

## Community Climate Action Email August 2013

Welcome to the latest edition of Community Climate Action, with all the latest news, events and resources in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. A special hello to new subscribers.

### From the Editor

### Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Eco Homes Open Week to Return in 2014!

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### Got Any News?

If you have anything you'd like us to include in the September e-newsletter please send it to us by **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August: [ccan@mea.org.uk](mailto:ccan@mea.org.uk)**.

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#### A. Local Events

### **Food Produce Swaps**

7<sup>th</sup> August, 7:30pm & 4<sup>th</sup> September, 7:30pm  
The White Sean, St Mary's Gate, Chesterfield

As part of Transition Chesterfield's Green Drinks this month and next people are welcome to bring surplus produce from their gardens and allotments to swap. Bring anything you've grown or cooked yourself (jams, chutneys etc) and barter with other people for whatever catches your eye.

### **Explore Renewable Energy**

14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> August  
Derbyshire Eco Centre, Middleton-by-Wirksworth  
£26 - £89 depending on status

An exciting gallop through the range of small-scale renewable technologies available to householders and small businesses. Includes site visits.

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

### **Wild Food Walk**

7<sup>th</sup> September, 2pm  
Part of Hollinwood Residents Association Summer Fair, Hollingwood Hub

To book a place email: [workshop@transitionchesterfield.org.uk](mailto:workshop@transitionchesterfield.org.uk)

### **Inspiring Communities Conference**

24<sup>th</sup> Sept, 8:30am – 6pm  
Julien Cahn Pavillion, West Park, Loughborough Road, West Bridgford  
£40, concession available

This one day conference offers a platform to highlight local and national initiatives that have been developed by individuals and communities, identifying, practical and constructive solutions to sustainability. The conference has secured a line up of speakers with a proven track record of inspiring communities. The speakers will be sharing knowledge, advice and information, while demonstrating how initiatives can be created, developed and strengthened to facilitate economic and social cohesion, locally and nationally.

Over the past five years, the West Bridgford community have developed a number of initiatives that provide answers to the challenges communities face when energy becomes more expensive, climates more chaotic and economic situation more uncertain. These projects look to make communities more robust, more content and ultimately better places to live.

<http://inspiringcommunities2013.wordpress.com/>

### **Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Eco Homes Open Week – March 2014**

15<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> March 2014

Dozens of homes and projects across the two counties will be opening their doors to the public to inspire you with their eco features. Last year we had everything from solar panels and solid wall insulation to a straw bale extension. The event received fantastic feedback with everyone who visited a house saying they would recommend it to other people.

If your house has some eco-features and you'd like to open it to the public please get in touch: [ccan@mea.org.uk](mailto:ccan@mea.org.uk). We can provide a guide to opening your home and publicise your event on the Open Week website.

[www.everybodys-talking.org/ecohomes](http://www.everybodys-talking.org/ecohomes).

### **Get Involved in Bakewell Green Festival 2014 – Open Evening**

18<sup>th</sup> September

Bakewell Quaker Meeting House

Organised by Bakewell Quaker Meeting

Bakewell Green Festival will be a celebration of sustainable living in the Peak District. It doesn't take place until 12<sup>th</sup> July 2014, but the organisers, Bakewell Quaker Meeting, are already planning a fun, family-orientated event that will mix great local food, drink and music with inspiration and ideas for living a greener life. The event will focus on ways to reduce our damaging impact on the planet.

If you're involved with a sustainable project, the Green Festival offers an opportunity to demonstrate and advertise what you're doing through a stall, exhibition or talk. The day is about celebrating the great work we already do and increasing its impact. It will help to create new connections between us.

For more information on being involved, contact Jeni Edwards on 01629 636550, come to an Open Evening on 18<sup>th</sup> September, at the Bakewell Quaker Meeting House or take a look at the website: [www.bakewellgreenfestival.org](http://www.bakewellgreenfestival.org).

## **B. Local News**

### **Shares Available in Derbyshire Community Woodland**

Whistlewood Common Limited is selling shares in a community-owned woodland, based in Melbourne, Derbyshire, which will be used for local food production. This exciting 10 acre initiative will see the creation of orchards, forest gardens, productive woodlands and a space for events and education on Melbourne Common, all for the benefit of people living in the area.

The project has already received a grant of more than £50K from the National Forest Company and £18K of shares has already been raised. However, a further £32K is needed as soon as possible to secure the purchase of the land, which is currently on the open market.

A share prospectus and application forms are on the project's website: [www.whistlewoodcommon.org](http://www.whistlewoodcommon.org).

Twitter: @ediblewoods

A longer version of this article can be read here: [www.everybodys-talking.org/news/shares-available-derbyshire-community-woodland](http://www.everybodys-talking.org/news/shares-available-derbyshire-community-woodland)

## **Sowing Sherwood Requires Equipment**

Sowing Sherwood is a community gardening project in Sherwood, Nottingham, which aims to transform unloved and disused areas of land into bee-friendly and edible landscapes. The group is currently looking for donations of canes, netting, organic compost, organic manure, green manure, and organic fertiliser.

If you can you help contact: [sowingsherwood@transitionsherwood.org.uk](mailto:sowingsherwood@transitionsherwood.org.uk)

## **Local Schools to Install Solar**

Two schools in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire are hoping to install solar panels on their roofs thanks to the generosity of local people. Crossdale Primary in Keyworth, Nottinghamshire and New Mills School in High Peak, Derbyshire have both raised thousands of pounds from the local community towards the cost of their panels and are hoping to soon reach their final targets and start generating energy from the sun. Anyone can visit their websites to contribute and donations start from £5:

[www.solarschools.org.uk/crossdale/](http://www.solarschools.org.uk/crossdale/)  
[www.solarschools.org.uk/newmills/](http://www.solarschools.org.uk/newmills/)

Schools wishing to take part in the next round of solar schools should register their interest on the website: [www.solarschools.org.uk](http://www.solarschools.org.uk).

A longer version of this article can be read here (includes a video): [www.everybodys-talking.org/news/schools-nottinghamshire-and-derbyshire-install-solar](http://www.everybodys-talking.org/news/schools-nottinghamshire-and-derbyshire-install-solar)

## **Biomass Community Energy Share Offer in East Midlands**

Green Fox Community Energy, in partnership with John Cleveland College, has launched Leicestershire's very first community energy share offer. Aiming to raise £986,473 from the general public, the capital will be used to install new wood-chip boilers at the College. Investors in the project will become Members of the John Cleveland College Community Woodheat Co-operative, and we would like as many people in the East Midlands as possible to benefit. With a minimum investment of £250 and a maximum of £20,000, investors are projected to receive a return of between nine and nearly 13%.

Download the Share Offer document: [www.greenfoxcommunityenergy.coop](http://www.greenfoxcommunityenergy.coop)

## **C. National News**

**INSPIRATION: Community Knowledge of Energy Efficiency Video**

When Keele University and the Marches Energy Agency researched networks of community knowledge about domestic energy saving and energy efficiency, they found that the discussion groups created the kinds of conversations that people clearly wanted and needed. This 12 minute video sums is based on participant's comments on the project.

<http://vimeo.com/70110525>

### **FUNDING: UP to £30K for Renewables for Community Buildings**

EDF Energy is giving grants of up to £30K for micro-generation technologies for community buildings. Deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> August.

[www.edfenergy.com/products-services/for-your-home/our-services/green-energy-fund.shtml#](http://www.edfenergy.com/products-services/for-your-home/our-services/green-energy-fund.shtml#)

### **EVENT: Community Energy Fortnight**

24<sup>th</sup> August – 8<sup>th</sup> September

Organised by the Community Energy Coalition

Events across the UK will showcase the wide-ranging benefits of community energy. Come be inspired at one of the many events.

<http://ukcec.org>

### **EVENT: Superhomes Open Days**

Throughout September

This September you can get the inside story on some exceptional home improvement projects across the UK. Superhomes are older homes which have been refurbished to be amongst the most energy efficient older homes in the UK. In every SuperHome you can learn about a range of installed technologies. Tours and Q&A sessions let you quiz the owners on specifics. You'll discover what worked and get frank feedback on anything that didn't. If your goal is increased home comfort, reduced energy bills or a smaller carbon footprint, a visit is sure to inspire. Entry is free, but you need to book. A number of Superhomes can be found in Nottinghamshire.

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

### **EVENT: Communities Buying Land**

27<sup>th</sup> November, 10:30am-4pm

The Priory Rooms, Birmingham

Organised by FCFGG

Fee: £5-£50 depending on status

This event is aimed at community groups interested in buying land, for community gardens, community woods or Community Supported Agriculture. Advisors and support organisations are also welcome. The day will include hearing from a group that has already bought land.

[www.farmgarden.org.uk/events/fcfcg-events-in-england/communities-buying-land?view=Events](http://www.farmgarden.org.uk/events/fcfcg-events-in-england/communities-buying-land?view=Events)

### **NEWS: The Heat is On – RHI Tariffs Announced**

Householders could get paid hundreds of pounds a year for heat generated by solar thermal panels, biomass boilers and heat pumps, following an announcement from the Energy and Climate Change about domestic Renewable Heat Incentive tariffs.

After much delay tariffs have been set at 7.3p/kWh for air source heat pumps; 12.2p/kWh for biomass boilers; 18.8p/kWh for ground source heat pumps and at least 19.2 p/kWh for solar thermal.

The new Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) for householders is designed to drive forward uptake of renewable heat technologies in homes across Great Britain to cut carbon, help meet renewables targets and save money on bills. The scheme is a world first, and has been up and running for the non - domestic sector since November 2011.

For more information on eligible technologies and homes contact the Energy Saving Advice Service (ESAS) on 0300 123 1234.

### **RESEARCH: One Third Would Invest in Community Renewables**

33% of people would consider personally investing in small-scale community renewable projects such as wind farms, solar farms or small-scale biomass plant according to a poll by the Institute of Mechanical Engineers. 25% would be considering investing in Energy Bonds where the money would be used to build large energy infrastructure projects such as offshore wind.

Other significant finds from the poll of more than 2000 people included that 93% of the public is concerned about higher electricity and gas bills, 64% are worried about possible blackouts and 51% think the government should support the construction of more renewable energy sources like solar, wave and tidal power.

[www.imeche.org/news/archives/2013/06/13/energy\\_poll\\_blackouts](http://www.imeche.org/news/archives/2013/06/13/energy_poll_blackouts)

A longer version of this article: [www.everybodys-talking.org/news/one-third-would-invest-community-renewables](http://www.everybodys-talking.org/news/one-third-would-invest-community-renewables)

### **National News in Brief**

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/fuel-poverty-report-annual-report-on-statistics-2013](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fuel-poverty-report-annual-report-on-statistics-2013) - Annual fuel poverty statistics are now available.

<http://mycommunityrights.org.uk/neighbourhood-planning/> - grants of up to £7000 are available to help create Neighbourhood Plans.

[www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2013/jul/23/big-six-energy-companies-green-tariffs](http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2013/jul/23/big-six-energy-companies-green-tariffs) - five of the big six are to drop their green energy tariffs.

[www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2013/jul/26/summer-solar-power-photovoltaic-panels?CMP=tw\\_t\\_gu](http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2013/jul/26/summer-solar-power-photovoltaic-panels?CMP=tw_t_gu) – Hot summer bestows solar bounty on UK.

[www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/personalfinance/consumertips/household-bills/10170108/Government-takes-1m-out-of-fuel-poverty-by-changing-the-rules.html](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/personalfinance/consumertips/household-bills/10170108/Government-takes-1m-out-of-fuel-poverty-by-changing-the-rules.html)  
- government take 1M out of fuel poverty – by changing the rules!

<http://cec.whitefusehub.com/i-support-community-energy> - sign a petition in support of community-owned renewables

Thanks to everyone who provided items for this newsletter. If you have any events or news you would like to be included in future newsletters please send the details to: [ccan@mea.org.uk](mailto:ccan@mea.org.uk). You can send comments about the e-newsletter to the same email address.

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