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Welcome to the Greening Campaign newsletter which we hope to send out monthly. Groups have said they would like more information about what each other are doing across the country so if you have an idea, a story to tell, a picture or a 'top tip', please email it to us so we can pass it on.

The past year has seen some fantastic work at 'grass roots' level and it has been repeatedly proved that the best ideas come from YOU!

Please send your contributions to info@greening-campaign.co.uk Subject: Newsletter



Apple pressing – West Bridgford

New Face

Welcome to Jacinta Thorley who has brought her mass of experience and joined us to work on the Phase 2 support programme. The Phase 2 support has always been a bit weak because no-one has had the opportunity to really focus on the Pack, but Jacinta has taken the programme by storm, re-written the pack and set up interactive days already.



Goodworth Clatford Launch
Showing correct loft insulation depth

Phase 2 Interactive Day

Representatives from 16 Greening Campaigns from across the country met in Hampshire at the beginning of October, to find out more about the support available for Phase 2 and to exchange ideas. Jacinta introduced the new Phase 2 Support Pack which is full of inspirational case studies from communities across Britain who have undertaken a huge variety of small and large Projects, the Support Pack contains a series of, 'How To' Guides, which give step by step information on projects as diverse as setting up a swap shop, setting up domestic insulation and solar PV schemes in your community and holding an eco Christmas decoration day.

Tracy Chandler of Greening Petersfield talked about her Recycled Art project and Joan Whibley of Greening Parklands showed fascinating photos of a variety of projects running in her community. The new interactive website 'Community Central' was introduced and Eaga gave a presentation to help groups better understand the offers available in the UK surrounding insulation and solar PV. The Greening Groups really enjoyed meeting each other and their Councils, who were there to discuss what help they could give. Groups swapped tips and ideas, highs and lows, challenges and successes. All in all, a very good day.

We will be holding more of these support days next year. Dates will be announced shortly. Jacinta@greening-campaign.co.uk.



Stubbington Public Meeting



Hermitage Launch
Involving young people

To make you feel warm inside

Sometimes working against Global Warming can make you feel like we are all facing a huge cliff. When you hear about more flooding, more starvation and more inventions that create CO₂, it can make you feel like putting your head in the sand and forgetting there are so many people on our side. So here are some pictures of a fraction of what has been happening as part of The Greening Campaign over the last few months. When I see this sort of heart-felt action it's not so much 'global warming' as 'heart warming'.

I really believe that together, we can!



Thame Launch event



Billericay launch event



Cold Ash Phase 2 discussion event



Lee on the Solent Public Meeting

There are **now 200 Greening Campaign groups** across the country. Some are just starting and some are asking for Phase 3 but we are all working in the same direction and we can all support each other as we move forward. Congratulations as you are all part of this great move to make our communities more sustainable!



Greening Campaign
Biomass information day



Thatcham launch



Please find us on Community Central. We have joined with Community Central to bring you a monthly Webinar and news and updates on different Phases of the Campaign – but also so you can share your information and ideas with the other groups. Please go to <http://www.communitycentral.co.uk/register/c4938a62-fabb-40d9-a1f8-1d6a72de00db/>

Thanks to John Parsons. John comes into the office for 2 days a week as a volunteer and he makes sure that all the challenge cards are sent to you on time, with the right information, and to the right place. We cannot thank John enough for being so reliable and so organised. Thanks John.

Where is the Greening Campaign with the new government and support

We are not sure yet what the Spending Review will bring to our door but things have already changed since the new government took power. I will provide this as facts which are not intending to be critical or supportive.

- There is less funding available for the voluntary sector, the competition means we spend longer writing bids for money for lower success.
- The loss of organisations like SEEDA and GOSE will impact on our ability to understand where central government is heading with policy. SEEDA provided some fantastic insight for us to the business world and without them we would have struggled to make the progress we have over the last 3 years. Thanks SEEDA!
- They have removed the 'National Indicators' which drove the requirement for local government support. This has resulted in far fewer councils working alongside us.

Time will tell how this works out. Let us keep our fingers crossed that Climate Change stays at the peak of the agenda.

Who is taking part?

Many communities are already active but we thought you would want to know what has happened over the summer and who did what.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Radcliffe in Nottinghamshire
Fareham in Hampshire
Lee on the Solent in Hampshire

Harby and District in Nottinghamshire
Stubington in Hampshire
Angmering in West Sussex

LAUNCHES

Stapleford in Nottinghamshire
Catherington In Hampshire
Sherbourne St John in Hampshire
Stockbridge in Hampshire
Worthing in West Sussex
Horsham Town in West Sussex
Long Crendon in Buckinghamshire
Barton le Clacy in Bedfordshire

Beeston Rylands in Nottinghamshire
Tadley in Hampshire
Goodworth Clatford in Hampshire
Upper Clatford
Storrington and Sullington in West Sussex
Thakeham in West Sussex
Billericay in Essex

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK TOGETHER WE MOST CERTAINLY CAN!

What is coming up?

Dates soon to be announced

Greening Campaign Conference 2011 – This will be focused on Phase 1 and we would appreciate groups who are now on Phase 2 coming along to share their experience.

Phase 2 Interactive days. The last event was so successful that we will shortly announce a further 3 days for next year.

Adaptation workshops. Petersfield is now running the Adaptation Toolkit. Courses will soon be announced for groups to attend and learn how to use this planning tool with their own communities.

Community Energy Schemes. We have been funded to support you to develop your own Community Energy Schemes and we have provisionally booked the first information day to take place on 11th December. We will confirm this by the end of October.

All dates will be announced before the end of October
Please watch the website or your emails.

Thank you

The Greening Campaign would like to thank:

Oona Muirhead from SEEDA for advice and support over the last 3 years.

Martin Bolton from SEEDA for advice over last 3 years.

You made a big difference – thank you.

Please send us your questions, thoughts, photographs or ideas for the next newsletter. Remember that this is about what you are doing and let us see you and your friends having fun as you take up the baton to fight climate change and save people in your community lots of money!

Thanks to all of you
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