

Calne Eco Fest took place on 6th November 2021.

Here are some of the things the Community told us ...

Children, young people and their families were asked to make an Eco-Pledge to the environment on our Calne 'Communitree' ...

To help stop climate change and to make the environment better I will try to:



- *Walk to school every day of the week, to turn off lights when they aren't needed, to walk or cycle to places when possible.*
- *I will turn off the tap*
- *I will save water*
- *Eat more vegetables. Recycling plastic. Reuse stuff like water bottles.*
- *Turn off lights when you leave the room, buy metal reusable bottles to save the plastic waste. Put left over food in the compost or if you don't have a compost bin, bury the food 25cm down in the ground to give the bugs a feast!*
- *I am going to ride my scooter more. I am not going to litter.*
- *Turn light off when I don't need them. Grow more veg. have shorter showers. Learn more about what we can do to help! ECO!*
- *I'm going to plant more trees.*
- *Cycle to school*
- *Make posters to stop people littering*
- *Recycle more*
- *I will try to not turn things on.*
- *Start a litter club and pick up litter everywhere.*
- *Grow my own vegetables*
- *Recycle and reuse stuff.*
- *Recycle cardboard and leftover plastic, litter picking, get reusable bags from shop. If seen any plastic in public put in the bin then sanitise.*
- *Start going to River Warriors.*
- *I am going to put the litter in the bin by my house.*
- *Stop littering and pick up some rubbish*

- By picking up litter and rubbish Not use too much electricity and recycle more I will help by not littering and put rubbish in the bin.
- Start litter picking as a family.
- Eat less beef and meat.
- Plant a new tree every year and recycle as much as I can like this paper.
- Walk to school, shop at charity shops, buy second hand Not use too much paper.
- I will turn off my heating so the planet wont get hot. I will mack fings out of the fings that cant be resikald.
- Eat less meat
- Plan our meals so we have less food waste.
- Help keep the world clean
- Pick up litter
- Turn all of the lights off at school and recycle at home and school. Use a reusable lunch box and bottle.
- Recycle more and use less plastic
- Use less power, turn off lights, recycling
- Stop wasting food and plant wildflowers
- Stop people dropping litter
- I promise to never litter, walk more. When I see litter I will put gloves on and pick it up and start growing my own vegetables next year.
- Recycle plastics and use less plastics
- Use less plastic, look for secondhand toys, less plastic bottles
- Use eco cleaning products and make garden more environmentally friendly to encourage wildlife.
- Don't buy too many plastic bottles.
- Waste less food. Grow more. Recycle more.
- Turn off the lights
- Make less focol fule and more sun and wind power.
- Cut down on purchases of products in single use plastic – e.g. fruit
- Try to give positive environmental messages to my friends and people at school – e.g., reduce plastic bottles.
- Recicl my plastic and glas botils. Only have free range eggs. Walk to places I can and add jernees together to make them shorter Use conckers and plant them to create more trees. Help animals by putting out seed for birds and building houses an putting them n treed aswell as planting flowers.

Eco Fest – Green leaves feedback:

We also asked visitors to leave feedback on the event – this is what they said:

- Fantastic event. Lots of information and great products to buy!
- Had a great time learning new things. Loved the wooden carvers – Thanks
- Fantastic event – lots of informative stall holders. An opportunity to network – Well done!
- Excellent event! Good selection of stands. People are passionate and positive! Good to meet local Councillors.
- Have the meetings/discussions away from the stalls very noisy and difficult to hear.
- Great community spirit. Lots of interesting information and friendly faces.
- Better to have held the discussions in the Mayors Parlour.
- Great for showcasing local groups. A bit noisy for talks. Great event!
- Unable to hear, need microphones or a separate room where people are not passing through having coffee and snacks.
- Domestic PV and heat pump awareness session please.
- All very good displays.
- Amazing event! So informative and lots of opportunities to discover sustainable ways. Please make it a yearly event!!
- Fantastic event learnt some new ideas and as a family it's been a great event. Thank you!
- Great variety of stalls more space upstairs!
- So many community led groups making change for our planet. Good to see all of them coming together.
- Lovely event, loads of interest, enjoyed it.
- Excellent first event. Do do again
- Kids really enjoyed the activitiesGreat event. Great activities from Marden Vale – Busy too 😊
- Good idea for the event.
- Lovely day, very informative. I'm leaving loaded with leaflets, jams, honeys and apples!
- Please keep background noise down, I lost a lot of what was said.
- It was lovely to see so many people here, and lots of local groups represented. It looks as though all my weekends will be very busy from now on! Also we've joined the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust!
- Working with the community to make it an eco-friendly environment!
- Excellent displays and contributions. Friendly informative volunteers and representatives. Lovely apple cake!

- I have been an avid recycler since coming to Calne. I have had a very informative morning and I think this should be repeated if possible, more hands on things for adults.
- A very interesting event lots of useful information. Nice to see it well participated.
- I'm going to get myself a good compost bin and be more aware of food waste.
- Good event, but found it a little difficult to find the things I am more interested in, would like to see more of this type of event.
- Great to get all the local groups together.
- Recycling in schools and taught how to recycle properly! Making children and teens more aware of the climate crisis and the affect of our actions towards the planet. This shouldn't be a onetime thing either there should be regular (monthly/weekly) lessons on what we can do at home and at school.
- Interesting and informative. Good idea.
- What an amazing event! Great to raise issues within and around Calne and think about impact on wider world. 😊
- A great event – informative and lots of ideas for the future – Well done!
- Use a Mike or use a room where we can hear each other.
- Very helpful and informative 😊
- Please help creation sustain itself.
- Very well-presented event – good variety of stalls, both for information and an opportunity to purchase eco-friendly goods.
- Difficult to hear – too much noise intro by (?) too long and rambling – would prefer to hear more from the Councillors actually organising the event. But thanks for having a go – need more of these!
- Good feel to the event, really nice to see lots of information on the local wildlife, lots to keep the children entertained. ALSO really nice event, look forward to next years. Event that attracts a wider audience needed – not the already aware.
- Excellent stalls. I like the hedgehog and the caterpillar competition.
- Very interesting. Lots to think about. Hopefully there will be an eco event every year.
- Look to protect existing trees with a TPO directory.

We also held some 'Community Conversations'

Everyone was welcome to come and join in 2 discussions

The first conversation was called

'Green and Blue'



This focussed on actions we all need to take to help protect our environment here is what people said:

What actions should we prioritise in the Calne Area to tackle climate change and improve air quality?

- More frequent bus services and more active travel; EV charging points.

What individual behaviour changes should we prioritise that would have a big impact on carbon reduction? And what do we need to do to enable people to make those changes?

- Discourage car use for short journey, encourage cycling and walking.
- Shop local, Bike lanes, Reinststate overgrown footpaths on A4 eg Cherhill to Beckhampton, NB. Inc. role of electric bikes.
- Improve surface of the cycle path (Calne to Chippenham) Upgrade to a commuter route.

How do we get the message out to a wider audience in Calne community area?

- Roadside messages/advertising
- An app/use available media

What can Town and Parish Councils do to support us in looking after the environment in Calne?

- Enabling and supporting local groups and encouraging collaboration
- Offer public liability insurance, training e.g. GDPR/safeguarding /Health and safety

What green spaces are there near you that could be enhanced for nature? Could you set up a community group to enhance that area? What support would you need to do that?

- Marden Trust at Quemerford (No public access) needs to be converted to a (NA?)

People also wanted to talk more about these things:

More certainty for farmers re future subsidies.

Linking up local volunteers to support farmers in maintaining Green/Blue infrastructure.

Simpler and clearer recycling information on packaging

Recycling at schools – children being taught how to recycle properly at school and home. (primary and secondary).

Car sharing

Invest in Bus Services – Better bus connections, from all Calne villages to Chippenham and Calne

Bottle return schemes/deposit schemes

Community Orchards and similar on green spaces

Support local milk deliveries in glass bottles

Joined up safer cycle routes – from all areas of town to town centre

Calne to Chippenham Cycle Route needs to be lit, maintained/an all weather surface/cycle storage/security areas in town.

All new houses to have solar panels

Stop emissions from queueing traffic – look at how traffic can flow more freely.

Tree planting on the green/'Humps' at Derry Hill inc. children planting for the future! via Woodland Trust? Community orchards, maintenance of local footpaths for walking/cycling.

Our second Community Conversation was about **'Getting Around'** this conversation was facilitated by Sustainable Calne and the group has provided its own update which will follow.