

MAY 2021



HAZELBURY CAN

Newsletter for Hazelbury Bryan CEE (Climate & Ecological Emergency) Working Party

In May 2019 Dorset Council declared a Climate and Ecological Emergency committing to a carbon-neutral Council by 2040 and County by 2050.

Last year Hazelbury Bryan Parish Council also voted to declare a CEE and as a result a working party was set up - **Hazelbury CAN** (Climate Action Now).

It is vital that small communities like ours play their part. The average Dorset resident's carbon footprint is 4.6 tonnes of CO₂e per year, some of the lowest in the region. However, this will need to reduce to near zero by 2050, if not sooner. Therefore, we all need to think about how we **travel, use energy, water, create waste and what we eat.**

There will be many serious effects from the climate emergency, for instance the World Health Organisation estimates **millions** of excess deaths between 2030/50 due to heat, diseases, respiratory illness and extreme weather events. Indirect health impacts will include illness relating to food/water safety, food insecurity, skin cancer, dehydration. Rising temperatures/sea levels, and increased drought might disrupt food/water resources, weaken infrastructure, causing financial/relationship stress with increased risk of violence and displacement of entire communities.

The GOOD NEWS - Research has shown that access to natural landscapes with a high ecological value can boost the immune system, deactivate inflammation and calm stress responses within the brain. This can significantly increase life satisfaction and expectancy. Working together to achieve such environments could inspire altruism, optimism and create a sense of meaning.

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Right now, we are facing a man-made disaster of global scale. Our greatest threat in thousands of years... Climate Change. Sir David Attenborough

For anyone one who doesn't yet feel they are in a position
to commit to big changes here are

TEN TINY THINGS TO DO WHICH WILL MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

(AND SAVE ££££)

1. Turn off unnecessary lights, especially external ones because of their negative impact on insects (save £15 per light p.a.)
2. Don't leave taps running (save up to 6 litres per minute)
3. When shopping take your own bags and don't use new plastic ones
4. Avoid other single use plastic e.g. water bottles
5. Turn your appliances off rather than leave them in standby mode (typically saves at least £50 p.a.)
6. Plant a few pollinator/bee friendly plants - we depend on the bees !
7. Plan your car journeys to avoid unnecessary trips
8. Only fill the kettle with what you need each time
9. Make sure washing machine/dishwasher is full before using
10. Remember the THREE R's **REDUCE - RE-USE - RECYCLE**



LITTER PICKERS

The Parish Council has free litter pickers available. If you regularly walk around the village and would like one - please get in touch with

Ken Huggins tel: 818223 email: kenhuggins@hotmail.co.uk

If you have any ideas about how we can stop people littering our village we'd like to hear them !

How long does Litter last?

Cigarette Butts	1-5 years
Fruit Peel	2 years
Chewing Gum	7 years
Fast Food Packaging	10 years
Plastic Bags	20 years
Disposable Coffee Cups	30 years
Aluminium Cans	50 years
Crisp Packets	80 years
Glass Bottles	1 million years
Plastic Bottles	Forever



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OUR BIG IDEAS

The two areas which contribute most to creating the Climate Emergency are ENERGY and TRANSPORT.

Hazelbury CAN is discussing if our village could become self sufficient in green energy, and how this might be achieved. We have calculated our current energy consumption and are looking at possibilities for generating this locally, while allowing for increased future demand. We are also identifying ways of financing such a project. Not only would this reduce our community's carbon footprint, it could mean we would be less susceptible to the power cuts which some consider are going to be inevitable.

We would like to hear your views on this

+ Should we go for 100% self sufficiency... 75%, 50%?

+ What would be a good way to do this?

We are also considering transport issues; particularly relevant in our very rural location. **Would it be viable to have electric car(s) available for short term hire?** We are liaising with the wider Dorset CEE networks on transport, some of whom are lobbying the County Council for return/improvement/electrification of public transport in rural areas.

Again your ideas are welcome

WE WANT TO INVOLVE EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY

COMPETITION

We need a logo ! **Get creative**
and send your ideas to :
valrubie@btinternet.com

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If you would like free advice about :
electric cars - solar panels - obtaining
a free new boiler on the govern-
ment's renewable heating initiative -
air or ground source heat pumps or
other environmental matters

Contact: Keith Wheaton-Green or
Allan Peters (see p4)

80% of lawns support 400 bees ... 20% support 4,000 !



Areas of unmown grass are more diverse in their flowers, with oxeye daisy, field scabious and knapweed increasing the range of nectar sources for different pollinators.

SUPPORT NO MOW MAY#

RECYCLING

Red Barn Shop HB - textiles/clothing/shoes

Near **HB School, Droop** - textiles

Sturminster Leisure Centre - foil/tetrapak/paper cups/textiles

Sturminster Community Chest & Emporium, Market Cross - clothing/household items/jewellery/bra bank
Open again soon

Stalbridge Springfield car park - foil/textiles

Sherborne Recycling (Tip) West Mill Lane - www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Dorchester County Hall Car Park - textiles/small electrical items

Dorchester local Sainsburys, Bridport Rd - foil/tetrapak/plastics/electrical items

Blandford Tesco - batteries

Pause for thought ...



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The choices we make
and the lifestyles we live
have a profound impact
on our planet

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**YES WE CAN
TOGETHER**