

ECO FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

12th November 2022 11am – 4pm

Event co-sponsored by the Malvern Hills AONB

Talks in Jean Simon Room (access from foyer)

1130 - Creating wildflower meadows and gardens (*Lindsay Williams*)

1215 - Retrofitting: to use less energy in your home
(*Herefordshire Green Network Building Sense*)

1300- A wilder Herefordshire for people and nature
(*Sarah King, Herefordshire Wildlife Trust*)

1345 - Introduction to heat pumps and solar PV
(*Peter Speakman, Caplor Energy*)

1430 - Green your finances – what does it mean and is it really possible? (*Joanna Coull, Green Investing Ltd*)

1515 - What can I do about the climate and nature crisis?
(*Helen Heathfield, Green Party*)

1430 Children's Art prizegiving in Village Hall

Children's Eco Activities are in **Primary School Hall**:

Children must be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times.

Stallholders are in the **Village Hall**

Free refreshments – don't forget to exchange your raffle ticket for free tea and cake!

CHILDREN'S ECO ACTIVITIES in Primary School Hall:

- * Local schools showcasing their fantastic eco projects
 - * Hapa zone (Japanese leaf printing on fabric)
 - * Log slice painting
 - * Lavender bag making
 - * Recycled poppy crafting for Remembrance Day
 - * Autumn crown creating
 - * Nature selfies
 - * Blockprinting
 - * Book and chill out corner
 - * Colouring and puzzle table
 - * "Our Future" - community mural*
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STALLHOLDERS in the Village Hall:

COLWALL GREENER is a group of people in the village of Colwall interested in what they can do to help, individually or collectively, to move towards a greener future. Come to our stand and share your feedback, ideas, and thoughts about what you want to change in your life. www.greener.colwall.info

CAVES FOLLY NURSERIES have produced organically grown, perennial plants for 43 years. Plants are grown to Soil Association standards and in organic peat free compost. The nursery sells perennials, alpines, herbs and grasses and RHS recommended peat free compost. Open 9th March 2023 – 1st. Oct. Thurs-Sat 10-4pm. <https://peatfreeplants.org.uk>

THE GREAT COLLABORATION is a toolkit of resources to inspire change, and support community and individual action to reduce carbon emissions. Designed for parish councils it's also used by other community organisations. <https://greatcollaboration.uk/>

MONEY BOX CREDIT UNION is a not-for-profit savings and loans cooperative owned by its members and managed for their mutual benefit. We provide a safe home for savings with access to affordable low-cost loans. Membership is open to anyone who lives and works in Herefordshire. www.moneyboxcu.org.uk

USING YOUR VOICE Helen Heathfield helps get Green councillors elected and assists both them and the local parties in functioning well. She says *'I love my job because I see Green politicians making a difference every day, in Herefordshire, the UK and across the world'*. hereford.greenparty.org.uk; malvernhillsgreenparty.org.uk

GREEN INVESTING LTD How do we bring about real change? Sustainable investing is what we all should be aiming for. How exactly do we make our pensions as powerful as they say we can? I will talk about how to invest in a way that contributes towards positive change through pensions, ISAs and banking. www.green-investing.co.uk

HEREFORDSHIRE SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT GROUP embraces transport and planning, economics and the environment. We examine innovative changes in transport that can be applied to Herefordshire's transport problems. We work with the local transport authority, local MPs, the Department for Transport, transport operators and community groups. www.herefordshiresustainabletransportgroup.org

EXTINCTION REBELLION (Malvern Group). We demand that governments Tell the Truth about the Climate and Ecological Emergency, Act Now to address it, and create a Citizen's Assembly so that ordinary people can lead the way to climate and ecological justice. www.xrmalvern.org.uk

CLEEVELY ELECTRIC VEHICLES was established in January 2018. Our purpose is to help families, businesses and fleets switch from petrol and diesel to low emission vehicles, enabling them to reduce their carbon footprint and save money on their vehicle's running costs. www.cleevelyev.co.uk

OCTOPUS ENERGY specialises in sustainable energy and has 10 businesses in 8 countries across 4 continents. It serves more than 3 million domestic and over 25,000 business customers. CEO Greg Jackson: *'Our role is simple. We will bring about a sustainable global energy system faster and cheaper through technology'*. www.octopus.energy

CAPLOR ENERGY was founded in 2007 by Gareth Williams, who was alarmed by the impact of climate change on farming, It was one of the first renewable energy firms to be accredited with the Microgeneration Certification Scheme. All Caplor Technologies are tested on his farm, so he can pass on information to customers first hand.

www.caplor.co.uk

BUILDING SENSE is a Herefordshire Green Network initiative to help heat homes comfortably in the face of high bills and the need to cut carbon emissions. We share information with homeowners about retrofit, from easy DIY improvements to whole house retrofit projects, including funding and local suppliers. www.hgnetwork.org

ENERGY TRACERS is a program to help residents minimise energy consumption without spending a fortune. This starts with an Energy Trace using our thermal camera and unique 'Draft Maker'. The results inform an advice session that leads into supported DIY retrofit, saving up to 30% energy at low cost. www.energytracers.co.uk

The **MALVERN HILLS AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY** partnership helps provide the support vital to the care of the Malvern Hills AONB. We work with several other organisations, landowners and charities to deliver projects which conserve and enhance the area or help people to enjoy and explore it.

www.malvernhillsaonb.org.uk

COLWALL ORCHARD GROUP works to restore, promote and celebrate traditional orchards. We own 2 community orchards in Colwall and allotments for local people to rent. We provide practical training and run weekly volunteer sessions. We make juice and preserves to sell and run events to celebrate our orchard heritage. www.colwallorchardgroup.org

SPIRITUAL ZONE in St Crispin's Chapel, which is within the Village Hall, is a space for reflection about nature and the human spirit. There will be meditations morning and afternoon, guided by the Rector of St James' Church, Colwall, Melanie Horton. You are also warmly invited to visit the Eco Church stand in the main hall.

HEREFORDSHIRE MEADOWS protects, conserves, improves and increases flower-rich grasslands in Herefordshire. The charity works across the county holding events and discussions on how to manage, create and restore grasslands to benefit wildlife, soil and water quality, natural flood management and livestock farming businesses. www.herefordshiremeadows.org.uk

VERGING ON WILD aims to encourage Herefordshire Council to create more flower-rich roadsides and extend the network of Road Verges Nature Reserves. We have reinstated 16 sites and designated many new ones, which we work with volunteers to monitor and manage. www.herefordshirewt.org/vergingonwild

HEREFORDSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST works with partners to create a Herefordshire thriving for people and nature. We manage more than 60 nature reserves, engage with children, young people and adults and are supported by a vast network of members and volunteers. www.herefordshirewt.org

Colwall Parish council and the Malvern Hills AONB have commissioned a **SURVEY OF HEDGES AND HEDGEROW TREES**. A contractor-led roadside survey is currently being analysed, and we are looking for volunteers to help survey footpath-side hedges. cgs2021@outlook.com

GARDEN INSPIRATION RHS Award winning designer Christian Dowle combines elements of the natural environment with contemporary design. Careful attention is given to the choice of plants and materials to reduce environmental impact and improve biodiversity. Where possible local sources are used. www.gardeninspiration.co.uk

VINCENT WILDLIFE TRUST Internationally renowned in innovative methods to reverse declines in threatened British and Irish mammal species, VWT has been at the forefront of wildlife conservation for over 45 years. Its current focus is on rare bats and members of the weasel family. www.vwt.org.uk

THE MALVERN HILLS TRUST protects and manages the Malvern Hills and Commons for the benefit of the local community and the many visitors who come each year. Our work keeps this diverse landscape open to all and maintains its rich cultural and natural heritage. www.malvernhills.org.uk

HIDDEN HEREFORDSHIRE is a project funded by The National Lottery and run by Herefordshire Biological Records Centre in partnership with Cultivating Learning and Nature. It aims to connect Herefordshire people of all ages and from all backgrounds to discover nature and record wildlife wherever they are. www.hbrc.org.uk

THE LEDBURY FLOWER FARMER Based 1 mile from Ledbury, we grow all our flowers on site with no chemicals. We can provide gift bouquets, buckets of flowers for you to arrange or a full florist service for weddings, funerals or parties. Also offering pyo and workshops. www.theledburyflowerfarmer.co.uk

LITTLE MARCLE ORGANIC PRODUCE's philosophy is to grow organic produce in an as environmentally friendly way as possible without chemical input and sell it as locally as possible to our lovely customers in Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire. www.littlemarcleorganicproduce.co.uk

TOOLS FOR SELF RELIANCE is an international development charity which recycles tools and sewing machines and supplies them to partners in Africa in conjunction with training programmes. It has a network of volunteers in the UK who refurbish tools and prepare kits for use by tradespeople and small enterprises. www.tfsr.org

REPAIR CAFÉ LEDBURY meets on the first Saturday of every month, from 10.00am to 12.30pm, in Ledbury Community Hall. Local residents can bring their broken household items for fixing by one of our volunteer repairers (advance booking essential). There's no charge but donations are gratefully accepted. www.repaircafeledbury.org.uk

COMMUNITY CAR SHARE is a club run by its members, providing a cheaper alternative to owning a car and encouraging less carbon-intensive forms of transport. We also run the Ebike trial scheme 'Test before you Invest' and the Ebike to Work scheme which provides people with an Ebike for hire to solve their transport problems if they live or work rurally. www.malvern-hills-carclubs.org.uk

PLASTIC FREE PRODUCTS Castlemorton Environmental Action Group invites you to come and see some examples of alternatives to single use plastic. These can lead to other environmental benefits, eg reductions in transportation carbon costs, laundry liquids and cleaning solutions. <http://castlemorton.org.uk/environmental-action-group/>

COLWALL YOUTH PROJECT is a community resource providing an accessible, friendly and safe environment for young people and young adults. Its services include drop-in sessions, 1-2-1 support, mental health and wellbeing support, targeted activities, educational support and skills4life workshops. We encourage community involvement through consultation, youth social action, and volunteering. www.colwallcommunitychurch.com

The inclusion of stallholders does not imply endorsement by Colwall Greener.

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FREE TEA, COFFEE AND CAKES

SERVED BY COLWALL WINGS

LUNCHTIME SOUP KITCHEN –

BY LEDBURY AND COLWALL EXPLORER SCOUTS



FREE 22/23 WINTER/SPRING TALKS

The Ale House 1900-2000 (doors open 1830 for tea/coffee)

6th Dec 22 – It's Christmas! (*Liz Hill*) – *how to have an eco-friendly Christmas.*

10th Jan 23 – The John Muir Trust (*Sheila Wren*) – *protecting and restoring wild places.*

14th Feb 23 – Hidden Herefordshire (*Tim Kaye*) – *connecting Herefordshire people to recording wildlife wherever they are.*

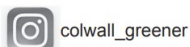
14th Mar 23 - Extinction Rebellion (*Johnny Birks*) – *compelling governments to confront the climate and ecological crisis.*

11th Apr 23 – System change now! (*Richard Priestly*) – *changes that can address climate, biodiversity, food security and poverty crises.*

Please see our website (greener.colwall.info) for further details of the talks series along with updates on all Colwall Greener events.

Join us!

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