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DY13 9SE Bring some lunch and a keen eye. Contact Billie Crampton b.crampton@field-studies-council.org

Saturday 3rd October – 10:00am – 2:00pm Conservation Volunteer Day:, Bishops Wood
Centre DY13 9SE Book here: <https://fsc.cinolla.com/bishopswood/> Bring your boots/wellies and some lunch.

Wednesday September 23rd, a new website, <http://www.equalunderthesun.org/> is now live. Is now live. Please take a look. Scroll down. Watch the short film and please spread the word. Explore it to discover EQ., and mark each equinox by resolving to make changes to benefit the environment.

Thursday 1st October. Holy Trinity Trimpey, Rake and Cake 4pm – 6pm – anyone is welcome to come along – bring gloves and gardening tools or simply come along to enjoy a drink and homemade cake from about 5pm.

Saturday October 3rd, 10am till 1pm. Kidderminster Repair Café. Available specialties include sharpening, sewing, electrical and mechanical repairs, woodworking, glueing, and many more. Items should be clean and not contain fuel. As always, donations only, no fees. Refreshments are available too, again donations are welcome. Come and see us at the Youth House, Bromsgrove Street Kidderminster.

Monday 5th October. 8.0 pm. Green Drinks at Bewdley Rowing Club. How do you feel about the current climate and biodiversity crisis? Can we learn from how governments and communities have responded to previous crises? Join us for a lively and supportive discussion.

Tuesday October 6th. 7-9pm. Wyre Forest Climate Choir meeting and rehearsal at Offmore Church Hall, Gray Close, Kidderminster DY10 3YE. Tackle the climate crisis through song. We sing locally and as part of the national Climate Choir Movement. It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!!! Not really. But it's not too early to start rehearsing for our Christmas concert. Contact Hilary at hilarymueller@hotmail.com

Tuesday 13th October 7.30-9pm. Wyre Forest XR group meeting at Quaker Meeting House Lower Park Bewdley DY12 2DP. Have you seen the film "The People's Emergency Briefing"? Having seen the existential threat created by the burning of fossil fuels are you minded to actively work for change? Join our friendly and active local group. Just turn up to the meeting or contact Dave on 0747 1207181.

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Thursday 15th October, 2.0 pm, St Georges Hall Bewdley
Natalie Bennett: Change, Climate and the Future of Britain.
Bewdley Festival in association with Wyre Forest Green Alliance.

Join us for an afternoon with Natalie Bennett, one of the UK's most influential Green thinkers and campaigners. A former Leader of the Green Party of England and Wales (2012–2016) and now a Member of the House of Lords, Natalie has spent her career challenging conventional thinking on the environment, democracy, economics and social justice.



Saturday 17th October 10.0 – 1.0 Bewdley Repair Café. For this month only we will be at **Wribbenhall Parish Rooms, Kidderminster Road, DY12 1BY** where there is ample parking.

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Thursday 22nd October 7.30 pm. THRIVE AND SURVIVE WITH TRANSITION BEWDLEY

Join Transition Bewdley to discuss and develop a plan for Bewdley to Thrive and Survive in a greener future.

After a Summer of extreme heat affecting food production, safety and health, we invite you all to contribute ideas and thoughts about how we can embrace the future with hope rather than fear. This session will incorporate our brief AGM when we hope people will step forward to join the coordinating group to take our projects forwards following in the footsteps of our other successful projects such as the Repair Cafe and CARP (Communities Against River Pollution). Please consider joining us to make things happen. Our group is small but there is so much that we could achieve if there were more active members of the group.

You don't have to change the world on your own, we can do it together

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Tuesday 27th October 7.30-9pm. Wyre Forest XR group meeting at Quaker Meeting House Lower Park Bewdley DY12 2DP. Will the Government have released the currently redacted National Security Assessment on Biodiversity Loss by the time we meet? Join our friendly and active local group. Just turn up to the meeting or contact Dave on 0747 1207181.

Thursday 29th October 10am West Midlands Butterfly & Moth Society (WM-BAMS) have our first of the seasons conservation tasks in the Wyre Forest . meeting at the Earwood Copse car park near Buttonoak. on Refreshments provided courtesy of Natural England. All tools provided and all welcome. For further details contact wmbutterflies@gmail.com

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Saturday 31st October. Green Halloween. Are you planning a Green Halloween celebration this year? The comms team from WFDC are looking for ideas to pass on, to reduce the negative environmental impact of Halloween? Please share your ideas so they can be passed on to others. Please send your ideas to Jenny Moreton Jennifer.Moreton@wyreforestdc.gov.uk

UK shares findings of damning climate crisis national security report suppressed under Starmer . Guardian Article

The UK has warned countries around the world that the climate and nature crises and the coming El Niño threaten their national security and defence, presenting foreign ministries with the findings of an explosive report suppressed under Keir Starmer. [Link](#)

Wyre Forest Cycle Forum

Creating safer routes for local people

Energy costs shock hits home

Petrol and diesel prices are high and risk going higher. Meanwhile home energy costs will be rising again this winter. Car parking costs keep going up, while grappling with apps and horror stories of parking fines are hard to avoid. Electric cars seem like they might be a route to cheaper energy for travel if you can charge at home. But many seem unfeasibly expensive while offering eye-watering depreciation.

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Saving money on energy - why reinvent the wheel?

There is an answer and it isn't complicated or expensive - a bike (with mudguards). Even electric bikes are much, much cheaper to run than a car. They are easy and enjoyable to ride and free and easy to park. There are health benefits too.

For families with more than one car, switching one of them to a bike or e-bike can be a simple solution offering huge savings.

There are safer cycle routes in parts of our area already - more are coming - see below.

Meanwhile, we recommend planning each cycle journey to avoid bottleneck areas. It may add a little distance but gives the benefit of a more enjoyable and relaxing ride.

You do also need cycling waterproofs in case you are caught in the rain, but that happens a lot less than you might imagine. Once you have them, you have them and can arrive at your destination dry whatever the weather.

Wyre Forest Cycle Forum. You could join our next meeting: In Real Life - or Online

The detailed Wyre Forest Towns Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan 'LCWIP' is out now on the Worcestershire County Council website. It's a 15-year plan with prioritised routes dependent on funding. This is a vital step towards getting that funding. Maps, planned routes and more at: [Wyre Forest Towns local cycling and walking infrastructure plan \(LCWIP\) | Worcestershire County Council](#)

Why not join us? We aim to discuss this and related issues at the next Wyre Forest Cycle Forum Meeting: Thursday 22nd October 2026, 2pm at Wyre Forest House, Finepoint Way DY11 7WF or you could join the meeting online. To find out more just email: info@wyreforestcycling.co.uk

Spotlight on Bewdley Energy

District Heat Network

The Feasibility study completed this year has shown that a first phase scheme is on the margins of financial viability. We are now waiting to hear the detail of the proposed Great British Energy funding scheme to see if we are eligible, and whether the terms of the funding would improve the viability of our heat network.



Car Park Solar

We have been looking into the potential for developing solar panels on car parks in Bewdley, both to provide local electricity generation and as shade for the increasingly hot summers we are experiencing. We are proposing a small pilot scheme which, if successful, could be rolled out across the district and are in discussion with the District Council. An application for funding for a detailed feasibility study will be submitted soon.

Community Benefit Society

In order to ensure local ownership for community energy and to manage future projects, we are also looking for people who would be interested in being involved in establishing Bewdley Energy as a Community Benefit Society. This is a well-established legal structure for community ownership.

We will have a stand at the 'Thrive and Survive' Transition Bewdley event on 22nd October so come and find out more about our plans and how you can get involved.