

## Community Climate Action Email July 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.

Highlights this month:

- **Eco Open Homes events a great success.** 325 people attended the [Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Eco Open Home Week](#) and [Transition West Bridgford Open Homes](#) in May – three times as many as attended our pilot event last year. Many thanks to all the householders who took the time to open their home to the public.
- **Help us improve this newsletter and win an energy monitor:** We're running a [survey](#) to get your honest feedback on this newsletter and other services we offer. Responses to past surveys have led to events like the Open Home Week happening – your response really does make a difference! You can fill out the survey [here](#) and we're entering everyone who does into a prize draw to win an energy monitor for their home.
- **Get up to £7600 towards solid wall insulation and other home improvements.** [A government cashback scheme](#) is offering possibly the best ever grants for solid wall insulation – up to £6000 – plus up to a further £1600 for other energy efficiency improvements. The money is available for a limited time only.

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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 August e-newsletter please send it to us by **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July**: [ccan@mea.org.uk](mailto:ccan@mea.org.uk)

## A. Local Events

### Skill Share Workshops

Organised by Transition Chesterfield

Cost £2 per person.

Come and learn a new skill and have fun:

- Saturday 5 July, 10am – 1pm, Check Your Bike
- Saturday 19 July, 2pm - 5pm, Bread Making

Booking essential as spaces are limited. To book or for more info email: [workshop@transitionchesterfield.org.uk](mailto:workshop@transitionchesterfield.org.uk)

### **Bakewell Green Festival**

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> July, 10am-6pm

Bakewell Agriculture Business Centre

A celebration of sustainable living in the Peak District. A fun, family-orientated event with food, music and inspiration and ideas for living a greener life. The festival will bring together individuals, enthusiasts, voluntary organisations, schools, colleges and business people from across the Peak District to share the vision of a sustainable future with each other and with our many visitors.

Applications are now closed for the official Festival programme but there is still space for those who would like to take 10 minutes to tell everyone about their local sustainable work, and there is room to book a limited number of informal stalls selling local garden plants and produce and other items. To enquire about booking one of these spaces contact 01629 636550.

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

### **Inkerman Buzz**

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> July

Inkerman Park, between Brampton Manor and Ashgate Road, Chesterfield

A celebration in Inkerman Park. Highlights include Chesterfield Cycle Campaign, Madame Zucchini (vegetable creature making), woodworking, wool spinning and the opportunity to grind your own wheat to make a pancake.

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

### **Northern Green Gathering**

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> - Sun 27<sup>th</sup> July

Ashbourne

A family friendly gathering on an organic farm in the Derbyshire Dales devoted to ecological themes and sustainable living. There will be music over three solar and bike powered stages, a large program of workshops, speakers, kid's stuff, good food and hope.

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

### **Chesterfield Carbon Conversations**

16<sup>th</sup> September 2014 to 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2015

£20 contribution towards the handbook (please ask if you need a concessionary rate)

Six friendly, practical meetings to help you reduce your carbon footprint. The dates will be: Sept 16, Oct 7, Oct 28, Nov 18, Dec 9, Jan 13. The group will bring people together to explore ways to live more sustainably. Most participants reduce their CO<sup>2</sup> emissions by one tonne immediately and make plans for long-term reductions, often halving their carbon footprint.

Book a place: Steph Fitcher (fitcherdarling@googlemail.com) or 07731 166352

### **East Midlands Cyclists' Forum**

Sat 18 October, 10am

Trent Bridge Inn, West Bridgford

Small charge for refreshments

The day will include speakers, discussion, local campaigning updates and guided bike rides. Speakers include Gwyneth McMinn of Sustrans. The group are also hoping to have a speaker to talk about ambitious plans for developing cycling in the Peak District National Park, following a successful bid last year for Cycling Ambition grant funding.

Contact Hugh McClintock of Pedals (Nottingham Cycling Campaign): 0115 981 6206 or 07880 962135

### **Sky Ride Local**

Various dates and locations from 15 June - 12 October 2014

On a Sky Ride Local ride you'll be guided by friendly British Cycling Ride Leaders along scenic planned routes. With three different levels, there's something for everyone – whether you're building your confidence or already comfortable on a bike and looking for a challenge.

Nottinghamshire: [www.goskyride.com/Nottingham](http://www.goskyride.com/Nottingham)

Derbyshire [www.goskyride.com](http://www.goskyride.com) and enter your postcode to find rides in your area

## **B. Local News**

### **Nottinghamshire Fuel Switching Service Launches**

The Nottinghamshire Climate Change Partnership has launched an [online fuel tariff switching service](#) to help residents compare tariffs for electricity and gas.

### **All Charged Up!**

The [Spread Eagle Pub](#) near Southwell and the [Hockerton Housing Project](#) (HHP) are the proud new owners of Electric Vehicle chargers. Funded by government grants, Sustainable Hockerton and Carbon Zero Renewables, the charger at the pub is token-operated, while the HHP charger will be used by the five households at the project.

New [government funds](#) for electric vehicles chargers will launch in the autumn.

### **Are you in the Community Directory for Derbyshire?**

The directory is the most up to date list of voluntary groups in Derby and Derbyshire. You can now add your group or amend the details of your group [online](#).

The Community Directory Derbyshire is managed by a partnership of support organisations across Derbyshire who can provide help and advice to your group. For more details please contact: [jackie@highpeakcvs.org.uk](mailto:jackie@highpeakcvs.org.uk)

### **Derbyshire Community Renewable Share Offer**

This is your opportunity to invest in a local wind turbine. Four Winds is developing co-operatively owned wind turbines on former colliery sites with the aim of bringing benefits to local communities. They have planning consent to develop a 500kW wind turbine at Duckmanton near Chesterfield and a [share offer](#) is available until 31<sup>st</sup> July.

## **C. National News**

### **GRANT: Green Deal Home Improvement Fund**

Householders can now access up to £7600 in cashback from the government towards energy efficiency improvements such as solid wall insulation, heating and glazing. Up to 100% of the cost, to a maximum of £1000, is available if you install two measures from a list of 12. Up to 75% of the cost of solid wall insulation, to a maximum of £6000, is available – possibly the best offer ever available on solid wall insulation. The fund opened in June 2014 for one year. Current rates are guaranteed until £50M has been spent and may then change. There is more information on our [website](#).

### **FUNDING: Rural Community Building Loan Fund**

Action for Communities in Rural England (ACRE) has announced a loan fund to enable building, renovation and refurbishment of community buildings with funding from Defra. For more information and an application form you should contact the village hall adviser in your area: [www.bit.ly/TIKfny](http://www.bit.ly/TIKfny).

[www.acre.org.uk/our-work/community-assets/rural-community-building-loan-fund](http://www.acre.org.uk/our-work/community-assets/rural-community-building-loan-fund)

### **TRAINING: Communities Draught Proofing Training**

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> July, 3:30pm-5:30pm

Organised by Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE)

Bristol, Free

CSE are organising a free draught proofing workshop for members of community group to gain new skills they can use to benefit their local area. Email [communities@cse.org.uk](mailto:communities@cse.org.uk) to book a place.

### **EVENT: Repair Café**

Heeley City Farm, Sheffield

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> July, 10am-4pm

Organised by Repair Sheffield

If you have broken stuff at home that you need to fix bring it along and the volunteer fixers will have a go at putting it right. This isn't just a fixing service

though, oh no! They will show you how to mend it for yourself and pass on valuable knowledge which will enable you to do things for yourself or go in to a repair shop with enough know-how to feel confident of getting the job done properly Bring along small household items such as toasters, shoes, clocks, weighing scales. There is no charge but if an item is successfully fixed a small donation towards costs would be welcome. All fixers are volunteers and the project isn't funded.

Contact Gordon Ferguson: [info@repairsheffield.org](mailto:info@repairsheffield.org) or Sarah Hardy: 0114 258 0482 or [s.hardy@heeleyfarm.org.uk](mailto:s.hardy@heeleyfarm.org.uk)

### **Community Share Offers**

- A community share offer is currently under way for Wester Derry Wind Co-op near Perth for a 250kW turbine. Planning permission has been granted and the turbine is currently being made in Germany. The total being sought is £800,000, with good projected returns. It's a sparsely populated area so the co-op welcomes members from further afield- see <http://www.westerderrywind.org.uk>
- A new primary school is being built complete with a 90kW solar array owned by Leominster Sunrise Co-operative. The array will save around 720 tonnes of CO<sup>2</sup> in total and save the school at least £2500 on their energy bills yearly. For share offer details see <http://www.leominstersunrise.org.uk>

### **National News in Brief**

- [Home insulation installs have collapsed because of UK policies](#)
- [European Commission proposes large increase in recycling](#)
- [Renewable electricity generation soars by 43% in one year](#)