

Wiltshire named 'greenest'

iltshire Council is the most climate-friendly council in England and Wales, according to research by Friends of the Earth. The Council was awarded a rating of 92 per cent, after the environmental pressure group had assessed how councils were performing in housing, transport, waste and renewable energy.

Friends of the Earth (FOE) analysed how local authority areas across England and Wales are taking action to cut greenhouse gases. Comparisons were also made between similar local authority areas. In Wiltshire, 29 per cent of emissions come from housing, 39 per cent from transport, and 32 per cent from industrial and commercial emissions.

FOE says, however, that even the best-performing authorities need to do better, adding: "The Wiltshire area's performance on climate change is better than most, compared to similar local authority areas. But Wiltshire Council's consistent support for climate-wrecking road schemes and their opposition to wind farms demonstrates that even the better-scoring local authorities need to do much better if climate catastrophe is to be averted.

"Wiltshire also needs to do much better on increasing the use of public transport, cycling, and walking."

The Council has announced its intention to invest more than £5 million to tackle emissions from its own buildings, as it aims for the council – and county – to become carbon neutral by 2030.

Road closures

Part of Lower Stoke and Crowe Hill will be closed temporarily from Monday,
November 11
to Friday,
November 15
for footway
reconstruction
works (weather
permitting) from

the Lower Stoke junction with

Woods Hill to Cliffe Drive.

A 'road closure' board has appeared on the **B3108 Lower Stoke road** next to the A36
Viaduct traffic lights which reads:

Road closed Nov 18 – Dec 14, Mon–Fri, 8pm–6am.

At the time of finalising this newsletter, no more details on the work were available.

All welcome at AGM

You are invited to the FLISCA AGM at 7.30pm on Monday, November 25 at Freshford Memorial Hall. FLiSCA is a registered charity which owns and governs the Galleries shop and café.

- The Galleries is YOUR community shop and café and, as such, is accountable to you, its members. Everyone who attends gets a say in its future.
- Celebrate the Galleries' tenth anniversary. It's come a long way in 10 years but is still learning and improving.
- Hear about its finances and how profits are benefiting our local community. Learn about future plans and have your questions answered.
- Meet new members of the management team and elect the Board of Directors for 2019/20.
- Try free samples of delicious food and wine from the shop and café.

Contact Simon Coombe at simonhjcoombe@hotmail.com or 07966 027637 for more details.

Doing our bit to save the planet

AVE OUR PLANET (SOP) is the name of a self-help group which emerged from the Limpley Creative initiative to bring local folk together and to support people who wish to work towards an environmentally-friendly lifestyle. This could be inside the home, avoiding plastics or reducing carbon footprint on energy consumption, or outside, concerning transport and shopping. The group has 60 members and continues to grow.

SOP has established a WhatsApp group (which is one-way only to avoid a deluge of replies) where one tip a week is given for a climate-conscious lifestyle. To join the group, email SaveOurPlanetLSF@gmail.com or send your mobile number to 07706 495 059.



Tea bags: these brands are plastic-free and safe to

compost: Clipper, Pukka, Teapigs, Twining Pyramid, Waitrose Duchy (available at the Galleries and some supermarkets). Other companies are working to produce polypropylenefree bags, with Yorkshire Tea aiming to join them by the end of the year. Loose tea is the obvious option for composting.



Bathroom: shampoo bottles can be refilled at Christine's Supermarket in Bradford on Avon. Winsley's Hartley Farm has also set up a refillables area. Shampoo and conditioner in plastic bottles could become a distant memory by swapping for shampoo/conditioner bars. There's a huge choice on the market, on which SOP would like feedback. Use the PostATipWhatsApp or email SaveOurPlanetLSF@gmail.com.



The team trialled – but wasn't keen on – the *Friendly* shampoo bar, while Holland & Barrett's *Ethique* shampoo bars proved excellent and lasted for months. One contributor reported a *Lush* bar lasted for a year.

Please send in your tips (with a photo if possible) to: PostATipSaveOurPlanet, or <u>SaveOurPlanetLSF@gmail.com</u>.



Share your news

Our Community Matters is a weekly newsletter of events and information for Bradford on Avon and surrounding villages.

Local people and groups are welcome to make use of the newsletter's interactive website to publicise events to the wider community, get information out to local networks, and find out about jobs and volunteering, enabling residents to link up with activities and opportunities across the community area.

https://ocm.wiltshire.gov.uk/bradfordonavon/

Galleries 'Charity of the Year' chosen

Freshford School PTA has been voted the Galleries Charity of the Year for 2019/2020, following a recent ballot.

Four other charities – Cystic Fibrosis Trust, Refugee Community Kitchen, Hearing Dogs for the Deaf and Bradford on Avon Rotary Club – were shortlisted. Thank you to everyone who voted.

Help Calais aid convoy

mma Naysmith from Limpley Stoke has set up a refugee aid volunteer scheme offering weekend work at the Refugee Community Kitchen in Calais. Two local residents have already accompanied her on one trip across the Channel and she is hoping

more people might like to get involved.

If you don't own a car, don't speak French or don't know how best to help refugees, but are looking for a rewarding volunteering opportunity, this may be the one for you. All arrangements are taken care of. You can join a car-share trip, stay in a clean hostel and spend the weekend doing vital jobs – such as chopping vegetables and making tea – in the charity kitchen. And if



volunteering isn't your thing, donations of small-sized, warm clothes, practical shoes or blankets are always welcome.

The next two trips will leave from Limpley Stoke on November 29 and January 17. For more details, visit www.come2calais.org; call Emma on 07941 395 796 to chat about trips or arrange donation collection; or pop in and see her Monday lunch-times at the Galleries.

Funding available for young athletes

Funding is now available through Wiltshire Council to any county athlete aged between 8 and 18 who is competing at either regional or national level. Successful applicants will receive a grant of £500 to

Wiltshire Council

help them towards further sporting success.

Funding can be used to access training, purchase equipment or cover transport costs for attending competition events.

Nearly 40 potential future champions have benefited from funding in Wiltshire over the past six years.

Download full grant criteria, guidelines and application form from www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-supporting-athletes. Deadline for applications is **5pm on Monday, November 18.** If you have any questions, email ffopgrants@wiltshire.gov.uk.

WASTE COLLECTIONS

Domestic waste/ black box: Monday, November 4 Monday, November 18



Green bin:

Wednesday, Nov 6 Wednesday, Nov 20



Plastic / cardboard:

Monday, November 11 Monday, November 25



Useful numbers

Transport Link 07714 16 92 16 Power supply emergency Police (non-emergency) **Bradford on Avon Police: Andrew MacLachlan** 0752 897 2236 andrew.maclachlan@wiltshire. pnn.police.uk

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MyWiltshire app: potholes, road issues, blocked drains, grit bins www.wiltshire.gov.uk/ mywiltshire-online-reporting or phone 0300 456 0105



Mobile library monthly visit: **Thursday: November 28** 10.00-10.25am **Uplands Close, Midford Lane**

Website: www.limpleystoke.org





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What's On

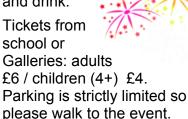
Fireworks Party

Friday, November 8 Brown's Field, Freshford

Tickets are on sale for the annual Freshford School PTA / pre-school fireworks event.

Gates open at 6pm, fireworks at 7pm.

Fun evening with live music from Jamma de Samba, and delicious food and drink.



Ecological Pilgrimages

Monday, November 11 Bath Sailing Club: 7.45pm The Village Club, Bathford

Author Peter Reason is a retired academic with the University of Bath who aims to link the tradition of nature writing with the ecological crisis of our times. He will give a talk drawing on all his ecological sailing pilgrimages around the west coasts of Ireland and Scotland for a presentation with slides and movie.

'Made in Bradford' Christmas Fair

Saturday, November 16 St Margaret's Hall, 10am-3pm

Over 30 stalls selling handmade, local and unique gifts. Coffee and cake. In aid of Dorothy House Hospice Care.

Movie Night

Wednesday, November 20 Limpley Stoke Village Hall Doors open 7pm

Limpley Creative will show *Burning* (Lee Chang-Dong, 2019). Set in contemporary South Korea, and based on a short story by Haruki Murakami, this engrossing psychological thriller scooped up nominations and awards at film festivals last year. Certificate 15. For further information or to subscribe to film club, email limpleycreative@gmail.com.

Christmas tour of The Hall, BoA

From Nov 20 — Dec 11 4.00—5.30pm

The Hall in Bradford on Avon, home to the Moulton family, will be open to visitors and dressed for Christmas. The tour will include stories of Moulton family Christmases, as well as highlights of some of the special details of this magnificent Jacobean house and its contents. Complimentary seasonal drink and mince pie. Tickets £15.

https://moultontrust.org/

Autumn Supper

Saturday, November 23 LS Village Hall, 7—11pm

Canapés, complimentary glass of wine; two-course supper; film screening; and raffle.

Tickets £21 (to include supper, film and first glass of wine) from Jo Gennard (07769 155 299).

Proceeds towards village hall running costs.

Uncrowned Queen

Wednesday, November 27 Freshford Memorial Hall 7.30pm

Historian Nicola
Tallis will talk
about the
character of her
latest book,
Uncrowned
Queen: the
fateful life of
Margaret
Beaufort,

Tudor matriarch.

Lady Margaret Beaufort (1441–1509), was the mother of Henry VII and grandmother of Henry

VIII.

Members free / visitors £3.00. Everyone welcome.

Contact: 01225 723447 / peter.pennyjones@gmail.com.

Limpley Stoke Christmas Party

Saturday, November 30 7pm—midnight Limpley Stoke Village Hall

Disco plus live music from special guests, The Limpley Strokes.

Bring your own booze and finger food.

Tickets £5 from Steve Best,

Gitte Dawson or Denise Barnes.