildflowers and other flowering plants grow can be applied in IT & Computing to creating a wildflower animation. There are opportunities in Geography to produce sketch maps using aerial photos of the school grounds for support, and to record on them the best places to sow wildflower meadows in preparation for the Great Work.

This enquiry links to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 15 Life on Land.

[What can we learn from the principle of the Cycle? - The Harmony Project](#)

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

LCWN Resource Library

Posters Warwickshire County Council has created a set of four posters – active travel, biodiversity, plastic pollution, recycling.



Purpose to raise awareness of some of the impacts and causes of climate change.

Objective to show some of the ways that we can all play our part in living in a more sustainable way.

Task use them to get people talking about the different topics.

Presentation put them on tabletop display boards or carefully on the walls at your event. **Do you have any other ideas about how to use them?**

You can borrow them from the LCWN resource library – or if you want your own copies (either printed or digital), you can email WCC at climateemergency@warwickshire.gov.uk.

Who are we? Introducing.

This month we get **Martin Wood**, from **Shrewley and Wroxall Environmental Action Team (SWEAT)** to tell us something about his low carbon journey.

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

When I was 16 I came across “A Blueprint for Survival” published in 1972 as a special edition of The Ecologist and in book form as a Penguin Special. I still have my copies and the warnings they heralded 50 years ago are still relevant and even more pressing today.

“By now it should be clear that the main problems of the environment do not arise from temporary and accidental malfunctions of existing economic systems. On the contrary, they are warning signs of a profound incompatibility between deeply rooted beliefs in continuous growth and the dawning recognition of the earth as a space ship, limited in its resources and vulnerable to thoughtless mishandling.”

2. What made you commit to doing something?

A couple of years later my mate Steve and I were sent by our school to a Symposium on the theme of “Survival” at the Clarendon Hotel in Leamington Spa. Among the speakers was Ronald Sampson from the University of Bristol who talked about “power structures” as one of the great threats to our survival.

Sitting next to Ronald Sampson at lunch I noticed that he wasn’t eating meat unlike the rest of us and I asked him why that was. His answer was simply “I don’t like eating dead animals”. That struck a chord with Steve and I and from that day on we both stopped eating meat.

3. What have you done?

For over 20 years I lectured students from all around the world on sustainable farming systems, farming which puts the nurturing of healthy soil at the heart of food production. I’m now involved with encouraging more sustainable, low carbon living in our local community. We’ve just launched our local action group, Shrewley and Wroxall Environment Action Team (SWEAT) to carry these ideas forward.

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

My younger days were spent mainly on farms around Wroxall watching, listening and helping out where I could with farm work, in other words keeping my feet firmly planted on the ground! Diane and I also now have grandchildren and feel a strong need to do what we can to provide our future generations with the kind of good life that we’ve been fortunate to enjoy.

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

Soil contains more biodiversity than a tropical rain forest! Take care of your soil and all its teeming life and it will take care of you, providing you with a sustainable supply of healthy and nourishing food.

Martin Wood, Shrewley and Wroxall Environmental Action Team (SWEAT), November 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 lowcarbonworks@gmail.com. We'll include your story in a future newsletter.

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My Eight Favourite Environment and Climate Books - by our guest blogger Neil Kitching

For those wanting ideas for Christmas presents - here is a list of environmental books, many with a positive educational message - fiction or non-fiction – covering climate change, nature and rewilding.

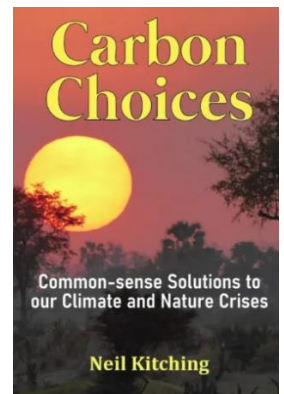
Carbon Choices

Common-sense Solutions to Our Climate and Nature Crises

Neil Kitching, 2020

[Carbon Choices | Booklisti](#)

Starting with my own book of course, Carbon Choices is an easy-to-read guide to our climate and nature crises. Describes the effects of climate change, the building blocks to solve the issues and the common-sense solutions that governments, business, communities and individuals can take to tackle it. Aimed at students, and adults who want to make up for not learning about climate change at school.



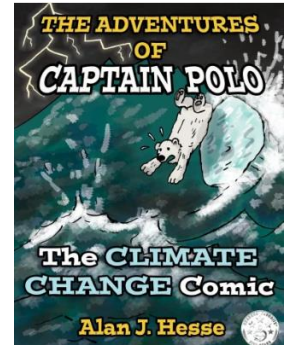
The Adventures of Captain Polo

The Climate Change Comic

Alan J Hesse, 2018

[The Adventures of Captain Polo | Booklisti](#)

Book 4, Pole to Pole, presents an engaging introduction to climate change ranging from polar ice-melt to climate refugees. Travel the world through the eyes and adventures of Captain Polo the polar bear. It is a tale of action and adventure, with a strong dose of humour. Aimed at children from age 9, as well as science teachers and homeschooling parents.



Bright Green Future: How Everyday Heroes Are Re-Imagining the Way We Feed, Power, and Build Our World

Gregory Schwartz, Trevor Decker Cohen, 2021

[Bright Green Future: How Everyday Heroes Are Re-Imagining the Way We Feed, Power, and Build Our World | Booklisti](#)

A hopeful book of people powered solutions to climate change told through stories of innovators, activists, and community builders. Aimed at anyone who wants to know what's being done about climate change and how to get involved.



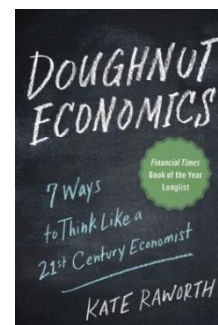
Doughnut Economics

Seven Ways to Think Like a 21st-Century Economist

Kate Raworth, 2017

[Doughnut Economics](#) | [Booklisti](#)

A planet where we should aim to live within the 'doughnut' - sustaining a quality of life for all but within environmental planetary boundaries. Showcases the limits to traditional economics. Aimed at those interested in economics or sustainable development.

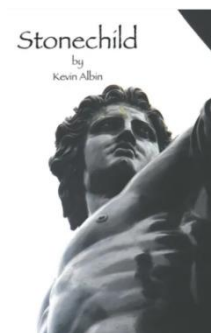


Stonechild

Kevin Albin, 2020

[Stonechild](#) | [Booklisti](#)

An eco-fiction novel where the famous statues of London come to life with a serious message on conservation. The battle for London begins, but just how do the police shoot stone and metal? Aimed at young adults but being read by all ages.



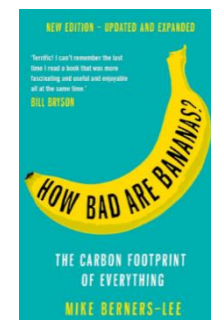
How Bad Are Bananas?

The Carbon Footprint of Everything

Mike Berners-Lee, 2011

[How Bad Are Bananas?](#) | [Booklisti](#)

Mike calculates the carbon footprint of everything in a fun and easy to read style. Essential reading to learn the climate impact of our lives. It may affect what you choose to buy and consume in the future.



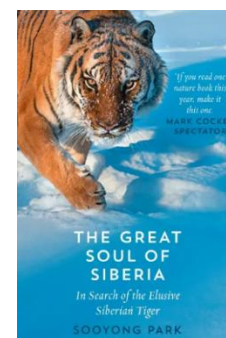
The Great Soul of Siberia

In Search of the Elusive Siberian Tiger

Sooyong Park, 2017

[The Great Soul of Siberia](#) | [Booklisti](#)

Tracking the last remaining Siberian tigers in their ever-diminishing wilderness. This book was very emotional reading for me. Sooyong tracks the tigers through the frozen winter, hiding in frozen underground shelters. A labour of love, but it seems to be a losing battle against the encroachment of humans.



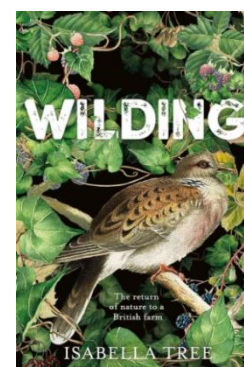
Wilding

The Return of Nature to a British Farm

Isabella Tree, 2018

[Wilding](#) | [Booklisti](#)

I particularly liked this book because it is an impressive rewilding initiative taking place in Sussex, not far from London. There are many rewilding initiatives across the world, but most take place in remote regions or in areas that are not productive for agriculture. Wilding shows what can be done anywhere.



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).

Neil Kitching, Environment and Climate Books, November 2023

[Environment and Climate Books \(or Green Books\) | Booklist](#)

Thoughts from an Organic Farmer – A patient turnaround in the French Vendée.

On my farm in the French Vendée, we are picking the last peppers, aubergines, fennel, Padron peppers, and Butternut squash. Green manures have been sown, and beds have been formed for sowing broad beans and even the first lettuces we will plant in January.

Every time I visit, the crops are better, the rows straighter, and the staff happier, calmer, and more confident. We have come a long way in the 15 years since I bought the farm – hoping to bridge the UK's 'Hungry Gap' each spring, and to broaden Riverford's range with the minimum road miles.



Initially, I would arrive to find a chaos of wilting, yellowing vegetables, wind-torn fleeces, and rows that wandered as if the addled tractor driver was following a seagull. For the first two years, we barely harvested 50% of our crop projections. After five years, and €150,000 of losses, things got better. We learnt a few tricks from our French neighbours, and abandoned the assumption that what worked on our soils in Devon would work on very different soils 250 miles further south. We slowly built a skilled and dedicated team, headed up by our Peruvian agronomist Marco, and Didier, the dairy farmer who sold us the farm and stayed on to work with us. We invested in machinery, tunnels, draining, and irrigation, and learnt a little of the local employment culture (still baffling at times) and the local banking culture (much more supportive of business than ours).

The farm turned out to be a great choice. Its soils are a mixture of free-draining sand which allows early planting, some peaty loams, and heavy clay which holds moisture and supports huge crops of Butternut squash and sweetcorn later in the season.

Our only crop this year that was not grown for Riverford was sunflowers. At harvest, the buyer told us that the organic market had collapsed and we would get no premium for them. Such exploitation of farmers reminds me that my confidence and investment in this farm would have withered without Riverford, and ultimately without our customers. It is unique in our industry to sell to a business which always buys what it says it will buy, pays what it says it will pay, pays on time, adopts sensible specifications, communicates openly, and makes long-term commitments.

[A patient turnaround in the French Vendée - Wicked Leeks \(riverford.co.uk\)](#)

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



Warwickshire County Council – Sustainable Warwickshire Podcast

New Episode Now Available

Developing Future Skills in Warwickshire

It's estimated that by 2050, four out of five jobs in the UK will be supporting the transition to net zero.

The latest episode of the Sustainable Warwickshire podcast features Dr Ben Silverstone, Associate Professor and Head of the WMG Skills Unit at the University of Warwick, and Louise Stolz, Business Skills Support Officer in Warwickshire County Council's Economy and Skills team. Together, they discuss the change needed to develop a workforce with the future skills to deliver on net zero ambitions, the opportunities for individuals and the economy and what support is already available for businesses in Warwickshire.



You can listen to this and previous episodes by searching for Sustainable Warwickshire on Spotify or Apple, or by visiting: <https://sustainablewarwickshire.podbean.com/>

Gary's Tech – Liquid 3

Gary Stocker shares news of an interesting tech - liquid trees. Gary is one of the Green Champions at the Warwick Manufacturing Group at Warwick University.

Liquid trees are not meant to replace trees as carbon dioxide captors – but could supplement them and help get CO₂ under control.

Trees obviously absorb CO₂ (and lots of other nasties) as well as supporting wildlife. However, they do take a while to grow and take up room. So, although tree planting should continue as planned, the “liquid tree” technology could make a very important supplement to trees with absorbing CO₂ whilst the ecosystem recovers. You can fit the liquid tree modules into small spaces which would otherwise be vacant including densely populated cities with limited green spaces.

Gary first heard of the technology in the 1970's when they used to have open days at the National Vegetable Research Station just outside Wellesbourne, where the Warwick University Wellesbourne campus is now. He says:-

“I went to an open day with my dad and grandad. The following year my dad just went and came back and mentioned these mustard and cress type plants which could work the magic converting lots of CO₂ into oxygen quickly and in large quantities. Of course, this was a while ago and I have asked around about it, but no one seems to know about it. The people who would have will be retired. Then, quite out of the blue (or green!) a former colleague of mine sent me a message on Linkedin. If it is based on the earlier research or not, I do not know. If it gives the ecosystem a chance of survival though, that is the important thing.”

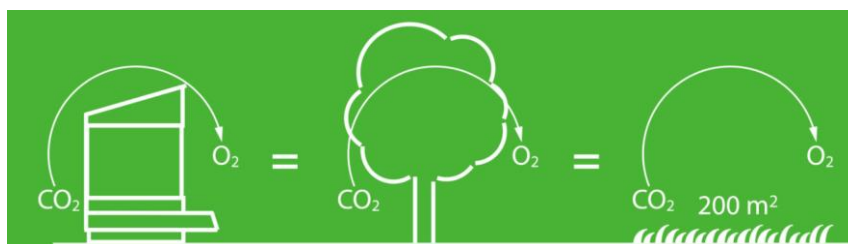


Some of the text on the web site is in Serbo-Croat, but there is also an English translation.

[LIQUID3 – Urban Photo-Bioreactor](#)



For those on LinkedIn here is a link to the video [\(1\) Post | LinkedIn](#)



Nicholas's Tech – CO₂RE – The Greenhouse Gas Removal Hub

Nicholas Corker shares news of CO₂RE which is the UK's national research hub on Greenhouse Gas Removal (GGR). Nicholas is Innovation Manager, Business Development & Engagement, at the UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology.

CO₂RE are conducting cross-cutting research on the environmental, economic, social, cultural, ethical, legal and governance issues around GGR and co-ordinating across the national programme.

Funded through the UKRI SPF Greenhouse Gas Removal Demonstrators (GGR-D) Programme, CO₂RE conducts solutions-led research to evaluate a balanced portfolio of scalable GGR options, with associated policy design, engagement and outreach. This will enable the UK to lead internationally on achieving global net-zero emissions, consistent with the Paris Agreement.



[Home - CO₂RE - The Greenhouse Gas Removal Hub \(co2re.org\)](https://co2re.org)

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



CAVA have sent this out to their members:

'Stratford-on-Avon district council still have some Rural Prosperity grant funding remaining for the 2023-2024 financial year and are looking for expressions of interest and applications by Friday 15th December at 1700, after which those applications received will be assessed and put forward for recommendation for funding during the first week in January 2024 with funding likely to be made available at the beginning of February 2024, allowing a two month spend window before the end of this financial year.

If you have a plan and need some capital equipment and funding and are able to spend during this financial year, please contact john.tonge@stratford-dc.gov.uk and cc in ukspf@stratford-dc.gov.uk before the deadline to assess fit for the funding call and check out your ideas and match to the three themes.'

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](#)

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?

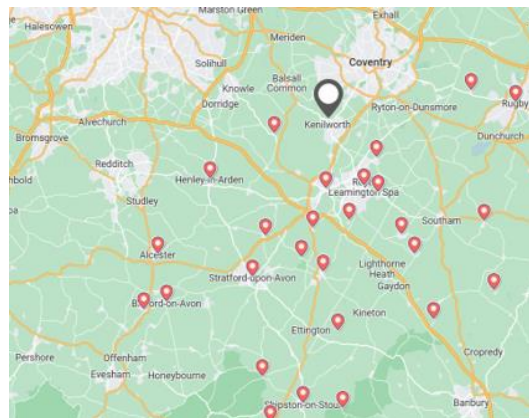
Are you part of a local low carbon group? Why not join us and the 33 groups already in the Network?

For contact names and details see the May 2023 or earlier newsletters.
[LCWN-Newsletter-May-2023-issue-27.pdf \(harburyenergy.co.uk\)](#)

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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 lowcarbonwarks@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: lowcarbonwarks@gmail.com referring to the issue date and number for queries or phone Jacky Lawrence on 07906 440496.