

*We are an informal group of local residents aiming to raise awareness, encourage discussion and stimulate practical action to ensure we develop into the future as a thriving and sustainable community that responds positively to the big environmental and social challenges facing us all.*

# “CODE RED FOR HUMANITY”



COP26

The latest scientific reports bring unequivocal evidence that human activity is changing the climate in unprecedented and in sometimes irreversible ways and this has consequences for every one of us.

The Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report was published in August. UN Secretary General António Guterres said *“The report is a Code Red for Humanity. If we combine forces now, we can avert climate catastrophe. There is no time for delay and no room for excuses. I count on government leaders and all stakeholders to ensure COP26 is a success.”*

Eyes are on Glasgow from 31 October to 12 November as world leaders gather in Glasgow for COP26 with the aim of accelerating action towards limiting global warming to a 1.5 degrees Celsius rise.

National and international action is essential. But there remain so many things we can do as households and a community to be a part of the carbon reduction solution. Here are just three action areas:

YOUR PENSION IS  
POWERFUL  
AND SO ARE YOU...  
MMM

**1) Proud of my Pension** If you have savings, switching them to a green pension could be the most effective personal action you could take in the fight against climate change. The Make My Money Matter campaign estimates this will cut your carbon 21 times more than going veggie, giving up flying and switching energy provider. For more information to act now: [MMMM](https://www.mmm.org.uk)

**2) Make the Break to electric mobility** More electric vehicles are appearing on the streets of Marshfield. Households able to afford it are choosing to break the link with the internal combustion engine. And there are good reasons make the change now: the choice of vehicles is expanding, prices are falling, delivery waiting times are reducing, vehicle charge range is rising and the charging infrastructure is expanding by the day. We even expect our first public charging station to be available at the Community Centre in Spring 2022.



**3) Bringing it Home** 40% of UK CO2 emissions come from our homes. Use Cop26 as a prompt to take a fresh look at possibilities, especially as energy costs are rocketing. For many this will present a real financial challenge. Here are some actions to consider: \*Get your boiler serviced to maximise its efficiency \*Optimise energy usage with programmers, room thermostats and a smart meter \*Reduce ambient room temperature by a degree or two and wear a jumper \*Use LED light bulbs \*Move to a genuine green energy tariff \*Upgrade your loft insulation \*Draft-proof windows and doors \*Install solar panels with battery storage \*Install air-source heat pumps.



**New village recycling scheme** Any brand of **plastic bread bag** can now be recycled in Marshfield. Drop yours off in the grey bin at Country Stores. The bags are reprocessed into new products by Terracycle as part of a global programme to divert more plastic waste from landfill and incineration.



This adds to two very successful schemes already running in the village: empty **crisp packets** go in the red bin at the Country Stores and **pill blister packs** are collected at the Three Shires Doctor's surgery.

Bring your own apples & bottles  
Community Apple Press available to use



**Local Market**  
(First Sat of every month)  
**6th Nov 11am - 12:30pm**  
At Marshfield Community Centre

Including local producers of fruit, veg and meat.  
Cakes, flowers and jam  
Art and Craft stalls  
Tea, coffee and cake on sale

Local clubs, business & contractors welcome to have an info stall  
Stall costs 10% of takings to max £10  
All proceeds go to Marshfield Community Centre  
To book a stall email Mark Cannings - [bondswoodfarm@gmail.com](mailto:bondswoodfarm@gmail.com)

**Buy local!** Despite the allure of online purchasing there are great sustainability reasons to buy locally, reducing travel miles and supporting our local economy. The advert pages in *All Around Marshfield* offer listings of local businesses. And we still retain a cluster of local shops, pubs, garages, a post office and a tearoom. They can only survive and thrive if we all use them.

Also check out a new monthly **Local Market** at the Community Centre . It runs from 11.00 to 12.30 on the first Saturday of the month. The next one is on 6<sup>th</sup> November. Further markets are planned on 4<sup>th</sup> December (when Father Christmas will be arriving by electric vehicle) and 18<sup>th</sup>.

If you are a producer and would like to participate, contact Mark Cannings on 07764 479356 or [bondswoodfarm@gmail.com](mailto:bondswoodfarm@gmail.com). **If you are any sort of consumer, we'll see you there – if only for a cuppa and a chat!**



**Juice those lovely apples** The Community apple press will be available to use at the Local Market on 6<sup>th</sup> November. Bring your apples and sterilised bottles any time between 11am and 3pm. If you would like to borrow the apple crusher and press, please email [info@marshfieldcommunitycentre.co.uk](mailto:info@marshfieldcommunitycentre.co.uk)

**Blue Hearts** The Blue Heart verges around Marshfield are becoming established as a welcome home for wild flowers, insects and amphibians. After a full blooming through the spring and summer the swards have been cut back, mainly by scything, to minimise environmental impact. The cuttings have been removed and composted to reduce the fertility of the soil, enabling more wild flowers to thrive in future. It is hoped this initiative will be a spur to more local verges and gardens being managed as a positive response to the biodiversity crisis.



**Common Toads** These valuable creatures are sadly not so common nowadays. Like many of the UK's native species, they have been impacted by a loss of habitat, particularly the loss of breeding ponds. Toads overwinter rather than hibernating, spending much of their time burrowed in mud or compost. They conserve energy and emerge to forage in milder spells. You can help build up a picture of sightings of reptiles and amphibians on <https://recordpool.org.uk/>



### **Marshfield Pumpkin Composting – Go Green This Halloween!**

After all the Halloween fun, drop off your carved pumpkins in the barrow just inside the gate of St Mary's Churchyard. As part of the Eco Church scheme they'll be added to the eight bin composting system and turned into lovely soil conditioner.

### **Growing awareness of sustainability issues in *Marshfield* membership - with your help**

We want to connect up households in and around Marshfield who are interested in taking local action for sustainability. Please forward this newsletter to friends, neighbours and family.

Join the e-mail list by sending your name and address to: [membership@sustainablemarshfield.org](mailto:membership@sustainablemarshfield.org)

All other correspondence to [news@sustainablemarshfield.org](mailto:news@sustainablemarshfield.org)

Join over 380 people on the **Sustainable Marshfield Group** on Facebook for updates and discussion.