



Warwickshire Climate Change Community Newsletter

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Kenilworth Initiative
for Climate Change

Kenilworth Green Exhibition

On Friday the 29th of August Kenilworth residents will get an opportunity to find out how they can go green and cut their fuel bills at the same time.

KICC, the Kenilworth Initiative for Climate Change, is hosting the this Green Exhibition at St. Francis Church Hall, Warwick Road , Kenilworth between 1:00pm and 8:00pm. Entry to the event is free.

The exhibition aims to answer three key questions:-

- 1) Why is it important to tackle climate change?
- 2) What actions can individuals take?
- 3) What help and expert advice is available?

Many local companies and organisations will be attending the exhibition, offering advice and guidance on how to adopt a greener life style. What's more, a lot of these ideas can help cut energy costs as well, leading to lower bills.

George Martin, recently voted one of the UK's top ten green gurus, will be speaking at the event, presenting a series of short films high lighting the impact of climate change and how individuals and local communities can respond.

The list of confirmed exhibitors includes Encraft, Action 21, the Renewable Energy Club, the Green Electrician, Travis Perkins, Wolseley, Chiltern Railways, ASK (A Station for Kenilworth) Sustrans, the University of Warwick, Warwickshire County Council (WCC) Climate Change Team, Warwick District Council Sort-It Team and Waste Resources Action Plan(WRAP).

Cllr John Whitehouse (WCC Kenilworth Abbey), one of the organisers of the event, said:

“ we are very lucky to have someone with national credentials of George Martin resident here in Kenilworth and playing such a major part in the Exhibition.

We have a wide range of exhibitors, with something to interest everyone. After the success of the public meeting on climate change earlier this year, we are hoping for a really good attendance on the 29th August.

Kenilworth Initiative for Climate Change

KICC was formed following a large and successful public meeting on climate change arranged by the then mayor of Kenilworth Cllr. Pat Ryan at the De Montfort Hotel on 21st January 2008. More than a 100 members of the public attended the event, where individuals were able to discuss potential ideas and form a steering group.

The steering group formed from this first meeting has since held regular meetings to develop the ideas discussed from the public meeting and to create a local action plan.

The Green Exhibition will provide the first opportunity to report back to the public on how their ideas have been developed.

Family Challenge

Do you know how much electricity your home uses?

If the answer is no this is the challenge for you. The Family Challenge helps you discover how much electricity your home uses and what things use the most.

We will supply you with an electrifave monitor for two weeks, which measures the power your home is using and displays this on a portable unit. All we ask is that you fill in your diary to help you monitor your usage.

If interested in finding out more please email emmaclarke@warwickshire.gov.uk

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Electric / Zero Carbon Emissions Vehicle Scheme

Warwickshire County Council is currently working in partnership with ARUP consulting to develop a bid for central Government assistance to trial a fleet of pool cars through the Electric / Zero Carbon Emissions Vehicle programme. If the bid is successful, a fleet of 6 (estimated) electric cars will be used intensively to evaluate all aspects of zero carbon vehicles (including performance, duty cycles, reliability, value for money etc) with a view to a permanent scheme being adopted if the trial proves successful.

Climate Change by Francis Duggan – www.dreamagic.com

The Worldwide human population has more than quadrupled since I was a boy
And these decades of affluence we well may enjoy
Yet due to pollution of land and of water and air
Signs of climate change are now seen everywhere
In the Arctic a part of the World that is very cold
The Winters much milder and shorter we're told
And with climate change animals and birds becoming rare
In the home of the musk oxen and polar bear,
The Antarctic Winter now warmer by four or five degrees
And the sea ice is thinner on the surrounding seas
As polar ice caps melt the sea levels rise to flood coastal lands Worldwide
And from changes in Nature nowhere for to hide,
The threat of terrorism may cause Worldwide fear
But climate change a far greater threat to humanity or so 'twould appear.

Funding

Groundwork Community Spaces Fund is a Lottery funded grant programme aimed at not-for-profit community groups based in England, including church based and faith groups, tenants and residents associations and registered charities. A number of grants are available: Small grants from £10,000 to 25,000; Medium grants from £25,001 to £49,999; Large grants from £50,000 to £100,000; Flagship grants from £100,001 to £450,000. Projects eligible for funding must be within two miles of a residential area and open to the public. The types of funding likely to be supported include: Community gardens and parks, nature reserves, ponds and projects that improve the local community's access to green space.

Have your say

This is your newsletter and your opportunity to publicise any events you may be holding, and let other groups know what you are currently up to sharing your experiences. What do you want to see in future editions?

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Tip of the Month

Choose the most energy efficient appliances – Check the European rating label before you buy an electrical appliance. Refrigerators are especially of concern, since they are usually the biggest energy consuming appliance in the home. Replace an old refrigerator with an A rated model, and you will save enough energy to light the average household for almost five months.

