

Community Climate Action Email October 2014

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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.

A couple of highlights this month:

- We have some four free tickets for Grand Designs Live at the Birmingham NEC this weekend. If you would like a ticket for Saturday 11th or Sunday 12th October email us by midday on Thursday 9th with your postal address and the number of tickets you would like (1 or 2) and we'll post them first class.
- As we were completing this newsletter we heard that the government will be re-launching the Green Deal Home Improvement Fund in November. Full detail of amounts of funding available and what it will fund are still to come – we'll keep you posted. www.gov.uk/government/news/an-additional-100-million-for-household-energy-efficiency

Get news throughout the month:

www.everybodys-talking.org

Twitter: @CCANNetwork

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ccan.network

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 October e-newsletter please send it to us by **Wednesday 29th October**: ccan@mea.org.uk

A. Local Events

Chatsworth Road Festival Repair Cafe

Sunday 12th October

Festival: on and around Chatsworth Road, Chesterfield

Repair Café: Lifehouse Church, 90 Chatsworth Road

An annual festival of living and working in Chesterfield, As part of the festival Transition Chesterfield are running a Repair Café. Volunteers will be on hand who can sew, fix small electrical appliances, help with technology, fix bikes, do leather work and be generally handy at fixing stuff, Bring almost any sort of item that isn't working and it will be fixed for free.

<http://chatsworthroadfestival.wordpress.com>

All About Potatoes

Thurs 9th October, 7pm-9pm

Meeting Room 2, Chesterfield Market Hall

An opportunity to learn all about potatoes ahead of Chesterfield's annual Potato Day. There will be blind tasting of different varieties to see if you can find a new favourite variety to grow. The event will also see the launch of the new Pre-Order Form for January 2015' Potato Day. For the first time there is the chance to order pea and bean seeds.

For information: potatoday@transitionchesterfield.org.uk

Eco Centre Autumn Courses

Derbyshire Eco Centre has many exciting courses coming up this autumn to develop your sustainable lifestyle skills and knowledge.

- Building with Straw, 11th & 12th October
- Building with Lime, 18th & 19th October
- Self-build with Timber, 1st & 2nd November
- Introduction to Permaculture, 24th & 25th October
- Level 2 Award in Environmental Sustainability, 3rd & 10th November
- Introduction to Hedgelaying, 15th & 16th November

Contact the Eco Centre: **01629 533038** /

ecocentre@derbyshire.gov.uk / www.derbyshire.gov.uk/ecocentre

Buxton Workshops Programme

Organised by Transition Buxton

- Hedges and Windbreaks, Sun. 12th Oct. 2pm-3:30pm
- Jams and Jellies, Sun. 19th Oct. 2pm-34pm
- Wine-making, Sat. 8th Nov. 2pm-5pm

To book call Pete on 01298 71061 or email p.burgess-alen@virgin.net. For more information on the wine-making workshop contact Jane on 01298 71041. All workshops are free, but the group ask for a donation to help towards our costs.

Gasland 2 Film Showing

Tues 14th October, 7pm for drinks, 7:30pm for film showing

Northern Light Cinema, Wirksworth

Organised by Transition Wirksworth

Suggested donation: £3 in advance, £4 on the door

In the face of growing public scrutiny of hydraulic fracturing Transition Wirksworth are showing Gasland 2 to help people find out more.

More information contact: wirksworthti@gmail.com

Vegetarian, Vegan and Seasonal Cookery Workshops

All: Loundsley Green Community Centre, S40 4QU

Organised by Transition Chesterfield and Loundsley Green Community Centre

All workshops £2 per person

Booking essential: workshop@transitionchesterfield.org.uk

Livestock farming is responsible for almost 20% of all greenhouse gas emissions from human related activities So cutting down on meat and dairy will cut your carbon footprint and this series of workshops will help you do just that.

- **Sat 18th Oct, 9.30-11.30am: Abundance cookery class**
What to do with an abundance of apples, squash and other seasonal produce, with Lisa Hopkinson.
- **Sat 15th Nov, 9.30-11.30am: Vegetarian Xmas**
Make a turkey happy this year with some great ideas for a vegetarian Xmas, with Lisa Hopkinson and Becky Annison

Autumn Harvest

Sat 18th Oct, 11am-3pm

Albany allotment site, Pasture Road, Stapleford, NG9 8HZ

Organised by Dig In Community Allotment

Free. Small charge for some activities

A family fun day to celebrate the autumn harvest. Activities will include apple pancakes, apple pressing, pumpkin carving, chutneys and preserves, cookery demonstrations, children's activities and more.

Contact: 07943 700 302 / enquiries@diginstapleford.org.uk

Cromford Apple Day

Sat 18th October, 12pm-5pm

Scarthin Promenade, Cromford

Bring your apples to press into juice. There will apple bobbing, live music, refreshments, best pie/pudding/preserves competition, trees for sale and morris dancers.

B. Local News

Community Garden for Crich Lane?

There is a possibility that local residents could be allowed to manage the Crich Lane Festival Garden in Belper as a community garden. Transition Belper are running a short online survey to find out if people would like to do this and what ideas they have for the site.

www.surveymonkey.com/s/NTM8JCF. Email info@transitionbelper.org for more information.

Climate Change March a Great Success

People from all over Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire met up on 21st September at the [People's Climate Change March in Nottingham](#). They were joining hundreds of

thousands of people around the world who were demanding action on climate change two days before world leaders gathered in New York for a climate change summit.

An Economic Blueprint for Buxton

Buxton is just one of eight towns in Europe that has been chosen to undertake an Economic Blueprint Project in 2014. The Economic Blueprint tool has been developed by the National Transition Network to inform decisions to improve the resilience of a local economy.

Members of Transition Buxton have been busy carrying out research and surveys for the blueprint. If you would like to find out more, including about when the results will be launched, contact Jean Ball: jean@tbltd.co.uk

Pledge: Plastics Campaign Aims to Boost Bottle Recycling

Derbyshire County Council are urging residents to support a national campaign designed to boost plastic recycling rates. Organised by the charity Recoup, the [Pledge 4 Plastics](#) campaign is encouraging people in the UK to recycle just one more plastic bottle each week.

The Amber and Derwent Valley Community Energy Team

The Amber and Derwent Valley Community Energy team, formed by Transition Belper, is working towards a community-owned hydro project on the Derwent at Ambergate. The team are always looking for more members to get involved. They have recently issued their first newsletter. Read it and subscribe [here](#).

Local LED Lightbulb Company Works with

A local LED lightbulb company are offering 20p to the national Transition Network each time someone purchases an LED bulb until the end of October. Illumin8 are based in Matlock and stock a wide range of LED lightbulbs which can save up to 80% of lighting costs compared to halogen. The offer can be accessed by following this link www.illumin8led.com and using the code SWITCHTOLED.

Amber Valley Consult on Garden Waste Service

Amber Valley are consulting on whether to charge householders for the Garden Waste Service or withdraw this service. Last year garden waste made up 9% of total household waste collected. Their [online survey](#) closes on 21st October.

Live in an Eco Housing Project

A rare opportunity to live in a local eco home within a housing project has arisen. [The largest house at Hockerton Housing Project is for sale.](#)

C. National News

RESOURCE: Love Your Old Home Workbook

A new resource from Centre for Sustainable Energy, National Trust and English Heritage will help people living in older homes, and planners and local authorities, consider how to make these buildings more energy efficient without impacting on their historical or aesthetic value. The workbook provides a four-step process to find out what makes the homes historical significant and what that means for the types of energy efficiency improvements they could make.

www.loveyouoldhome.org.uk

EVENT: Green Open Homes Sheffield

11th-19th October

A chance to visit 15 eco homes across Sheffield.

<http://sheffield.greenopenhomes.net/green-homes-sheffield-139>

EVENT: Free Teacher Training: Energy Today and Tomorrow

28th October

Centre for Technology, Machynlleth

FREE

Get activity ideas to bring global issues into the classroom on a free one day course aimed at secondary level teachers. Delivered through interactive activities backed up with well researched information, the course will focus on energy and sustainable futures. Lunch included, with an option of staying overnight.

School trips to this inspiring eco-centre are also available. Groups can visit for the day or up to 36 people can stay overnight in eco-cabins.

Contact Deirdre Raffan: 01654 705982 / education@cat.org.uk

FUNDING: Friends of the Earth Run on Sun, Nominate a School

Would you like to see solar panels on your local primary school? Then nominate it to win a free set of panels from Friends of the Earth. Nominations are open until 24th October.

www.foe.co.uk/nominateaschool

FUNDING: Community Action Awards

Are you involved in an exciting, innovative project to tackle fuel poverty in your local community? The Community Action Awards will recognise best practice amongst those who are working to tackle fuel poverty and improve energy efficiency in their local communities. Supported by the Department of Energy and Climate Change and

British Gas and run by National Energy Action, 25 awards will be made over the next two years.

Winners will receive £1,500 to develop or enhance their project; a free place at the NEA Annual Conference; and practical and financial support to hold a community celebration event. The next deadline is 7th January 2015.

www.nea.org.uk/communityactionawards

SURVEY: Public Preferences on Householder Energy Information and Smart Meters

USMart Consumer is an EU research project set up to explore useful services to help people reduce their fuel bills, linked with the roll out of smart meters. The project is running a [short survey](#) to find out how people like to learn about home fuel use and what services would help people reduce their fuel bills.

National News in Brief

- Save Green Deal by offering financial incentives to households: www.everybodys-talking.org/news/save-green-deal-offering-financial-incentives-households-mps-say
- Greenhouse gas emissions rise at fastest rate for 30 years: <http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2014/sep/09/carbon-dioxide-emissions-greenhouse-gases>
- Climate change report: prevent damage by overhauling global economy: <http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2014/sep/16/climate-change-report-damage-overhaul-global-economy>

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