



# South Wonston Sustainability

## Ta Da for 2022

South Wonston Sustainability started in March/April 2022.

Nickey Turner started a local **recycling** group, going to parish council meetings, taking part in **WeCAN** and following local groups trying to find other people who were concerned about and interested in learning more about climate change.

Sam Watts (Winchester Food Partnership) and Nickey did a stand at the Parish Council AGM in May, having chatted to a small group of people who were interested in starting a climate change group. Parish Councillor, Phil Oram, agreed to be Climate Lead and we were offered support from Stuart Mills, Climate Office from Winchester Climate Action Network (WeCan) at around the same time.

We had three events to try and get people interested:  
a stand at the **Queen's Jubilee**, an evening meeting and a **Sunday Climate Cafe**

We became a working party for the Parish Council and agreed to focus on **Biodiversity, Circular Economy, Energy, Food and Travel**.

Took part in **Food Waste Action Week** with a couple of activities about our choices around food and reducing food waste including a food waste diary and survey.

Swapped the social media group, pages and newsletter for South Wonston Recycling to South Wonston Sustainability.

## The Parish Council declared a Climate Emergency in June 2022

Had a stand at the **September 2022 fete and the school PTA Christmas Fair** also visited the village voluntary library.

Visited **Scouts** to talk about reducing **Food Waste** and they completed food waste diaries.

**Grew and planted cowslips** harvested from seeds locally.

Energy group secured a Winchester City Council grant and bought a **Thermal Imager** to loan out to the village. Two of them have received training to use it and are operating a free loan scheme.

Two of us became **Waste Prevention Community Champions** for Hampshire County Council.

Held **three Climate Cafe's**, including a talk about the connection between our **choices around food and climate change** and a talk about **fast fashion, with a Christmas jumper swap**.

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We were allocated some **Parish Council funding**.

Launched our own **website** [www.sustainability.co.uk](http://www.sustainability.co.uk)

Cllr Phil Oram wrote and submitted a **Community Climate Action Plan** which will hopefully evolve.

The additional **recycling** was taken over by a volunteer in the village.

Took part in **Food Waste Action Week** - outside the shop we handed out information and giveaways HCC's Smart Living.

Food Group were given permission to use an area of the **allotments** to learn how to grow food as sustainably as we can. We have agreement from the allotment committee that we can continue this project next year.

We were invited back to **Scouts** to talk about **recycling** and tried to get them thinking about reducing waste before recycling.

Visited the **WI** and had a category in their **Scarecrow Competition** for the "Most inventive use of recycled materials"

### Held 2 **Climate Cafés**

- **Home Energy** with a talk from Scott Croucher from C2 Renewables

- **Increasing Biodiversity** with talks from Martyn Fowler, a local **bat** enthusiast and Tim Norriss from Hampshire **Swifts**.

Biodiversity Group arranged the installation of **Swift boxes and Callers** for The Pavilion and put local homeowners in touch with Hampshire Swifts to purchase their own swift boxes. They've arranged with Kings Worth Men's shed to build some **Bug Hotels** to be situated in the recreation ground and at the community allotment.

Had a couple of **social get togethers** at The Drovers and a picnic in July

Had a pop up tent at the **Kings Coronation** event at the recreation ground to promote the group and helped youngsters make (about 200) wildflower **seed balls** to be planted in their gardens.

Participated in **Winchester Green Week** and encouraged other local groups to do the same. There was the opportunity to take part in a village wide Bioblitz from our Biodiversity Group and one of the members of the Travel Group created a map and photographs of the **cycle routes** from South Wonston to Winchester which is available on our website.

Delivered a **questionnaire** to the whole of the South Wonston Parish which included trying to find out whether there is a desire for, and volunteers to help with, a Repair Cafe in the village. We're talking to the Winchester Repair Cafe team who have agreed to support us with a Repair Cafe if we can find enough volunteers to help

We decorated and arranged the creation of a **book swap cupboard** for the Parish Council to put outside The Pavilion (it's made from reused materials by the Kings Worthy Shed)

Energy Group secured a grant from Winchester City Council with help from the Parish Council to fund a **Future Energy Landscapes** workshop facilitated by the Centre for Sustainable Energy. They are also holding a follow up session, a survey and will be providing a report on the outcomes.

We continue to have monthly Coordination Team meetings.

Our Facebook Group has around 330 people. Our Instagram Page has 203 followers and our FB Page has 168. Our newsletter is being sent to 140 people.

The website has had 4117 site visitors in 2023. The peak being during September (green week) where there was 692 site visitors