



Greening Wymondham

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Chair's report: the Greening Wymondham Committee have been busy.

Ann Rostron

Climate Action - Following the disappointing decision of the Town Council to defer the Climate Emergency Motion we put before them in September, we decided to call a Climate Action Meeting - this will be at 12.30 am at Abbey Hall, Wymondham on Friday 29th November. We have asked people to give us action points on what they think the community of Wymondham could do to tackle the global climate crisis. We have worked hard to publicise this and to circulate it to possible attendees. Our aim is to set up a Climate Action Group of community members, businesses and Councillors to carry forward the actions that will be identified at the public meeting We will present the results to the Town Council in January, asking that they re-visit their earlier decision.

Norfolk County Council and Norwich City Council have just approved detailed Climate Emergency Policies and many other local Councils in our region are carrying out similar actions, even down to small villages such as Rockland St. Mary. Wymondham is the largest community in South Norfolk and we should be taking what action we can. We will report in our next Newsletter on what happens at the meeting!

Recycling - we are looking at a proposal to encourage businesses such as pubs and cafes to collect used crisp packets for recycling. This would supplement the existing collection scheme run through the Chapelfield Veterinary Centre.

Funding - We were really pleased to receive funding from the Co-op Community Fund. We were one of three local charities chosen last year and we have been presented with £3,750 - an amazing sum! Many thanks to all the people who supported the fund through shopping at our local Co-op.

Kett's Oak Country Park - there was a public consultation on a developer's proposal for new housing next to the new Rugby Club, which includes a new open space - Kett's Oak Common - alongside the new cycle path on the old A11, where longstanding planning policies aim to maintain a strategic "green gap" separating Wymondham from Hethersett. This will be an area of natural landscaping open to all. We will be pressing for improved footpath links to existing communities and an early implementation of this new amenity, if planning permission is granted.

Crocus planting at Wymondham traffic lights

Peter Knights



In October, to brighten up the traffic light area at the Harts Farm Road-Avenue Road junction, we put in over 3000 crocus bulbs. Next spring, this will enhance the daffodils that were planted there in previous years. As well as giving us a splash of colour to lift our spirits, this will also be a welcome early nectar source for bees and other insects.



Greening Wymondham volunteers are now on their third season of woodland management at Kett's Park Wood. Before we started, the wood had effectively had little or no management since it was planted and it was showing the signs of neglect. In many areas, the trees were planted too densely. This caused them to grow tall and thin rather than 'filling out' and it prevented the growth of a lower understory of plants. Active management and the need for an ongoing management strategy is essential to creation of proper structure in the woodland, to conserve the wood, to increase biodiversity and to make it a pleasant and inviting place for recreational use.



We have continued our quest to create greater biodiversity by opening up the overcrowded wood, selectively thinning out trees, coppicing, pollarding and even laying some hedge. The work has involved cutting down dead and diseased trees (including Ash trees with Ash die-back disease). We have coppiced many Hazel and Willow trees (cutting them low to the ground). These coppiced trees will quickly rejuvenate, growing more but thinner branches, which has the advantage of letting in more light and giving space for other species to flourish.

It is remarkable how much growth has occurred at ground level just by allowing in more light. We even saw orchids for the first time. The Town Council has also agreed to leave a strip of grass, on the field-side of the wood, uncut over next summer. This is to create a wildlife habitat and a transition into the woods. This will be a very worthwhile addition, needing minimal maintenance.



A small group of Greening Wymondham members have been working hard over the last 6 months to identify tree-planting sites in and around Wymondham. It is harder than one might imagine as ideally, we would like spaces that are both large and publicly-accessible. However, we have made some progress.

- We are planting trees on some private land north of the Tiffey River with trees that we have grown ourselves and we will be creating a copse there with Woodland Trust trees that Greening Wymondham will buy with help from the landowner.
- We are negotiating with a range of stakeholders to plant trees on the allotment site. We plan to plant mostly fruit and nut trees.
- We are in conversation with other landowners bit further afield on the outskirts of Wymondham.

We are wondering about setting up a meeting as they did at Forncett recently, when residents were encouraged to make a pledge to plant trees. They had hoped for 100 pledged trees but got many more. Could Wymondham residents pledge to plant 1000 trees? That would be an achievement!

We recently replaced our Skoda Fabia Estate diesel car with an electric Nissan Leaf. This is our estimate of the comparative costs.

Comparative Annual Vehicle Running Costs (12000 miles per year)

	Skoda Fabia Estate (Used)	Nissan Leaf (Used)
Initial purchase price (2 years old)	£8850	£15310
Annual costs:		
Fuel	£1427	£420
Tax	£20	£0
MOT	£50	£50
Repairs/Service	£350	£175
Tyres	£105	£144
Insurance	£350	£388
Depreciation	£1652	£2270
Total annual costs	£3954	£3447
Cost over 5 years		
Initial Purchase	£8850	£15310
Running costs	£19770	£17235
Total cost over 5Y	£28620	£32545
Total cost over 1Y	£5724	£6509

Skoda Fabia



Nissan Leaf



NOTES

- It is our intention to keep this car for as long as we can. Battery is guaranteed for 8 years and the electric motor for 5 years.
- Individual battery cells can be replaced when they show signs of failure, rather than the complete battery.

SUMMARY

- The electric car costs £785 per annum more than the diesel, due mainly to its higher price.
- However, we actually paid less than this because we first rented the electric car for 2 years and then bought it as a 2-year-old car. The cost per annum was therefore £642 more for the electric car than for the diesel.
- The higher cost of the electric car is compensated for by the fact that it produces no emissions (NO or CO2).

Forthcoming activities/events

- **Climate Action Meeting.** 12.30 am at Abbey Hall, Wymondham on Friday 29th November
- **Kett's Park woodland.** Our next work days are December 10th and 17th.

Want to get more involved? We are always looking for more volunteers - contact us by email or Facebook. Please let us know if you would like to be kept informed of our programme, or have any suggestions for work that we might undertake. We would love to hear from you!

To submit an article for our next newsletter, please send your contribution to Kay Trafford at greening.wymondham@gmail.com

Where can I recycle things in Wymondham?

Nicola Maunders

Many people are asking where they can recycle products that cannot go into their green bin, so here is a list of items that can be recycled and where to take them. Try to incorporate your drop-off into another necessary journey, maybe a shopping trip or a visit to the doctor or dentist.

Item	Drop-off point
Antiperspirant aerosols	Feline care, Attleborough.
Baby food pouches and caps (any brand) and Ella's Kitchen snack packets	Chapelfield Vet, Wymondham Feline Care.
Bags incl. carrier Bags, plastic bread bags, plastic cereal bags i.e. porridge oats (not inners from boxed cereals), plastic wrappers and ring joiners from multipacks of cans and plastic bottles, plastic wrappers from toilet roll and kitchen towel packs, plastic freezer bags, plastic magazine and newspaper wrap (type used for home delivery only), thin bags used for fruit and veg at supermarkets, bubble wrap, flexible plastic multi-pack can holders/rings	Morrisons, Wymondham in their carrier bag recycling point located just inside the entrance hall through the first set of doors.
Beauty product packaging incl. facial wipe packaging, caps, pumps, trigger sprays, flexible tubes, roll-on deodorants	Chapelfield Vet
Biscuit wrappers (sweet and savoury)	Chapelfield Vet, Feline Care
Cigarette waste	Own home, some businesses See www.terracycle.co.uk
Cleaning product packaging except bottles including flexible wipe packaging, trigger heads, pumps, caps, air fresheners and packaging	Chapelfield Vet, Feline care charity shop
Contact lenses and packaging (any brand)	Cecil Amey Optician, Chapelfield Vet
Crisp packets (any brand)	Chapelfield Vet
Gloves - disposable	Feline Care
Pens (any brand of writing instrument incl. ballpoint pens, felt tips, markers, highlighters, mechanical pencils & correction fluid bottles)	Chapelfield Vet, Wreningham Primary School, Hethersett Woodside Infant & Nursery School
Pet food pouches - any brand	Chapelfield Vet
Pringles cans	Chapelfield Vet
Tassimo TDISCS, Kenco waste coffee pods	Feline Care
Toothpaste tubes, caps and brushes including electric toothbrush heads	Chapelfield Vet, Feline Care

Drop-off point	Opening times	Collecting for Charity
Cecil Amey opticians, 10 Market Place, Wymondham, NR18 0AQ.	Mon - Fri 8.45am - 5.30pm Sat 8.45am - 5pm	East Anglian Air Ambulance
Chapelfield Vet, Postmill Close, Wymondham NR18 ONL	Mon - Fri 8am - 6.30pm Sat 9am - 12 noon	Hallwood Animal Sanctuary & Hodmedogs Hedgehog Support
Feline Care charity shop. 2 Exchange St, Attleborough NR17 2AP	Mon - Sat 9am - 5pm	Feline Care
Hethersett Woodside Infant & Nursery School, Firs Road, Hethersett NR9 3EQ	Mon - Fri 8am - 5pm	Hethersett Woodside
Wreningham Primary School, Mill Lane, Wreningham NR16 1AW (07967 931754)	Mon - Fri 9am - 3pm	Wreningham Primary School

Do you know of any more potential drop-off points? It would be great to have more of them in Wymondham. Maybe we could set up a database or an app where people could more easily find this local information - if you are interested, please email Nicola on nimaunders@btinternet.com

DON'T FORGET: It's better to reduce consumption or reuse an item than to resort to recycling!