

A photograph of three children standing on a wooden walkway with a metal railing, looking out over a stone wall towards a large, ruined stone building under a blue sky with white clouds. The child on the left is wearing a red jacket and red boots, the middle child is in a blue jacket, and the child on the right is in a purple jacket.

# **KENILWORTH CLIMATE ROADMAP NEWSLETTER #4 AUTUMN 2021**



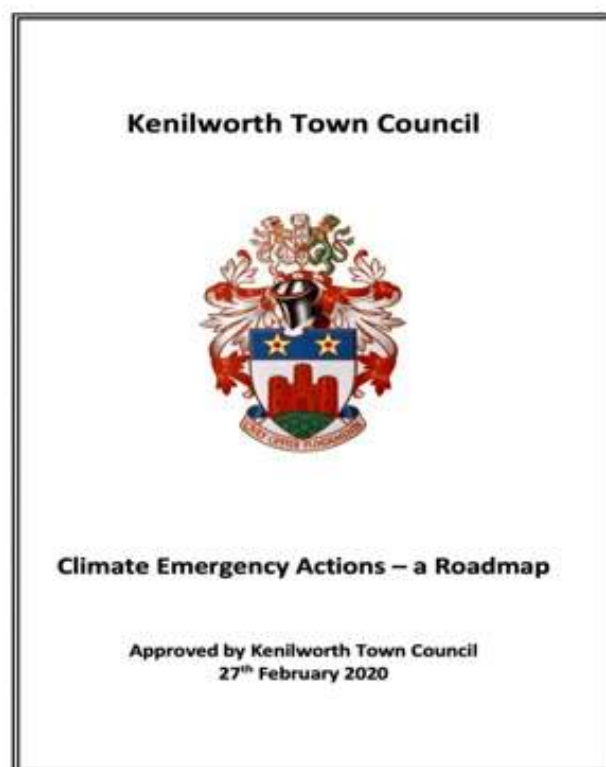
# Kenilworth Climate Emergency - a Roadmap for Action

Kenilworth Town Council declared a Climate Emergency on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019.

The Kenilworth Climate Action Roadmap explains how residents, organisations, businesses and institutions in Kenilworth can help contribute to the international effort to reduce the levels of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, especially carbon dioxide, that are heating-up the world.

Download the Kenilworth Climate Action Roadmap [here](#)

The Kenilworth Climate Roadmap Newsletters describe forthcoming events and activities, news items, and give advice on how you can reduce your carbon footprint.





**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, St John's Church 10-2pm**

Participating groups and businesses include: Cycleways, Bee Friendly Kenilworth & Leamington, Kenilworth Allotments Tenants Association, Warwickshire Climate Alliance, Eco La'Moon, The Eco Stitch, ElectrAA (Electric Automobile Association), Lupins Crafts, Tools with a Mission, Plastic Free Kenilworth, Margaret Hills Health & Lifestyle, ENJO with Sarah Pagan, Repair Café Kenilworth, Kenilworth Fairtrade group, Heart of England Organic Group, Warwick Tree Wardens, Zero Store Leamington, Kenilworth All Together Greener, Vicarage Jams, Kenilworth Town Council Climate Emergency Roadmap Group and Cycling Strategy Group. Refreshments and children's activities also available.

<https://www.facebook.com/KWEcoFayre/>



Repair Café Kenilworth is a free meeting space that's all about repairing things together, be that clothes, toys, furniture, electrical appliances, bicycles ... there's very little that can't be repaired by the team of expert volunteers.

Repair Café meets at the United Reformed Church every third Saturday in the month, between 2PM and 5PM. **Official launch 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2021.**

There is free parking outside the Church, but it can get quite busy. If your item is particularly heavy or large, the team will always try to assist you as best as possible. Look at the website to see how it works.

<https://www.repaircafe-kenilworth.org>

# Plant-A-Tree for the Jubilee

We are encouraging Kenilworth residents, community groups and schools to plant a tree(s) for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee during February (or as close to as possible) next year. They can be planted as individual specimen trees or as part of a hedgerow. This will contribute to the national Queen's Green Canopy organised by the Woodland Trust.

Trees planted by schools and community groups, which can be set up for this purpose, can be applied for directly from the Woodland Trust link below. They will be delivered in or March and are free.

**The Woodland Trust**

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/queens-green-canopy/>

**The Queen's Green Canopy**

<https://queensgreencanopy.org>

# What are the local trends in temperature and rainfall?

Bablake School weather station in Coventry has been keeping continuous records since the 19<sup>th</sup> century - one of the longest records in the region.

- Notable local warming has been evident over the past 20 years or so;
- Annual average temperatures have risen by 1.33 °C since the 19<sup>th</sup> century - from 9.33 °C in the decade 1901- 1910 to 10.66 °C in 2011-2020;
- 31 of the top 42 warmest years since 1892 have been since 1981;
- In contrast, there is no clear trend for local rainfall;
- 8 of the twenty wettest years in Coventry since 1870 have occurred since 1992;
- On the other hand, 4 of our driest years have occurred since 1990.

To put the local annual average temperature rise of 1.33 °C in context, remember that the Paris Agreement is to keep below 1.5 °C – hence the emergency.

There's much more data to explore at  
<http://www.bablakeweather.co.uk>



# Get involved with COP 26 and become Carbon Literate!

On November 1st, participate in the online Carbon Literacy Project – the largest ever low carbon climate education day – and become certified as Carbon Literate!

- Be a part of the first-ever Carbon Literacy Action Day
- Participate in the largest ever low-carbon climate education day
- Develop a greater understanding of climate change and take immediate and effective action to tackle the climate crisis
- Use the Action Day as a catalyst to generate increased levels of involvement, activity and Carbon Literacy within your organisation
- Expand the audience for your Carbon Literacy training
- and Last but certainly not least, if you aren't already; become certified as Carbon Literate!

<https://carbonliteracy.com/carbon-literacy-action-day/>



The Low Carbon Warwickshire Network aims to bring together existing low carbon groups to share ideas and stimulate new activity in communities where there currently is none.

Led by the Harbury Energy Initiative and supported by the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce, future online events will cover topics that are relevant to the development and support of practical carbon reduction actions in rural communities.

<https://www.harburyenergy.co.uk/warwickshire-low-carbon-network/>

# Warwick District Council's plans



In response to declaring a climate emergency, Warwick District Council adopted a climate emergency action programme which sets out the steps to support and enable carbon reductions across the district by 2030.

**Energy in buildings** - retrofitting and new buildings

**Planning** - putting climate change at the forefront of new policies and procedures

**Travel and transport** - creating sustainable transport options

**Trees for our Future** - our plan to plant 160,000 trees in the district

[https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/info/20468/sustainability\\_and\\_climate\\_change](https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/info/20468/sustainability_and_climate_change)

The logo is a dark green, cloud-like shape with a white border. Inside, the text "Warwickshire" is in a smaller white font at the top. Below it, "SWITCH" is in a large, bold, white sans-serif font. Underneath "SWITCH", the word "AND" is written vertically in a smaller white font. Finally, "SAVE" is in a large, bold, white sans-serif font at the bottom.

## **Collective Energy Switching: Better Offers Together**

“Switching with us means you can benefit from the bargaining power of a large group. Once you have registered, we hold an energy auction where suppliers compete for the opportunity to offer you the lowest energy tariff. There’s no need to compare different tariffs as you’ll receive a personal offer. And what about the switch over? We’ll handle that all for you. It’s hassle-free and the only thing you’ll notice is a lower energy bill.”

Register an interest now:

<https://bigcommunityswitch.co.uk/warwick/register>

For more information

<https://bigcommunityswitch.co.uk/warwickshire/landing>

# Cutting the carbon

Stories from members of the Roadmap group about their attempts to reduce their personal or household carbon footprints – saving energy, carbon, money and the climate.

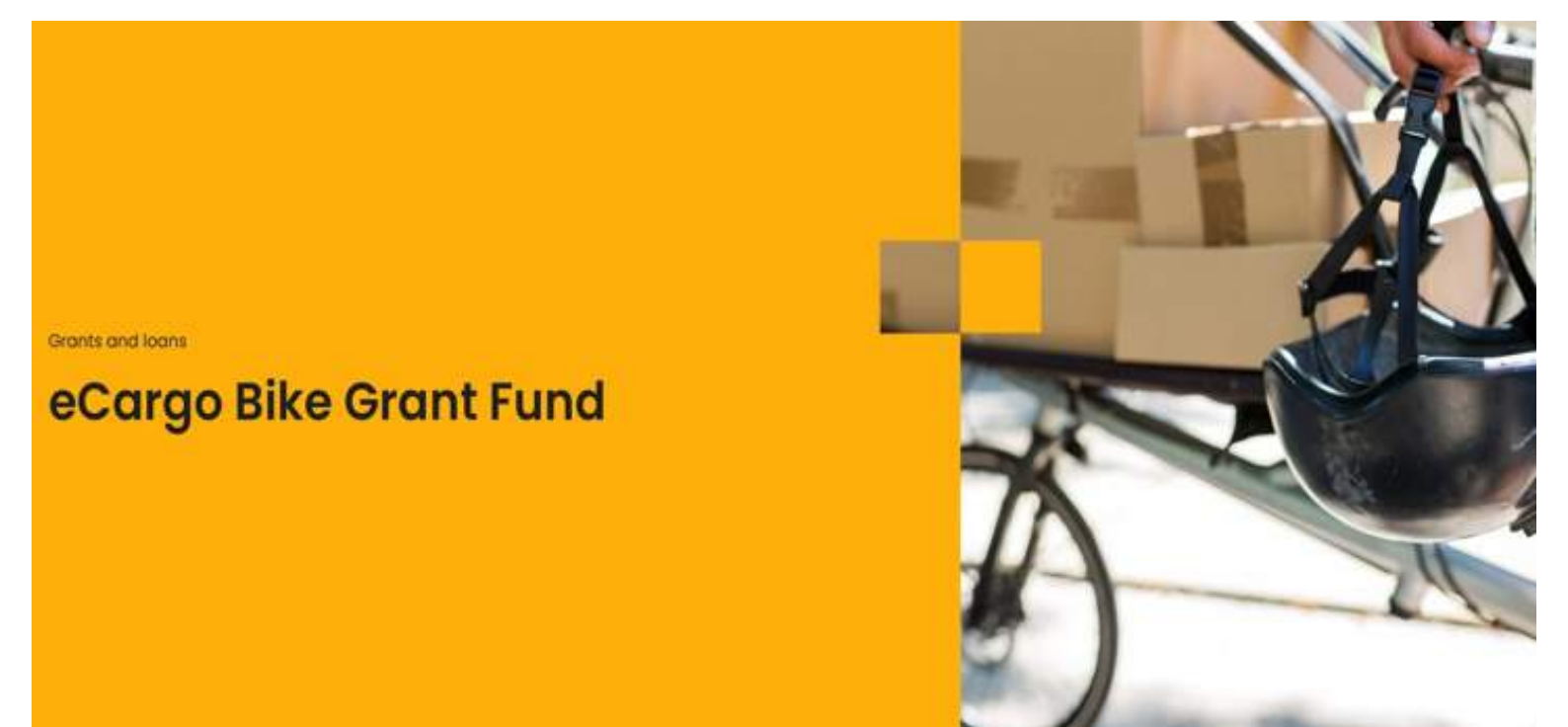
1. *“We have invested in an electric car which we really like – and given its range of about 180-200 miles we have only used public chargers 3-4 times over the past year. I reckon the annual savings in fuel and road tax are at least £1000 every year.”* John Dearing

2. *“We have reduced the mowing in our front garden by doing No Mow May, Let it Bloom June and Knee High July!”* Fern Arnold

3. *“I have grown more veggies and have taken to walking to more places rather than driving.”* Sam Cooke

4. *“We sold both our cars and bought one electric car with a 300 mile range. Currently approximately 60% of the EV charging is from the PV panels that we have on the roof”.* George Martin

We want to hear what you have done. Please send us brief descriptions and photos for adding to the newsletter series to [j.dearing@soton.ac.uk](mailto:j.dearing@soton.ac.uk). More information and ideas at the Energy Saving Trust <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/hub/quick-tips-to-save-energy/>



Grants and loans

## eCargo Bike Grant Fund

**Are you a business that could use an eCargo Bike?**  
**The eCargo Bike Grant Fund 2021/22 is open for applications.**

Funding covers up to 40% of the total cost of an eCargo Bike, up to a maximum of £2,500 for two-wheel models and £4,500 for three-wheel models.

The application deadline is **14 December 2021**. The claim deadline is 14 February 2022. eCargo bikes do not need to have been delivered for the grant to be paid.

<https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/grants-and-loans/ecargo-bike-fund/>.

# Kenilworth Electric Vehicles Group



Whether you're an EV owner or not, why not join the Kenilworth Electric Vehicles Group on facebook? The purpose of the group is to promote EVs and to lobby for improved public charging infrastructure.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/783019822439538>

Find out more about how we can  
rise to the challenge of climate  
change...



Written and narrated by university scientists, this 40 minute film exposes the shocking assumptions that lie at the heart of all governments' plans to avoid climate breakdown. With contributions from experts and change makers, it tells how humanity can rise to the challenge, and ensure a flourishing future.

Free to watch on YouTube [here](#)

# Linked Community Groups

[Kenilworth All Together Greener](#)  
[Bee Friendly Kenilworth](#)  
[Kenilworth Chamber of Trade](#)  
[Kenilworth Electric Vehicles Group](#)

**Please let us know if we can add your group's contact details here.**

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Disclaimer: In general, Kenilworth Town Council supports events and actions that contribute to tackling the climate change. But the Council does not necessarily agree with or endorse all the views expressed at external events or by named groups and individuals in social media and websites that the Council may organize or refer to.

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