



Wasteless Society

Promoting the reduction, re-use and recycling of waste in the Middle Marches

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A massive THANK YOU goes out to all those who have taken part, given lots of time, enthusiasm and energy.

Please keep up the support.

Please help change our world for the better.

Dates & Venues for your Diary:

Castle Hotel, Bishop's Castle:-

Thursday **11th November**

7.30 p.m.

Presentation of 'Climate Change Strategy' for Bishop's Castle

The School House, Crabtree

Walk, Knighton, Powys

Saturday **13th November**

12.30p.m for lunch

Wasteless Society 'think tank'.

WASTE LESS ENERGY - WE ARE FAMOUS!!

Or should that be infamous!! As detailed in last month's newsletter, an exhibition with the results of the 'Carbon footprint' survey was held at the Town Hall, Bishop's Castle on October 1st and 2nd. The news that household emissions are 40% above national average was a major talking point - even making the front page headline of the Shropshire Star!!

For those of you unable to attend, there are still things to be done, if this is interest to you and you want to get involved or want to read some of that 'nitty-gritty' detail check out our website; email for details or come along to the next event.

The overriding conclusion from the work to date, confirmed by the success of the exhibition with 105 people pledging to take part, was the need to take action NOW!

Action requires us to be very clear about:

1. Defining exactly what we want to achieve.
2. How we are going to achieve it.
3. When we are going to achieve it.

This in effect forms our very own '**Climate Change Strategy**' for the town and surrounding area and at present meetings are being held, working to fill in the detail, drawing on all the work and information we have collected to date.

On exhibition, were many practical ideas and solutions that would help the town start to reduce 'fossil fuel' dependence and look to more sustainable alternatives. A 'Climate Change Strategy' looks at how to make the leap from idea to practical projects in the town.

The strategy is all about the town's commitment to climate change, a written statement of intent, useful when seeking funds and further support.

This project is already supported by Marches Energy Agency, Shropshire County Council, South Shropshire District Council, and South Shropshire Housing Association

Just to remind ourselves of the importance of our work and convince us of the urgency, have you noticed how often global warming and the effects of CO2 are mentioned in the national media?

Take part in the '**Climate Change Strategy**'

A group of Wasteless Society, Friend's of the Earth and Waste less Energy members are in the process of writing the Climate Change Strategy for the Bishop's Castle area.

The Strategy will then need the approval of all 'Friends of the Earth' and 'Wasteless Society' members.

The strategy will also seek the full support and endorsement of the Town Council, South Shropshire District Council and Market Town Initiative.

11th November, is the date it will be presented to the members of Wasteless Society and Friend's of the Earth at the Castle Hotel, Bishop's Castle. Please come along to listen and comment.

**Wasteless Society
'think tank'**

Wasteless Society will put itself under 'scrutiny' on Saturday 13th November. All members are invited to come along as the organisation is taking an in depth look at the range of current activities, finances and framework and then to look at ways to ensure the progress of the Society's aims and objectives in the coming year, setting a program of events and actions.

If you have any comments or ideas about the Wasteless Society, its activities and projects now and in the future please get in touch / send your ideas to: Adam Kennerley before the 13th November.

Recycling in Clun - update

A small gathering of residents and interested parties resurrected the 'Recycling facilities' debate in Clun on 14th October.

The facts presented, showed a town this size to be almost embarrassingly 'unique' for not having a public recycling bring-site. It is seen to present an increasing disadvantage, preventing residents from fulfilling their recycling potential, as South Shropshire like everywhere else is faced with the ever growing need to recycle as much of our waste as possible, aiming to reduce landfill to an absolute minimum.

The meeting presented an opportunity to take a fresh look at a stalemate situation, one that has now existed for six years, ever since the night the bottle banks were mysteriously sent down the River Clun. As a

consequence, with no other suitable alternative being agreed all recycling facilities were withdrawn.

During the meeting the wish for both kerbside and a bring site was confirmed.

The only real potential for a recycling site within Clun remains the car park of the Memorial Hall. Councillor Colin Pendry has, as a result of the public meeting, written to the Memorial Hall committee asking them to clearly define their concerns.

In the mean time there is still the issue of how kerbside scheme will be applied in Clun, especially how successfully wheelie bins can be used.

The Wasteless Society will continue to monitor the situation and make progress where possible.



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What is being Wasteless all about?

This is a voluntary organisation running through the Middle Marches. We aim to raise awareness, encourage debate and support ways to help 'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle' our waste.

Wasteless Society Projects to date:

- Recycling at Crowgate including plastics and green waste

- Surveys
- Promotion and information
- Talks and visits
- Wasteless Energy Project for Bishop's Castle

Useful Contacts

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Items / comments and contributions for next newsletter deadline 10.12.04

If you are not a member of the Wasteless Society but, would like to be kept informed of our work, please send us your details and return to the newsletter address. THANK YOU

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See us at:

www.wasteless.co.uk