

## Community Climate Action Email March 2015

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Welcome to a slightly early March edition of the Community Climate Action newsletter (we know it's still February!), 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?

Most of the items in this newsletter are contributed by readers. If you have anything you'd like us to include in the April e-newsletter please send it to us by Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March: [ccan@mea.org.uk](mailto:ccan@mea.org.uk)

## A. Local Events

### Climate Week Question Time

Mon 2nd March, 7.00 pm

Strutts Community Centre, Derby Road, Belper, DE56 1UU

Organised by Transition Belper

All the main party prospective election candidates for Belper have been invited to a special Climate Week Question Time. Jerome Baddley from Nottingham Energy Partnership will also be in attendance to act as arbiter in any dispute about facts relating to climate change. To book a place please email David George at [d.george349@btinternet.com](mailto:d.george349@btinternet.com) with your name and the number of seats you would like.

### Positive News: Positive Action

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 7.30pm

Friends Meeting House, Bakewell

Organised by Bakewell Quakers

The last in a series of talks. There will be a short film about a newspaper called Positive News and the psychological effects that the media can have on our outlook on life. Trying to live a sustainable life, trying to work with others doing the same thing, can be very hard in a social, political and economic climate which seems to put up barriers at every step. The evening will look at how we can improve sustainable networking in the Peak District, how we can work better together, how our small-in-number but powerful-in-enthusiasm activists, groups and businesses can be more effective.

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

## **Bus From Derby to the London Climate Change Demonstration**

Sat 7th March 2015

Organised by Derby Climate Coalition

Coach tickets: £12 (£4 subsidised, £1 unwaged)

Following on from the tremendous success of the People's Climate March in September, on March 7th 2015, the [Time to Act on Climate Change](#) march will bring people together again on the streets of London to demand real change and tell politicians seeking election that there is no mandate for climate-wrecking business as usual.

Derby Climate Coalition have booked a coach which will be leaving Derby Bus Station at 8:30am, returning at approximately 7:30pm

Book your seat via the Derby Climate Coalition: <http://derbyclimate.org.uk>

## **Sustainable Living Tour at Hockerton Housing Project**

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm

Hockerton Housing Project, Hockerton

Free - £20 depending on status

Intrigued by what an earth-sheltered home might look, or feel like, inside? Wanting an overview of what it is to live sustainably? Join one of Hockerton Housing Project's small group tours, which are led by a resident from one of the five homes at the project, to give you a personal view on what it's like to live in a sustainable co-housing project.

The tour includes a guided walk to learn about food, water and renewable energy systems, a tour of one of the homes, and a presentation on the challenges faced during the build, and subsequent development, of the project.

Book a place: <http://tinyurl.com/nrv2yu4>

## **Give And Take Day At New Mills Town Hall**

Sat 7th March 10am-2pm

Town Hall, New Mills

Organised by Sustainable Hayfield

Be Green, declutter, recycle, swap stuff, and find something you need for FREE. Bring crockery, household linen, electrical goods in working order, DVDs, CDs, books, toys, kitchenware, small furniture, bric a brac. But no clothing please. Bring items on Friday 6th March between 4pm and 7pm or on Saturday morning. There will also be a pop-up Cafe.

## **Renewable Heat Incentive Information Evening**

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> March, 6:30pm-9pm

If you live in an off-gas property you could be eligible to receive up to £2250 per year with the Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI). The RHI is an incentive to install

renewable heating systems such as solar thermal and heat pumps. This event will help you explore your options.

<http://tinyurl.com/lmp77w4>

### **Introduction To Permaculture**

Fri 13th & Sat 14th March  
Derbyshire Eco Centre, nr Wirksworth  
£53

A lively, participatory and thought-provoking introduction to permaculture ethics, principles, design processes and implementation techniques.

Book your place: 01629 533038 or email [ecocentre@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:ecocentre@derbyshire.gov.uk)

### **Introduction To Greener Homes**

Sunday 15th March  
Derbyshire Eco Centre, nr Wirksworth

Approaches and ideas for 'greening' both new build and older housing improvement projects.

Book your place: 01629 533038 or email [ecocentre@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:ecocentre@derbyshire.gov.uk)

### **Seed and Seedling Swap Session**

Sat 28th March, 10am-1pm  
Hayfield Library  
Organised by Sustainable Hayfield

For anyone who has surplus seeds and seedlings or would like some. At the same time, some development work will be taking place in the library community garden.

[www.sustainablehayfield.com](http://www.sustainablehayfield.com)

### **General Election Husting**

Wed 29th April, 7.30pm  
The Royal Hotel, Hayfield  
Organised by Sustainable Hayfield

All of High Peak's parliamentary candidates declared to date have accepted an invitation to attend. This will provide an unrivalled chance to meet the candidates, and ask key questions of all of them. More information will be on Sustainable Hayfield's website nearer the time.

[www.sustainablehayfield.com](http://www.sustainablehayfield.com)

## **B. Local News**

### **Transition Buxton Take on Former Council Plant Nursery**

Transition Buxton's Food group, with volunteer support, is setting up 'The Serpentine Community Farm' - a community-run food education project - by transforming a run-

down and derelict council nursery. The group's objectives are to encourage more home-growing of veg by improve gardening and food preservation skills in the community; and to supply our produce to local kitchens.

The group are currently seeking donations to pay for vital renovations, construction (glasshouse, composting toilet, raised beds, polytunnel) and obligations (soil tests, planning applications, insurance etc). Donations can be made online: [www.gofundme.com/lewb9s](http://www.gofundme.com/lewb9s)

More information: [www.facebook.com/serpentineprojectbuxton](http://www.facebook.com/serpentineprojectbuxton)

The project has also featured on the national Transition Towns website: [www.transitionnetwork.org/news/2015-01-14/transition-buxton-take-former-council-plant-nursery](http://www.transitionnetwork.org/news/2015-01-14/transition-buxton-take-former-council-plant-nursery)

### **Belper in the Lead In East Midlands Energy Race**

Transition Belper are currently ranking first on the leaderboard for the East Midlands region in Global Action Plan's Big Energy Race, and, at the time of writing, are fifth nationwide!

The Big Energy Race is a national challenge for community groups and individuals, designed to help those taking part to reduce their household energy bills. Transition Belper are now calling for any East Midlanders who'd like to sign up to support Transition Belper's efforts to secure some community funding by doing well enough to win a prize. From the end of February the top team from each region will compete for a final prize of £20,000 towards a community energy project. The Big Energy Race runs until the 31<sup>st</sup> of March, it's easy to enter and entrants can do as much or as little as they like.

Sign up: [www.bigenergyrace.org](http://www.bigenergyrace.org)

### **Hockerton Housing Project Home for Sale**

The largest home at Hockerton Housing Project has come up for sale at £450,000. The private four-bedroomed earth-sheltered house and front garden has stunning views overlooking a lake and woodland. It shares in the use of surrounding land for food-growing, renewable energy generation and rainwater harvesting.

To find out more please contact [contact@hockertonhousingproject.org.uk](mailto:contact@hockertonhousingproject.org.uk)

### **Erewash Borough Council's Small Grants Scheme 2015-2016**

Erewash Borough Council is inviting applications from community and voluntary organisations, who are based in Erewash and / or provide services for local people in the borough. They are particularly keen to receive applications from groups or organisations who have not previously received Small Grants Scheme funding.

Application forms can be obtained from [ian.marsden@erewash.gov.uk](mailto:ian.marsden@erewash.gov.uk) and should be submitted by 12pm on 27<sup>th</sup> March. If you need help completing an application appointments are available on 2<sup>nd</sup> March at Ilkeston Town Hall, 1pm-5pm and on 6<sup>th</sup> March at Long Eaton Town Hall, 8:30am-12:30pm.

## C. National News

### **GIVEAWAY: Free Trees Available**

The Woodland Trust have 4,500 tree packs to give away this autumn to school and community groups. Packs are available in quantities of 30, 105 or 420 trees. The closing date for autumn applications is 3 September.

[www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/in-your-community](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/in-your-community)

### **HELP: Energy Advice for Neighbourhood Planning Groups**

The Centre for Sustainable Energy is running a two-year national project giving support to neighbourhood planning groups who are keen to integrate climate change and fuel poverty objectives into their neighbourhood plans. The support CSE can offer will be different for each group but could include attendance at committee meetings, support with the delivery of public events/consultations, research for developing an evidence base and support with drafting policy.

For more information contact Harriet Sansom: [Harriet.sansom@cse.org.uk](mailto:Harriet.sansom@cse.org.uk) or 0117 934 1428

### **SWITCHING CAMPAIGN: Save £200 By Switching Energy Supplier**

The Department Of Energy and Climate Change have launched a 'Power to Switch' campaign, that encourages people to switch energy supplier and save money. They claim that 13.5 million households across the UK could save around £200 each by shopping around for the best deals.

For more information about how to switch energy supplier visit [www.BeAnEnergyShopper.com](http://www.BeAnEnergyShopper.com) or call the Energy Saving Advice Service on 0300 123 1234.

### **HELP: Priority Services Register**

The Priority Services Register is a scheme run by energy suppliers which offers extra free services to people who are of pensionable age, are registered disabled, have a hearing or visual impairment, or have long term ill-health. Available services include priority reconnection if your supply is interrupted and advance notice if your supply is going to be interrupted. You can also get control and adapters to make it easier to use appliances and read your meter, and additional protection from bogus callers with a password protection scheme.

You can register with your energy supplier (both if you use one for gas and another for electricity) or, in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, you can register with Western Power Distribution. A carer can sign up on your behalf and you can register for some or all of the services to suit.

[www.westernpower.co.uk/About-us/Priority-Services/Priority-Services-Register.aspx](http://www.westernpower.co.uk/About-us/Priority-Services/Priority-Services-Register.aspx)

### **EVENT: Community Heat Conference**

10<sup>th</sup> March, 10am-4pm  
Birmingham Town Hall

A conference aimed at community groups and public sector organisations looking to develop community heat projects using heat pumps, biomass and community heat networks.

Tickets: [www.bit.ly/1A9YI9s](http://www.bit.ly/1A9YI9s)

### **FUNDING: Power to Change**

Power to Change is a new grant-making foundation set up by the Big Lottery Fund to fund the development of community businesses. Power to Change is offering grants of at least £50,000 over the next six months to community businesses that already operate in England. The money should be used for working capital and asset purchases. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

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

### **News In Brief**

- A thought-provoking short animation: <http://lexisurl.com/iema59165>
- Nottingham project uses surplus food to feed families:  
[www.theguardian.com/cities/2015/feb/17/nottingham-fighting-food-poverty-social-eating](http://www.theguardian.com/cities/2015/feb/17/nottingham-fighting-food-poverty-social-eating)
- The Awards for Excellence in Recycling and Waste Management include a category for the best Community Recycling Initiative. Submit your entries by 19<sup>th</sup> March: [www.awardsforexcellence.co.uk](http://www.awardsforexcellence.co.uk)
- A new documentary series exploring how we became addicted to oil:  
[www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p02gzf9k/planet-oil-episode-1](http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p02gzf9k/planet-oil-episode-1)

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