



Kenilworth Town Council Climate Emergency Working Group

Update Report June 2024

- **Wildflower verge planting**

- Working in conjunction with Bee Friendly Kenilworth, we have a plan for wildflower verge planting at all entry points into Kenilworth. This is supported by approved funding from KTC, with completion Sep/Oct. The essential consultation of residents living near to the planned sites has been delayed due to the General Election rules known as Purdah.

Recent Events

- **Eco-Fayre at Kenilworth Methodist Church (18th May)** We had lots of good discussions at the this event with members of the public and received some requests from people to borrow the thermal camera later in the year to assess their homes for insulation effectiveness and thermal leakage issues.
- **Nature Watch week (26th – 31st May)**



As in previous years, this was targeted to maximise participation and interest from children.

A total of 68 people registered on Eventbrite for the week's events which covered the following:

- Deep Time Travel Through Old Kenilworth
- Wildlife Walk at Parliament Piece Nature Reserve
- Discovering sandstone Remains on a Walk Along The Greenway
- Self-guided scavenger hunt at the Kenilworth Methodist Church
- Flora and Fauna at Knowle Hill Nature Reserve
- Early Morning Birdsong and Other Nature in Kenilworth Common Nature Reserve
- Nature Walk in Crackley Woods
- Bird Walk at Castle Farm



Despite promoting the events in Nub News, on social media, the KTC website, school newsletters, church congregations and at the Eco-Fayre which occurred the preceding weekend, we had quite a few no-shows across the events, in some cases resulting in no attendees on the day at all. This is disappointing, knowing the effort that goes into making these events happen and for those leading activities particularly. We will need to think about whether we revise the format or approach in 2025 or indeed continue with this activity next year.

Forthcoming Events

- **Clean Air Day (16th June)**



Clean Air Day 2024
Join us for a free, fun-filled day of activities for all the family!

Sunday 16 June
10am to 3pm | Abbey End, Kenilworth

- Traffic free route
- join us for a walk, cycle, wheel, scoot or play!
- Free bike checks and security marking
- Food and drink stalls
- Make a Smoothie on a bike!
- Information and advice on how we can all improve our air quality
- Bike activities including adapted bikes

For more information,
email cleanairday@kenilworth.org or follow us at [@kenilworthweb](https://www.facebook.com/kenilworthweb)

Organised by Kenilworth Town Council with support from Warwick District Council and Warwickshire County Council.

       

Excitement is building in Kenilworth as the town prepares for its first Clean Air Day event on Sunday 16 June.

Taking place from 10am to 3pm at Abbey End, this fun family-friendly event will bring the town together with the aim of raising awareness of air quality as a health and environmental issue, empowering residents to take action.

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A traffic-free one-mile active travel loop will set off from Abbey End at 11am, led by various well-known Kenilworth faces. The loop encourages everyone to walk, wheel, cycle, or scoot along the route, promoting the positive effects of active travel for both physical and mental wellbeing, and air quality.

Free bike hire will be available on the day with adapted bikes, Brompton bikes, e-cargo bikes, kids bikes and a variety of other adult bikes of all shapes and sizes, allowing anyone to enjoy the traffic-free loop.

The event will also feature music from 'Chaos', a pedal-powered band who will also give you the chance to take part in a lightbulb challenge by generating electricity through pedalling.

Local businesses will be providing food and refreshments, including:

- burgers and more from local plastic free champion Albion Street Kitchen
- samosas, crepes, waffles, and gelato from Milk & Mocha
- halloumi wraps, cakes and more Greek specialties from My Greek Station
- Thai curries and lots more from Nurnur Paradise
- La Ari will be opening for the day (usually closed on Sunday)

Freshly cooked pizzas will be available from the Wedding Pizza Company.

Town Councillor Zoe Leventhal, one of the organisers of the event alongside Councillor Alison Insley, said: "I'm really excited for Kenilworth's first of hopefully many Clean Air Day events. We'll have plenty of information stalls on improving air quality and lots of support available for people looking to take that first step with active travel. You can buy a second-hand bike from The Cycle Recycler, learn some new cycle skills from Cycle Infinity and then try them out on our active travel loop, all in one day!"

Councillor Alison Insley added: "We're really pleased to be bringing this event in to the heart of the town, bringing residents together to unite in improving our air quality. This is a low carbon event, with no single use plastic so we're encouraging residents to bring their own water bottle to refill at our free water stations and bring a reusable cup for any hot drinks!

"We look forward to seeing everyone from 10am on Sunday 16 June, where our event will be opened by the Bicycle Mayor, Simon Storey, the Mayor of Kenilworth, Councillor Alan Chalmers, and the High Sheriff of Warwickshire, Rajvinder Kaur Gill."

Further information about the event can be found on Kenilworth Town Council's website: <https://kenilworthweb.co.uk/clean-air-day-2024>

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