

## Community Climate Action Email March 2014

Welcome to the Community Climate Action newsletter, with all the latest news, events and resources in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. A special hello to new subscribers and thanks to those who have contributed items this month.

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### Got Any News?

If you have anything you'd like us to include in the April e-newsletter please send it to us by **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March: [ccan@mea.org.uk](mailto:ccan@mea.org.uk)**

## Local Events

### Gedling Funding Fair

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014, 2 - 7pm

Richard Herrod Centre, Foxhill Road, Carlton, Nottingham, NG4 1RL

An event for all voluntary and community groups in Gedling and beyond who are looking for funding. To find out more or register your interest, contact Gedling CVS on 0115 987 1981 or [info@gedlingcvs.org.uk](mailto:info@gedlingcvs.org.uk).

### Energy Efficient Communities

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> March, 9:30am-2pm

Hockerton. Nottinghamshire

- Do you want to help improve the energy efficiency of homes in your area?
- Are people in your community struggling to pay their energy bills?
- Confused by the Green Deal and ECO? Not sure what other forms of funding are out there?

Learn how to adopt energy efficiency, lower your energy bills, cut carbon emissions and help others in your community do the same.

- Keynote speakers: Simon Ross, RECCKN project: [vimeo.com/70110525](http://vimeo.com/70110525) and Community Energy Warwickshire
- Try out practical tools for assessing how your community can best lower the carbon footprint of their homes and reduce their energy bills.
- Hear about inspiring projects in other communities.
- Find out about funding to help households install energy efficiency measures such as solid wall insulation, new boilers and renewables.
- Find out how you can lower energy use in community buildings.

For more information: Caroline Harmon: [ccan@mea.org.uk](mailto:ccan@mea.org.uk) / 07748 508704.

Book your free place: <http://bit.ly/17U5FJF>

[www.everybodys-talking.org/energy-efficient-communities](http://www.everybodys-talking.org/energy-efficient-communities)

### **Amber Valley Funding Event**

Tues 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014, 3:15pm - 6:15pm

St Joseph's Church Hall, Butterley Hill, Ripley, Derbyshire, DE5 3LH

You are invited to meet national & local funders including: Derbyshire Community Foundation, Derbyshire Environmental Trust, Amber Valley CVS, Derbyshire Sports, The Cooperative Fund, Big Lottery Fund & Futures Homescape. Bookings are through an appointment-only system, for a 15 minute appointment with a funder contact Collette Watson or Helen Radford on 01773 512076 or email: [funding@avcvcs.org](mailto:funding@avcvcs.org)

### **Anti Fracking Bassetlaw - Public Meeting**

Wed 19<sup>th</sup> March, 7:30pm

The Well, Hospital Road, Retford

Unconventional gas exploration is going ahead in Bassetlaw; the northernmost district of Nottinghamshire, in the next few months. Dart Energy have a planning permit to explore and take core samples from various coal seams under land adjacent to the Danes Hill Energy Park near Sutton cum Lound, north of Retford, near to wetlands and an RSPB centre. Construction work on site has already commenced.

A public meeting has been arranged to launch an Anti Fracking Bassetlaw group. Frack Free Nottinghamshire will be supporting this group with its actions. The meeting will explain the facts about the impacts of fracking and mobilise Bassetlaw residents into taking local action.

Contact [frackfreenotts@gmail.com](mailto:frackfreenotts@gmail.com) / <http://frackfreenotts.org.uk/>

### **Community Tree Planting at Whistlewood Common**

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> and Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> March 10am – 4pm

Come and be the first to plant trees at the new community-owned Whistlewood Common in Melbourne. We have hundreds of trees and hedging plants to plant as part of the Big Tree Plant thanks to Million Trees Derbyshire and the Woodland Trust. Everyone welcome – adults and children, and if you can't plant trees please come and help make tea, bring good cheer and sing songs of encouragement! Bring a spade if you have one, warm clothes and gloves. And please come whatever the weather as we need to get these trees in whatever the British weather throws at us! Groups, schools, organisations and corporations most welcome.

[www.whistlewoodcommon.org](http://www.whistlewoodcommon.org). Email [admin@whistlewoodcommon.org](mailto:admin@whistlewoodcommon.org) to confirm you attendance, and please see our website for transport options as there is no parking on or immediately near the site.

### **Open Homes Training and Sharing Event**

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> March, 9am-3pm

An event for householders taking part in the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Eco Homes Open Event and the Loughborough Energy Efficient Homes event.

- Keynote speaker: Tina Holt, West Bridgford Eco Homes
- Workshop Leaders include: Tina Holt. Kate Watson, Bristol Green Doors
- Workshop topics: How to Open your Home: a Beginner's Guide; What Makes a Good Guided Tour; Getting People Through the Door (how to publicise your event)
- Opportunity to share your experiences of opening your home
- Meet other householders from Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and Loughborough who are planning to open their homes.
- Short tour of the venue, plus two homes in Chesterfield which opened as part of our event last year.
- Refreshments and light lunch provided

### **Find Out About Fracking**

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm for 7:30pm

Memorial Hall, Wirksworth, DE4 4DS

Free, donations towards hall hire welcome

A meeting to find out more about fracking with speaker Brian Davey, an ecological economist working with the Foundation for the Economics of Sustainability and Harminder Singh, a lecturer from Warwick University. There are no plans to frack under Wirksworth yet, but members of Wirksworth Transition group want to inform themselves about fracking wherever it might happen.

### **Derbyshire Community Foundation Funding Workshops**

Erewash: Erewash CVS, Granville Centre, Granville Avenue, Long Eaton. 14<sup>th</sup> April, 9.30am – 12.30pm

High Peak: Buxton Methodist Hall, Buxton. 28 April 2014, 10am-1pm

Bolsover – 19 May 2014

Chesterfield – 12 May 2014

Derbyshire Dales – 12 May 2014

Chesterfield – 14 May 2014

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These events give you the opportunity to gain an insight into the work of the Foundation and how they can help you with funding requirements. The session will cover hints and tips for applying for funding in general and there will be a chance to discuss your particular project and which of the funds administered by the Foundation is suited to your needs. To book a place please contact Misbah Ramzan on 01773 514850 as soon as possible as places are limited.

### **Derbyshire Eco Centre Spring Fair: Woods and Water**

26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> April, 11am-4pm

Free

A lively event with a vibrant atmosphere and a range of interesting demonstrations, activities, stalls and entertainment. The Spring Fair is a free community event featuring:

- Everything possible that is linked to our local woods and water
- A bustling market street of stalls

- Demonstrations skills and crafts, with a chance to try them
- Music and other entertainment
- Solar-powered cinema showing Derwent Valley films
- A host of exciting courses to enrol on, at discounted prices
- Craft demonstrations and fair to celebrate Derbyshire creativity
- Locally sourced food and bar
- Free activities for families and adults

This year, the Saturday will also feature the exciting launch of the DerwentWISE project. This is a heritage lottery funded project to celebrate the landscape of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site.

Organisations able to offer a free activity for families or adults that relates to the theme of 'Woods and Water' can have a free space, otherwise there is a small charge for stalls. Please provide us with details of what your activity will be if you wish to take this option. If you would like to offer a stall please contact: [osemary.maclennan@Derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:osemary.maclennan@Derbyshire.gov.uk) by 24<sup>th</sup> February. For general Derbyshire Eco Centre enquiries contact: 01629 533038 or [ecocentre@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:ecocentre@derbyshire.gov.uk)

### **Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Eco Homes Open Event**

10<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> May 2014

Homes across the two counties will be opening their doors to show you what they have done to save energy and the planet. Everything from draught proofing, loft insulation and efficient lighting to solar panels, solid wall insulation and vegetable gardens will be on display. If you would like to open your own home, contact us to find out what support we can offer: [caroline.harmon@mea.org.uk](mailto:caroline.harmon@mea.org.uk). We will be holding a skillshare training event for all households opening their homes on 29<sup>th</sup> March in Chesterfield. If you would like to visit a home, keep an eye on our websites [www.everybodys-talkingorg/ecohomes](http://www.everybodys-talkingorg/ecohomes) / [www.greenopenhomes.net/](http://www.greenopenhomes.net/) for more information as we have it.

### **The Remarkable Recycling Gala!**

Sunday 22nd June, 11am-4pm

Sherwood Community Centre in Sherwood, Nottingham

Organised by Sherwood Art Week

This new one-day event will showcase how art can highlight issues around waste & recycling. Artists are required to apply to appear at this event. You could be a painter, a crafter, a workshop leader, a filmmaker, a musician, a poet, a storyteller, a dancer. Everyone is welcome to apply - but the theme must be around waste & recycling. Applications close 7th March.

[www.sherwoodartweek.co.uk/content/application-form-2014](http://www.sherwoodartweek.co.uk/content/application-form-2014).

## **Local News**

### **Transition New Mills Seek Blog Writers**

Transition New Mills are looking for people to contribute to their blog and make it a vibrant focus for members and supporters of Transition New Mills. They're also

interested in hearing from people who aren't connected to New Mills but who have something to say which is relevant to the group's work.

<http://transitionnewmills.org/2014/02/23/express-yourself/>

### **Transition Chesterfield Skillshare Workshops**

If you have any skills you would like to share in a workshop for Transition Chesterfield, or an idea for a workshop you'd really like to attend, get in touch: [hello@transitionchesterfield.org.uk](mailto:hello@transitionchesterfield.org.uk)

### **Dronfield Rotary Club Offer Carbon Footprinting**

The Rotary Clubs of Dronfield and Drone Valley held a coffee morning in the Peel Community Centre in Dronfield on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February. The hall not only contained a good range of cakes, toasted tea-cakes, scones but featured displays on sustainability, not only highlighting the work of the Rotary Sustainability Trust but also indicating how individuals could reduce their energy consumption. The final part of the display offered live personal or household carbon footprinting which also proved popular. Community groups in Dronfield are in the process of bringing together "champions" to work on a range of community activities including the Community Energy Strategy – this is being spearheaded by the Rotary Club of Dronfield and the Dronfield Civic Society.

[www.dronfieldrotary.org.uk](http://www.dronfieldrotary.org.uk)

### **Erewash Small Grants**

Charities, community and voluntary organisations and social enterprises who are based in Erewash or provide services for local people in the Borough are invited to apply for a grant of up to £2000. Deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.

For more information contact Arnie Elliott: [amie.elliott@erewash.gov.uk](mailto:amie.elliott@erewash.gov.uk)

## **National News**

### **NEWS: Half of UK Would Consider Community Energy Scheme**

Over half of UK adults (51%) would get involved in a community energy project if it could save money on their energy bill, according to the findings of a DECC Community Energy Survey.

Figures also suggested bill reductions isn't the only motivating factor, as almost a fifth of UK adults – 17% – said they would be motivated to get involved in a community energy project if it would help reduce carbon emissions to prevent climate change. Furthermore, a tenth of UK adults said that getting more involved in their local community would motivate them to get involved in a community energy project.

<http://whatgreenhome.com/2014/02/half-uk-consider-community-energy/>

### **TRAINING: Get Ready for the Rural Community Energy Fund**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 10am-3pm

Bristol

The Centre for Sustainable Energy, in partnership with TLT LLP, is running a free one-day surgery for community groups, which aims to get them ready to make an application to the Rural Community Energy Fund. Places are limited. Full details: [www.cse.org.uk/news/view/1805](http://www.cse.org.uk/news/view/1805)

### **WORKSHOP: Energy Use Empowerment: Demystifying energy use, efficiency and fuel saving**

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> March, 3-4.30pm or 6-7.30pm

Sheffield Central Libraries, Surrey Street, Sheffield, S1 1XZ

Students design and create solar-generated toy car – one of Solar Active's education resources. The resources are based on ideas that science is all around and scientific innovations and principals can be found in every day objects and materials throughout the home. It also encompasses ideas about the importance of renewable energy use, sustainable building materials and energy efficiency. Tools such as [Energy Calculator](#) are available to support school's teaching in this area. Recovery Insulation is a social enterprise, and a donation is made to the Schools and Home Energy Education Project/Solar Active Ltd, to deliver training workshops in domestic energy efficiency measures and renewable energy.

Contact: 0114 2587639/ [info@inno-therm.com](mailto:info@inno-therm.com) or 0114 273 4736  
/ [information.library@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:information.library@sheffield.gov.uk) to reserve your place

### **MEETING: Go Fossil Free Campaign**

18 March, 5.30pm – 7pm

Blue Moon cafe (white building to the left of the Cathedral)

Organised by the Sheffield Climate Alliance

The first meeting for a new campaign to lobby South Yorkshire Pension Authority (SYPA) to divest from fossil fuel. People who have a pension with SYPA (Local Government Pension Fund) are particularly welcome to attend.

Contact Joan on: [sheffieldclimateneeds@gmail.com](mailto:sheffieldclimateneeds@gmail.com)

### **TRAINING: Communicating Renewable Energy**

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> March, 10am-4pm

London

£170-£415 depending on organisation

A one day course to help you feel confident in communicating and discussing all aspects of renewable energy systems. Cover the background to these issues, core information about renewable energy technologies and how to make the case for renewable in general publicity and site-specific discussion.

[www.talkaction.org](http://www.talkaction.org)

**EVENT: Green Homes Sheffield**

12<sup>th</sup> April – 18<sup>th</sup> May

Several chances to visit all kinds of energy efficient homes in Sheffield.

<http://sheffield.greenopenhomes.net/>

**EVENT: Loughborough Energy Efficient Homes**

17<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup> May

Visit homes across Loughborough and Charnwood which have had energy efficiency measures and domestic renewables installed.

<http://loughborough.greenopenhomes.net/>

**WEBINAR: Building smarter community energy schemes: some lessons from behavioural theory and practice**

Three webinars from CSE are available online:

- Using the National Heat Map: <http://youtu.be/MMvFBxPIN7c>
- Common concerns about wind power: [http://youtu.be/5dTyTlx\\_otk](http://youtu.be/5dTyTlx_otk)
- Building Smarter Community Energy Schemes:  
[www.cse.org.uk/news/view/1811](http://www.cse.org.uk/news/view/1811)

**FUNDING: Community Chest Grant Scheme for Community Buildings**

The Western Power Distribution Community Chest has just opened for a third round of funding. Community groups in the Midlands can apply for up to £1000 to pay for simple but effective energy efficiency improvements to reduce their energy costs and carbon emission of the buildings they use for their activities.

A total of £50,000 is available. The grant is being administered by the Centre for Sustainable Energy. Who can also provide expert guidance to help groups carry out an audit of their buildings. Eligible measures include insulating loft spaces, installing energy monitors, draught proofing windows and doors, fitting effective heating controls and installing low energy lighting.

The application process is simple. Groups are asked to submit a short application form and provide quotes for recommended improvements, as well as completing an audit of their building. Guidance and an application pack are downloadable from [www.cse.org.uk/wpdcc](http://www.cse.org.uk/wpdcc) or email [wpdcc@cse.org.uk](mailto:wpdcc@cse.org.uk) for more information.

**FUNDING: Tree Council Offer Grants for Orchard Planting in the UK**

The Tree Council has funds available to assist schools and community groups proposing to undertake well-planned orchard planting projects during National Tree Week. Schools and community groups which are charities or other not-for-profit organisations in the UK are eligible to apply for funds to support projects where the total tree planting costs are between £100 and £700. National Tree Week takes

place during the week of 29 November to 7 December 2014. The deadline for applications is 31 March 2014. [www.treecouncil.org.uk/grants](http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/grants)

### **National News in Brief**

- Energy Companies hold over £400M of former customer's money: [www.theguardian.com/money/2014/feb/28/big-six-energy-pay-back-former-customers](http://www.theguardian.com/money/2014/feb/28/big-six-energy-pay-back-former-customers)
- Register your house as Frack Free: [www.wrongmove.org](http://www.wrongmove.org)
- Ask the government to make homes energy efficient and cut excess winter deaths: [www.energybillrevolution.org/index](http://www.energybillrevolution.org/index)
- The Big Lottery are inviting your comments on their key areas of work: [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/yourvoice](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/yourvoice)