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Introduction

In partnership with the Royal Borough Sustainability Programme and Learning for Sustainability (LfS), Sustainable Sunningdale (SUSS), an initiative of Sunningdale Parish Council, continues to engage with the community on matters of climate change, raising awareness and encouraging lifestyle changes to lower our use of fossil fuels. We work with Ascot Community Environment Network (ASCENT) and with Ascot Green Drinks which meets on the first Monday of every month at Jagz at Ascot Station 8.0 pm

We are looking to build our Eco team of people ready to set an example and sign on to the commitment to reduce CO2. We arrange speaker events like meeting with our MP Adam Afriyie on 24 June on climate change issues. We are seeking to support a local food enterprise so please bring us your ideas.

We encourage people:

- to change to green energy providers such as Ecotricity which is dedicated to increasing the supply of energy from renewable sources
- to get a free energy audit from RBWM Energy Awareness Officer to show how to reduce your energy bills and improve energy efficiency
- Recycle – sign up for recyclebank, use Freegle and recycle carrier bags
- Protect our endangered oceans by supporting Oceanstory www.oceanstory.org

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Eco Newsletter June 2014

The latest news from Sustainable Sunningdale comes in the form of a newsletter which can be viewed [here](#).

Biodiversity and the Neighbourhood Plan

We are at an exciting stage with the Ascot, Sunninghill and Sunningdale Neighbourhood Plan which has just been submitted to the Borough and then to the Examiner, and from there to Referendum in early 2014.

Assuming it gets approval at Referendum then the Plan has statutory weight. So what is in the Plan on biodiversity, on trees and wildlife corridors? How does the Plan protect biodiversity in our area? And how can we make sure that the NP policies are implemented and how can the community strengthen it.

We are planning two one-hour sessions on Saturday 28 September at Sunningdale Parish Council community room, Broomhall Lane at 4.0pm and again at 5.0pm.

Meet those involved with drawing up the policies in the plan and local conservation specialists. There will be an opportunity to use the computers to access the recording processes of wildlife in our area.

I attach a poster for the event.

Please do come down to learn more on how we can ensure that the NP policies are implemented, what evidence do we need to collect and how can we get ready for action.

RBWM Food Waste Collection Survey (16th August 2013)

Dear friends of Sustainable Sunningdale

We would be grateful for your help to the Borough in understanding the disappointing take up of food waste collection so please do complete the questionnaire.

Thanks

Anne Martin

Food Waste Collections - The Borough needs your help

Dear Royal Borough Resident,

The Royal Borough's food waste collection service was introduced last October in an effort to increase recycling, minimise the amount of waste going to landfill and, in turn, reduce the cost to both the Council and our residents.

However the take up of the food waste collection service has been disappointing and we need your help to find out why - and what we should do to encourage more people to participate.

We would be really grateful if you would take a few minutes to complete this short questionnaire at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5ZYZ7NV>

We value your feedback and opinions. All responses will remain confidential but if you would be prepared to provide us with further information about the food waste service please do include your contact details. The closing date is **Monday 2 September 2013.**

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. The information you provide will help us improve the service for all residents in the Royal Borough.

With kind regards,
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RBWM and Sustainability (29th June 2013)

The Royal Borough has produced an article on its website which explains what sustainability means to it and how it is addressing the subject. [The article can be seen here.](#)

The State of Nature (6th June 2013)

UK nature is in trouble – that is the conclusion of a groundbreaking report published by a coalition of leading conservation and research organisations.

Scientists working side-by-side from 25 wildlife organisations have compiled a stock take of our native species – the first of its kind in the UK. The State of Nature report reveals that 60% of the species studied have declined over recent decades. More than one in ten of all the species assessed are under threat of disappearing from our shores altogether.

60% of the 3,148 UK species we assessed have declined over the last 50 years and 31% have declined strongly.

Half of the species assessed have shown strong changes in their numbers or range, indicating that recent environmental changes are having a dramatic impact on nature in the UK. Species with specific habitat requirements seem to be faring worse than generalist species.

A new Watchlist Indicator, developed to measure how conservation priority species are faring, shows that their overall numbers have declined by 77% in the last 40 years, with little sign of recovery.

Of more than 6,000 species that have been assessed using modern Red List criteria, more than one in 10 are thought to be under threat of extinction in the UK.

Stark warning

Sir David Attenborough said: "This groundbreaking report is a stark warning – but it is also a sign of hope.

"For 60 years I have travelled the world exploring the wonders of nature and sharing that wonder with the public. But as a boy my first inspiration came from discovering the UK's own wildlife.

"This report shows that our species are in trouble, with many declining at a worrying rate. However, we have in this country a network of passionate conservation groups supported by millions of people who love wildlife. The experts have come together today to highlight the amazing nature we have around us and to ensure that it remains here for generations to come."

Dr Mark Eaton, a lead author on the report, said: "This report reveals that the UK's nature is in trouble - overall we are losing wildlife at an alarming rate.

"These declines are happening across all countries and UK Overseas Territories, habitats and species groups, although it is probably greatest amongst insects, such as our moths, butterflies and beetles. Other once common species like the lesser spotted woodpecker, barbastelle bat and hedgehog are vanishing before our eyes.

"Reliable data on these species goes back just fifty years, at most, but we know that there has been a historical pattern of loss in the UK going back even further. Threats including sweeping habitat loss, changes to the way we manage our countryside, and the more recent impact of climate change, have had a major impact on our wildlife, and they are not going away.

Please do read the full report <http://www.rspb.org.uk/ourwork/science/stateofnature/index.aspx>

Do join Wildlife in Ascot – email ascot.wildlife@gmail.com for activities going on locally.

Please do think how you can help in your garden to create habitats for our insects and moths.

Enough Food for Everyone and Climate Change (29th May 2013)

ENOUGH FOOD FOR EVERYONE



The Enough Food For Everyone IF campaign is ultimately aimed at the leaders of the G8 countries meeting will on 17th and 18th June 2013, at the Lough Erne Golf Resort, Enniskillen, Northern Ireland. It is to ensure that they address the many issues surrounding global hunger.

The G8 Summit will be preceded the previous week by a meeting in London of the G8

Alliance on Food Security and Nutrition. The Co-Chair of this is Justine Greening, the UK Secretary of State for International Development. Over 100 UK organisations have united in support of the IF campaign. These include the big aid agencies such as Christian Aid, CAFOD, Tearfund and Oxfam. They have been joined by many faith denominations, trade unions, social justice issue groups, and charities.

The IF campaign calls on Prime Minister David Cameron to use the UK's G8 presidency in 2013 to take action on the root causes of the hunger crisis in the poorest countries.

Full information is at the website www.enoughfoodif.org This include details of the big variety of events and activities organised throughout the UK.

The major event will be on Saturday 8th June in Central London. Tens of thousands of IF supporters are expected to take part in a mid-morning gathering and walk from Westminster to Hyde Park - where a big family-friendly afternoon of activities will take place.

If you can't make the great gathering in Central London, please join us for a United-churches IF gathering at St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Coronation Road, South Ascot SL5 9HG

7.30pm on Friday 7th June 2013

If you're likely to attend, please help by booking via e-mail to hughgibbons@just1.org.uk

FRIDAY JUNE 7th 6.00pm

Welcome to a PUBLIC CONVERSATION about Climate Change & the Government's Energy Policy **with Adam Afriyie MP**

At ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, London Road, Ascot SL5 8DQ

- CO2 emissions have passed 400ppm for the first time in 3 -5 million years
- Global temperatures are forecast to rise by 4C
- Parliamentary select committee has accused the Government of failure to set clear goals for the Energy Policy

WE ARE FEARFUL AT THE LACK OF CONSISTENT LEADERSHIP DISPLAYED BY OUR GOVERNMENT. WE INTEND SHOWING OUR MP THE DEPTH OF OUR CONCERN

To submit your question, tell us you are coming or for more information phone Anne Yarwood on 01344 621167 yarwodav@aol.com

Petition to save British Bees (No.2 April 2013)

Thank you for your responses on saving the bees. Some of you have taken measures to grow flowers and plants with the bees in mind.

The best news came from the Manager at Waitrose Sunningdale telling me that Waitrose is supporting the campaign to restrict the use of pesticides linked to bee decline by banning suppliers from using neonicotinoid insecticides. The move follows discussion between the supermarket chain and Friends of the Earth's Bee Cause campaign.

There is an action you can take - [click on this link to sign the petition](#) organised by Greenpeace and other agencies regarding the banning of these chemicals.

Urgent call to save British Bees and other updates (April 2013)

Bees in the South East need our help. There has been a worrying decline of bees in Britain. **Britain has already lost over 20 species of bees** and a further quarter of UK bee species are on the red list of threatened species.

Scientists say one of the main reasons is that bees' nesting grounds are being destroyed, along with wildflowers, hedgerows and trees that provide much of their food source. 97% of vital wildflower meadows have been lost in the past 60 years. Other root problems include the excessive use of insecticides in modern crop production, as well as bees' pests and diseases.

Bees are crucial to our environment, helping to pollinate as many as 75% of our crops. Without bees, the cost of pollinating crops ourselves would be £1.8 billion each year. Bees are also an important link in our food chain, and its difficult to predict just how many other species could be threatened if bees continue to disappear. Read more at www.foe.co.uk/bees



As part of the Friends of the Earth "Bee Cause" campaign the Parish Council is keen to create a **Bee World** in our area. Firstly residents are asked to create **havens of wildflowers** in their gardens. We are trying to get hold of wildflower seeds to encourage you to plant for bees. Secondly, tell us that you have done that so that we know we have your support. Tell us other ways that you are encouraging bees – perhaps you have place to have hives in your garden (we have them at the cemetery now, and I have hives belonging to an allotment holder in my garden).

So together let us create a Bee World and do all we can to protect our bees.

Other ideas: Wildlife in Ascot is actively pursuing its aims of educating us, collecting data, taking conservation measures and seeing how to get ecological matters higher up the Borough's agenda. Contact: ascot.wildlife@gmail.com
<https://sites.google.com/site/wildlifeinascot/wildlife-recording>

Granny Kettles Woodland – ideas are emerging on how this important woodland can be protected and enhanced. The vision is to protect this woodland along Whitmore Lane and make it available to the community in perpetuity. Find out more from andrea.berardi.ou@gmail.com.

SUS update (No. 1 February 2013)

Those who went to the "Time to Take Climate Change Seriously" talk last week came away understandably alarmed. Chris Goodall, as someone who has research fossil fuel use, has got the latest predictions on the steadily rising graph of use for the next 20-30 years. It will bring about a figure of 600-700 ppm which translates into 5 degrees of average temperature rise which is catastrophic. The need to drive down our use of carbon fuels has never been more urgent.

Invasive Species in Sunningdale (No. 3 January 2013)

Click [here](#) to view a document which highlights the invasive plant species which are known to be found in Sunningdale.

SUS update (No. 2 January 2013)

On Wednesday 23rd January at 7.30pm at Coopers Hill Community Centre in Bracknell a panel including Chris Goodall, award winning author on climate, energy and sustainability, will be speaking on **"Time to take Climate Change Seriously Again"**. I attach the flier for this event.

Please do come if you can for this topical and important subject.

I am happy to give a lift to anyone who would struggle with transport.

Also, 50% of food goes to waste – a scandal we all need to address. Let me know your thoughts on how we can stop the huge waste of food.

SUS update (No. 1 January 2013)

Happy New Year – and thanks to those who have recycled your Christmas tree at the Rec. The number of trees is way down suggesting that many are changing to man-made trees.

Climate Week is coming up March 4-10 – I invite you to go to www.climateweek.com and join in with the various ideas proposed.

ASCENT – Ascot Community Environment Network – January 2013 newsletter can be viewed [here](#).

Good preparation is going on for an event in Climate Week and a keynote speaker at the AGM on 7th April. Please do come along

Green Drinks takes place on the First Monday of the Month at 8.0pm at Bar 1, Ascot High Street. It is a good opportunity to chat with other green friends and refresh yourself.

Wildlife in Ascot continues to work on researching what wildlife exists in our area and therefore to protect their movement across our area. The concept of Wildlife Corridors will, we trust, be included in the emerging Neighbourhood Plan. Let me know if you want details of their next meeting.

Later in the year we are planning a session on invasive species – how to recognise and then eliminate them; a Big Lunch in June with a focus on locally grown food; a walk in Silwood Park and Chobham Common to appreciate what a great natural world is around us.

With your help we can continue to raise awareness of what we all can do to reduce our dependence on carbon fuels and protect our environment. Please send me your ideas so as to make this initiative more effective.

Email newsletters (October 2012)

Anne Martin has recently introduced regular newsletters on the environment which are distributed by email. [Contact Anne](#) if you wish to be added to her growing email list.

Knowing and Protecting our Natural Environment (September 2012)

Autumn /Winter 2012

This is a new initiative. Call back periodically for further information.

Wildlife in Ascot

A new group has been formed, and officially launches on **30 September at Silwood Park 3-5pm** to encourage us to take responsibility for protecting and encouraging wildlife in the Ascot area. They plan to set up wildlife corridors in our area, seeing if they can be part of the emerging Neighbourhood Plan, and to ensure that future development is reasonable and considerate of the environment, offering us ways to create good habitats in our own gardens. Contact: ascot.wildlife@gmail.com to find out more about the 30 September event.

Wood Exchange - Saturday 22 September 2012 12:00 - 1pm

The Parish Council is sometimes given piles of wood which is proving very popular amongst residents. We want to know who appreciates the free wood, how they manage the sawing up and splitting of logs and how the Parish Council can help in this process. Contact: sunningdale.parish@rbwm.gov.uk or talk to Graeme.

Extending the use of Parish Council woodland – Monday 22 Oct and Thurs 25 at 11.00am

The Parish Council woodland is well used by children and by people walking through. Can it be better used as a facility for the local community? What would you like to see happen in the woods and can we extend it with improved paths. We want your views.

Granny Kettle woodland – Sunday 18 November at 2.00pm

Dr Andrea Berardi, OU lecturer in environmental studies, has purchased the 5.6 acre Granny Kettles wood along Whitmore Lane with a view to restoring the rich biodiversity of the woodland, removal of non-native invasive species. He hopes the woodland will be designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest SSSI and transformed into a Community Woodland through a share issue scheme.

Future ideas

Invasive non-native species and eradication actions

Dr Berardi is assisting the Parish Council to be more alert and active with regards to invasive species such as Himalyan Balsam, Japanese Knotweed and Skunk Weed. All three of these are damaging to the regeneration of indigenous species, preventing the next generation of tree seedlings from getting established. A talk is planned to alert us all on what to look for and what action to take.

Bee Cause

Bees help pollinate over 75% of our plants and without bees farmers costs would rise and our food would be more expensive. But the native bee population numbers have fallen dramatically in recent years. It is the way we farm our food and plan our towns and cities that makes the problem worse. We plan to invite a bee keeper and someone from the Friends of the Earth Bee cause to speak to help us discover how we can improve the environment for our local bees.

Please note that the November meeting of the Sunningdale Gardening Club (SADGA) will feature a talk on The Importance of Bees by Tony Wolstenholme. Visitors are welcome. There is a charge of £3 for the evening which includes refreshments. Further details can be found on [the SADGA website](#).

Three nature walks are being planned;

Discovering nature in Silwood Park

Meadowland at Coworth Park

Chobham Common – wildlife walk with the Warden

Recycling (September 2012)

As detailed in the summer 2012 version of *Around The Royal Borough*, a copy of which has been delivered to all households, the range of plastic materials that can now be put into the recycle blue wheelee bin has increased. [Here is the latest version of RBWM's useful recycling leaflet](#) which summarises what can and cannot be recycled at the present time.

The Borough is also in the process of introducing a [food waste recycling service](#). Containers are being delivered to households and the service is due to become operational in the week commencing Monday October 8th, 2012.

A reminder that the Borough offers a [subscribed green waste collection service](#), and finally here is information on [their latest compost bin offer](#).

Water Shortage (April 2012)

Despite recent rains we are still desperately short of water following the fifth driest March recorded since 1910, and a second predominantly dry winter. A hose pipe ban is in force in our area and there is a risk of even greater restrictions this summer unless we cut back significantly on our water use.

Update. The hosepipe ban was lifted on July 9th, 2012 although the water company urges us to be prudent in our use of water as it is apprehensive about the possibility of another dry winter.

So we have to wise up on the value of water.

The average UK household uses an average 350 litres of water a day but we could use less. We could, for example,

- Avoid leaving taps running when washing vegetable or dishes
- Fix a dripping tap and save up to 5500 litres of water a year
- Stand for shorter time under the shower
- Fit a graduated flush device in toilets (to stop flushing 7 litres each use)
- Install a water butt to collect rainwater and use it for the garden

The Parish Council has looked into rainwater harvesting to supply the public toilets but retrofitting a huge tank has so far proved to be very expensive. Any suggestions?

Earth Hour (March 2012)



Earth Hour 8.30 - 9.30pm local time on **Saturday 26th March**. This is a world wide initiative which is led by the [World Wildlife Fund](#). Now in its fifth year, the objective of [Earth Hour](#) is to encourage people to turn their lights out for one hour to bring attention to global sustainability issues.

Do join in.

Climate Week (March 2012)

Climate Week (12-18 March 2012) is Britain 's biggest climate change campaign, inspiring a new wave of action to create a sustainable future. Events will be run by schools, businesses, charities, councils and many others. Our part in this is to invite you to recycle more with Recyclebank (blue bins) as using less, producing less waste is an essential part of a greener future.

Every week you earn points for the waste you recycle and we want to encourage you to redeem your points and participate in this innovative incentive scheme. There is a wide range of things you can do with your points. There are national offers such as £5 off £25.00 on food and drink at M&S. Locally you can redeem points at Cliff Roe Sports, Swinley Stores, Lush in Windsor (bar of natural soap for 100 points), and weekday green fee at Royal Ascot Golf Club. You can get 2 for 1 entry into Jagz Ascot and offers at Ascot Spices, Bar 1 and The Swinley. At the Firestation Windsor there are 2 for 1 entry offer for films on Sunday and a deal at McDonalds in Windsor. New offers are being added all the time.

Or you can donate your points to 4 schools in the Green Schools programme, which includes Bright Start Pre-school , Windsor to help them create a mini allotment area. Please take a look at the Live Green section of the website to see the ideas and commitments behind Recycle Bank.

www.recyclebank.com/rbwm

If you are struggling to register with Recyclebank or do not have a computer to access Recyclebank please come down to the Parish Office for help.

The Big Connection - Climate Change Discussion with MP Adam Afriyie (June 2011)

The MP for Windsor and Maidenhead, Adam Afriyie, gave the ASCENT group an hour of his time to answer questions. Meeting in Charters School o n Friday, 24th June 2011 we were delighted that a group of Sixth form students were able to join in and to ask their questions.

The first question was on the support from Government to Carbon Capture and Storage technology where Britain could show a lead. Samantha and Michelle from Ocean Story, a local charity, drew attention to the disastrous state of the oceans recently reported in the press which links to their awareness raising on the pollution to the health of the ocean life. Questions followed on the Energy Bill currently going through Parliament and the need for strong measures to ensure the legislation was effective in cutting carbon. Recycling and rubbish collection, the role of the Borough and community response were all discussed.

Adam Afriyie spoke of the importance the Prime Minister attaches to this subject and the incentives that are being created to get the public to make green choices in their energy supply and their behaviour. With a student audience in mind, he explained the processes of Parliament, the time it takes to get well-thought out legislation. He fully understood the importance of international action around the treaty to replace Kyoto which happens at a frustratingly slow pace.

It was a very good discussion. Afriyie gave us the assurance that he is on message, especially after his time as Shadow Minister with a climate change brief. He let with no doubt of the constituency pressure for measures to protect the environment and was moved to relook at the Energy Bill and other measures. The dialogue will surely continue.

The Return of bike-power

The bike which was an integral part of Climate Week back in March 2011 in demonstrating how much

energy was required to make a smoothie put in a reappearance at the "Over the Rainbow" - Family Fun Day in June 2011. On this occasion the bike was helping to show how much effort and energy was required to run a music system or power a light bulb.



ASCENT

ASCENT is the [Ascot Community Environment Network](#). It was formed in December 2010 with the objective of encouraging the local community to grow in [Transition Town](#) initiatives and environmental awareness. [Click here to see its inaugural newsletter](#).

Sustainable Sunningdale is affiliated to ASCENT.

Things that you can do to start living greener ... and save money and get free stuff!!

Earn rewards for weekly recycling

If you haven't already signed up for Recyclebank, you are missing out! Recyclebank is a scheme that motivates people to recycle by rewarding them with vouchers that can be redeemed at national and local businesses. It's very simple; every week that you recycle, you can earn Recyclebank Points. You can earn rewards from Recyclebank whether you have an individual wheelie bin or a shared bin for multiple flats. All you have to do is register and each week points are added. You can convert them to reward vouchers for more than 100 goods and services ranging from food and drink, entertainment, health & beauty, photo printing and more, for example £5 voucher for a spend of £25 on M&S food for 75 points. The Website is also full of tips on green living. Go to <http://www.recyclebank.com/> to register and start earning rewards.



The more we recycle, the less is going to landfill and government taxes on landfill rise year on year, which you have to pay in your Council tax.

Sign up for a FREE energy audit: save money and benefit the environment

The Royal Borough's Energy Awareness Officer will conduct a free energy audit at your home (30-45 minutes) and show you how to reduce your energy bills and to access discounts available for insulation measures, boilers and electrical items. To book your visit call the Royal Borough's Customer Service Centre on **01628 683820** asking for a Free Home Energy Visit or email customer.services@RBWM.gov.uk or pick up a brochure from the Sunningdale Parish Council Office.

Support local farmers and eat locally

Visit your local Farmers' Market, upcoming dates for June and July 2011 include:

4 June (Windsor), 12 June (Maidenhead), 19 June (Ascot)

2 July (Windsor), 10 July (Maidenhead), 17 July (Ascot)

Explore more at the [Thames Valley Farmers' Market Co-operative Web site](#).

Recycle unwanted items and request items you need – all for FREE



Ascot Freegle is a way of recycling items you no longer need or want including furniture, a printer or even an old door. Not only are you avoiding adding to landfill but you are cutting down on use of the earth's resources. It is also a place you can request free items from others. The only rule is that it must be FREE for the giving or taking. Think twice before throwing it out, someone else in the community may be able to use it. Join the group by signing up at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ascot-freegle/>

Make sure that your energy bills are supporting Green Energy



Sunningdale Parish Council uses Ecotricity as its energy supplier as it is dedicated to increasing the supply of energy from renewable sources (like wind, sun and sea) – and it costs no more as they promise to price match the standard energy companies. It is an easy step that you can take to contribute to cleaner energy and climate change reduction by reducing green house gas emissions.

Ecotricity strives to increase the proportion of green energy each year (still using some traditional fossil fuels at present). As a customer you are an investor in clean energy. Ecotricity already powers more than 43,000 homes – and all of those energy bills are being reinvested in green energy. Over the last seven years Ecotricity spent more than 50p per £1 received from electricity bills on renewable energy projects – this compared to less than 4p per £1 spent by the big energy companies. [Check out more on their website.](#)

A web site called [Green Electricity Marketplace](#) helps you compare the green energy tariffs available in your postcode.

Climate Week

The [Climate Week website](#) contains information on the plans for this important week. The Parish Council hosted a [bike-powered smoothie maker](#) from 23-25 March 2011 where you could discover how much energy you could generate to run the blender. In addition, a talk on "Climate Change - the scientific evidence" was given by Dr. Manoj Joshi in the Village Hall on Saturday 26th March, 2011.

Greening Your Community

[Click here](#) to see the slides from a presentation, entitled Greening Your Community, given at the NALC Larger Councils' Conference and Exhibition on December 1st, 2010 by Anne Martin (Sunningdale) and Graham Hunt (Newbury).

Community Garden

As part of the future work of Sustainable Sunningdale the Parish has commissioned a garden for the community linked to gardening courses being run from the Pavilion from summer 2010. It is entirely funded by an Awards for All grant from the Lottery.

The aim is to provide access to all, through teaching and activities, the opportunity to develop new, and relearn old, skills and an appreciation of working with nature through gardening. Our ultimate aim is to contribute to a cultural shift which draws on our heritage as a 'nation of gardeners' but also prepares us for the future in which locally produced food will increasingly be a part of the way we live. This is part of the wider [Transition movement](#) that is spreading across the UK.

Graeme Kennedy, our Grounds Manager, will be arranging sessions for schoolchildren and adults at strategic points during the growing season. Full details will be available in due course.

Apart from these formal sessions the garden will be open to the public every day, and in addition there will be a chance to quiz Graeme weekly when he is tending the garden.

Eco Circus



The visit of the Eco Circus with its hour-long family show combining clowning and comedy, music and artwork to illustrate the danger of the "tipping point" and irreversible climate change took place on 24th September, 2010 with performances at 2pm and 4:30pm. [Click here to read more about A Tipping Point.](#)

A colourful and noisy procession left Holy Trinity school in Sunningdale heading for the Rec and the first performance of "A Tipping Point".

In a marquee filled to capacity, the children of Holy Trinity delighted in the clowning and circus frolics and were only too ready to join in with the action and the songs.

Our gallant Circus troop were ready to start again for a second showing later that afternoon, parading with song, banners and large doses of good humour into the tent. The message was clear – we are damaging the planet by the way we live and waste energy – and WE must do something about it.

SUSS Update

22nd October 2009.

Thank you for signing up to Sustainable Sunningdale. 400 people have signed up so far which is terrific. If we all do the things we have promised we would save 158 metric tonnes of CO2 in a year.

This has been launched at an opportune time when the public are increasingly being made aware of the changes we all are going to have to make to protect the world from dangerous climate change. With all

the publicity around the preparation for the international agreement to be reached in Copenhagen in December, many are wondering what we can achieve by ourselves.

Our individual actions all mount up and the collective impact of these actions could make a significant difference. Above all we are raising awareness of our need to be much more careful in our use of energy and water, and reversing the trend which shows year on year increases in use of both. If we are to leave any legacy for our children and grand-children it has to start with the amount of carbon we use today.

Please encourage others in your organisation to feel they too can be part of changing our community towards a safer climate for the future.

Share with us your ideas of changes that need to be made – whether reducing unnecessary lighting, encouraging cycling, and other ways we can improve our local environment. Send them in and we will see what consensus is emerging.

Initial Commitment to Reduce Use of Fossil Fuels

What actions are you willing to commit to take to reduce your use of fossil fuels? Tick at least 5 of the actions below and send us your email (or postal) address to Sunningdale.parish@rbwm.gov.uk so that we know the numbers who are supporting the campaign

Commitment sheets will be distributed during September, starting at the launch of our renewable installations with the Mayor on 11th September and continuing at Carnival and during the Festival week. Our ambition is to have at least 500 people sign up to commit to the challenges and encourage others to participate.

As alternatives to getting a commitment sheet from the Parish Council you can (a) print this page, fill in your name and contact details and hand it in to Anne Martin at the Parish Council; or (b) if you have a copy of Acrobat Reader on your PC (most people do as it is free software) then [download the form](#), fill it in on the screen using Acrobat Reader, save the form to disk on your PC with a suitable name (e.g. mynameSUS'S_form.pdf) and finally [email the Parish Council](#), attaching your saved form to it. Note that we do not necessarily need to know which 5 items you have signed up to.

We will follow this up with other ideas and initiatives in conjunction with the Recycling Bank scheme of the Borough, and other community ideas to continue to improve our CO2 savings.

Item	Description	Tick Here
1.	Turn off lights when you leave a room. This could save 23kg of CO2	
2.	Take your bag to the shops – reduce the need for most plastic bags from Waitrose and other shops	
3.	Turn off all appliances on standby, especially wide screen TVs. This could save £32 a year and 155 kg of CO2	
4.	Walk or cycle if the journey is less than a mile. Encourage all who can to get their bikes out and make Sunningdale a bike friendly place.	
5.	Wash laundry at 30°C – many detergents now available. Could save 45kg of CO2	
6.	Support the Borough's Recycle Bank and Green Waste schemes – earn points and discover the many benefits of recycling. Programme being rolled out. Ask us for details	
7.	Boil only the amount of water you need in the kettle – save water and energy	
8.	Turn off the taps when brushing your teeth (saving 4230 litres of water and the energy to clean and pump water to your home) This saves £11 and 2.9 kg of CO2	
9.	Turn the thermostat down by 1°C – put on a jumper instead. This could save £50 and 330kg of CO2	
10.	Reduce each normal shower time by one minute (saving 4733 litres, £22 and 44kg of CO2	

Figures from the Energy Savings Trust – based on average household usage over one year.



Name: _____ I have signed up to 5 actions above: _____

You may Email me at: _____ (address will not be passed to anyone else)

Address and phone no: _____ (only required if you do not have email)



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