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Tuesday 1st September 7.30-9pm. Wyre Forest XR group meeting at Quaker Meeting House Lower Park Bewdley DY12 2DP. Join our friendly and active local group. Could you be a "Planet Medic"? Our Planet Medics will be taking their new performance to London on 12th September, highlighting the National Security Assessment which recognises biodiversity loss as a threat to our national security. Just turn up to the meeting or contact Dave on 0747 1207181.

Monday 7th September 8.0 pm Bewdley Rowing Club. Green Drinks. “Catch up on Plastic”. It is many years since we launched “Plastic Free Bewdley”. It was gathering quite a lot of momentum and we made some progress and then... the pandemic arrived! Our major “Plastic Free launch event was cancelled and people started insisting that all their fruit and vegetables needed to be wrapped in plastic (mistakenly, as research showed that the coronavirus survived longer on plastic than on the surface of vegetables). Since then, government legislation has moved forward apace, requiring more recycling, less plastic being used by take-away outlets, plastic straws being banned

etc. Join us for an informal chat about plastics, what has changed and what we can still do to reduce the harm to our environment and our health.

Tuesday September 8th. 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. The next Climate Choir Movement event will be in London on Sunday 13th September. Contact Hilary at hilarymueller@hotmail.com

Saturday 12th September 7pm St George's Hall, Bewdley. Tangent - Progressive Rock band, The Tangent are performing in the intimate setting of St Hall with local legends, Rebel and the Banned as support. available at a special discounted rate of £10 for supporters of QR code



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Saturday 12th September, 10.0 – 1.0 Make a Rustic Charcuterie Board at St Georges Farm. See Wyre Community Land Trust website for details. www.wyreclt.org.uk

Saturday 12th to Monday 14th September. Extinction Rebellion return to London for their "Love and Rage" actions. The Joint Intelligence Committee has provided a report to Government which shows how environmental degradation can disrupt food, water, health and supply chains, thereby triggering wider geopolitical instability. Join us as we demand the full release of this partially redacted report.

Expect talks, training, speeches, entertainment and public engagement including:

- **Saturday 12th September: 6-8pm.** Planet Medics public performance.
- **Sunday 13th September:** Climate Choir Movement at a venue in East London.
- **Monday 14th September:** Protest march as we highlight organisations that are misleading the public about the climate and nature emergencies. Also a safe and inclusive space for those unable to undertake the march. Venues to be confirmed. Contact Dave on 0747 1207181 or check out the Extinction Rebellion website and social media.

Monday 14th September 10am – noon. Wyre Forest U3A screening of "Peoples Emergency Briefing" Franche Community Church, Chestnut Grove, Kidderminster, DY11 5QA. [See below](#). All welcome.

Tuesday September 15th. 7.30-9pm. Wyre Forest XR group meeting at Quaker Meeting House Lower Park Bewdley DY12 2DP. Reviewing the "Love and Rage" action in London and planning more creative ways of highlighting the climate and nature crises Government's report. Just turn up or contact Dave on 0747 1207181.

Saturday 19th September. 10.0 – 1.0 Bewdley Repair Café at St Georges Hall. Bring your broken and blunt items along so our wonderful volunteers can try to fix or sharpen them. We count it a success if your item is returned working better than when you brought it in. Whether it has a few more months or many more years of life left in it, repairing saves you money, reduces your carbon footprint, cuts down on waste and helps prevent more plastic escaping into the environment. What's more you get to chat to our amazing volunteers and to fellow customers.

Monday September 21st. 6.30-8.30pm. Public screening of the People's Emergency Briefing film at Kidderminster Town Hall. What do the top scientists say about the threats posed by climate change and biodiversity loss. And what can we do about it? Film and discussion. Free entry. Tickets through the Town Hall website:

<https://boxoffice.kidderminstertownhall.org.uk/KidderminsterTownHall.dll/Home>

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Sunday 27th September. World Rivers Day, A day of action for our rivers.

The finale to Bewdley's highly successful river festival will be on World Rivers Day on 27 September.

'What's next for our river?' will focus on the critical steps to achieving a river charter for the River Severn. The day will have a variety of activities that people can be part of either as active participants or as an audience. It would be fantastic to see all who care about the future of the river attending this grand finale!

At 12.15 World Rivers Day will begin by the riverside, with 'River Lamentations', a powerful new creative work (*supported by Everybody Dance & Worcestershire County Councillor Natalie McVey*) . This performance blends keening, voice, and choreography to speak for the natural world. Rooted in both love and anger, it calls attention to the beauty of our rivers while grieving their ongoing destruction.

Developed over the summer by a group of local people, the piece brings together collective voices in an act of witnessing, protest, and care. The performance will premier at the river festival but will go on to be performed at festivals and environmental actions, amplifying the urgency of the ecological crisis.

At Bewdley Baptist Church (61 High Street) from 3- 6pm there will be an afternoon of speakers and workshops which will build on the work that CARP has been doing towards creating a river charter for the Severn.

There will be an update on CARP 's innovative River Guardian scheme followed by two key speakers who will talk about very different aspects of River Rights.

Monica Féria Tinta (a barrister who has been working with CARP & other groups along the Severn) will outline her work with the Rights of Nature and the progress made so far on river rights for the Severn.

Emmeline Hardistry (from Voices of Water) in her talk 'The Power of Words' will weave rights of nature and a rivers' pilgrimage she undertook & include some of her journal reflections.

There will be an opportunity to see another river themed dance performance by Arts Etc. who are a Wyre Forest based inclusive, all ability, arts organisation. 'Don't Go Near The Water 'depicts every day river pollution, with a magical conclusion!

Interactive workshops, all focusing on creating the content for our river charter, will follow. One of these workshops will be lead by Chloe Peck (River Action) who will outline some of the ways they have been working with local councils to prevent river pollution.

The day will end with a celebratory procession to the river and the pledge to present a draft charter to Wyre Forest District Council, together with the well supported petition which asks for this issue to be discussed by The Cabinet.

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Advance Dates for your diary

Thursday 22nd October 7.30 pm Bewdley Baptist Church. Thrive And Survive With Transition Bewdley.

Wanted – Treasurer for Wyre Forest Green Alliance

Following many years of serving as Treasurer of Wyre Forest Green Alliance, Doug Hine has indicated his wish to pass on the role. If you or anyone you know might be interested to take on this role, please email John Rhymer, Chair, WFGA. John.rhymer50@gmail.com

The treasurer of the Wyre Forest Green Alliance is responsible for following the requirements set out in the WFGA Constitution:

- a. Keep a record of the sum and nature of expenditure and receipts of monies, all sales and purchases of goods.
- b. Present a report to the Annual General Meeting regarding the accounts, balance sheets, etc.

The Treasurer manages the bank account, with nearly all transactions handled online. They organise payments, noting expenditure and income, recording them in a ledger (currently a simple Excel workbook is used). They should keep a running balance and regularly check that this aligns with the online bank balance. They should maintain sub-accounts in Excel for ring-fenced specific projects, where we have received dedicated grants, notably SustFest.

The treasurer is a member of the Steering Group and updates the group on the status of the finances when they meet, and on other ad hoc occasions. They may be asked to compile special reports on grant spending.

Financial records, including bank statements, should be available for audit.

U3A showing of People's Emergency Briefing

Public Notice: **You are invited to attend a screening of The People's Emergency Briefing**

An eye-opening film featuring nine leading UK scientists and experts updating us on the latest in the climate and nature crisis and its impacts on everyday national life.

Including:

- extreme weather
- food security
- health
- cost of living

Based on the National Emergency Briefing in Westminster, as covered by ITV, C4, and the Times. Followed by a short open discussion about what we can do and what it means locally.

Featuring Chris Packham, Deborah Meaden, surprise guests, and a wide range of Brits.

Wyre Forest & District U3a's Environmental Concern group invites you to watch their screening of the People's Emergency Briefing on the Climate and Nature Crisis.

In November 2025, the National Emergency Briefing brought together leading experts to present the latest evidence on the climate and nature crisis to politicians and other influential people in Westminster. This short, powerful film takes this vital message across the UK, bringing together people from across local communities to hear evidence and discuss how to respond.

10am - noon on Monday 14th September at Franche Community Church, Chestnut Grove, Kidderminster, DY11 5QA.

Entry £3 to cover cost of room hire and refreshments.

For further information contact Gail Tutchter at gail@1921.net.

The film lasts for about 45 minutes and will be followed by refreshments and a brief discussion.

Advisory age for attendees - 16+

Natalie Bennett: Change, Climate and the Future of Britain.

Thursday 15th October, 2.0 pm, St Georges Hall Bewdley

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.

An accomplished journalist, author and public speaker, she brings insight, passion and practical ideas to some of the biggest questions facing society today. Her latest book, *Change Everything: How We Can Rethink, Repair and Rebuild Society*, explores how we can create a fairer, greener and more resilient future.



Whether you are interested in politics, climate change, community action or the future of our democracy, this promises to be a thought-provoking and engaging afternoon with one of Britain's most distinctive political voices.

Tickets 15 from [Bewdley Festival | WhatsOn](https://bewdleyfestival.org.uk/BewdleyArtsFestival.dll/WhatsOn?f=353980)

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Wyre Forest Cycle Forum

Creating safer routes for local people

Saving money, tackling the climate crisis and more on an e-bike/bike

The news every day may tend to leave you boggled about what practical action you can take now. Are you looking for something simple that saves you money, keeps you active, provides the feelgood factor and helps to tackle the climate crisis all at the same time?

Electric bikes are much cheaper to buy or run than cars. People are just much less efficient than electric motors at turning energy sources into forward motion. This means e-bikes can generate even less CO₂ than non-electric bikes per mile travelled. And each e-bike uses very much less energy than a car because it avoids the need to shift a tonne or more of metal around.

Where e-bikes have a big advantage is on hills and Wyre Forest District has more than its fair share. With a legal e-bike you still do get some exercise - but up hills it is much more likely to leave you smiling than panting. Cycling on local journeys where you previously used a car can be a simple change. And once you make the switch and feel the benefits it just gets easier and easier.

Why not join our cycle of hope?

- the more people cycle the less traffic there is
- the more drivers get used to seeing people just like them on bikes the safer it gets
- the more people who are considering it can see how using an e-bike/bike can work for them

Wyre Forest Towns Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan

This long-anticipated detailed plan has now been published together with feedback taken into account. Our local 'LCWIP' is available now on the Worcestershire County Council website. It aims to encourage more opportunities for cycling, walking, wheeling in our local area. It's a fifteen year plan with prioritised routes. All dependent on funding, but a vital step towards securing future funding. See the maps, planned routes and more at: [Wyre Forest Towns local cycling and walking infrastructure plan \(LCWIP\) | Worcestershire County Council](#)