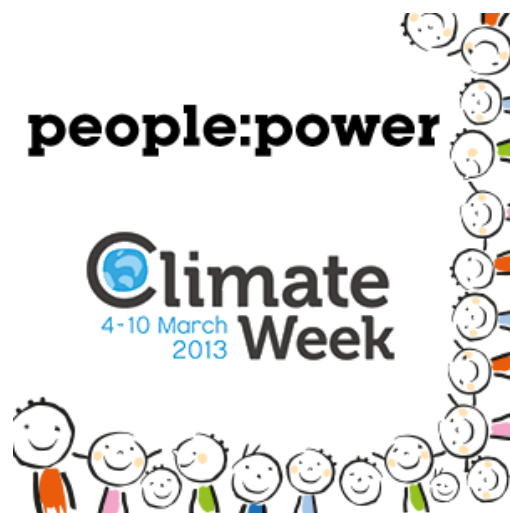




The newsletter this month is more than ever packed with exciting events both community and eco based. I should think that there is something of interest here for most of our subscribers - so please read on. We hope to see you at a number of these fabulous events.

Next Transition Meeting

Tue, 5th March 2013, 19:30 – 21:30 at The Strutt Centre, Derby Road, Belper.



The week commencing 4th March is world climate week, so we're dedicating the whole of this meeting to a **fun** climate quiz. Come and take part; make up your own teams or join other members. It would be exceptionally nice if other Derbyshire Transition groups would join us too.

Green Drinks



Wed, 20 March, 19:30 – 22:30
At The Talbot, Bridgefoot, Belper

Come and join us for a relaxed and friendly get together in a lovely pub.

Skillshare Workshop

Free Skills Workshop
on
Saturday 23rd March 2013 between 2-4pm
at **Fleet Arts Belper**

Learn how to propagate by taking a variety of cuttings and by planting seeds. We will also be sowing and taking cuttings of herbs in readiness for the summer food fair.

To book a place,
email Kathy on
kathyf100@hotmail.com
or ring her on
07779412702

An illustration of a seedling tray with several small plants in the bottom left corner. To the right, a cartoon man with a long neck and a red shirt is holding a large green plant in a brown pot.

The workshop will focus on propagation methods - primarily how to take a variety of cuttings and how to succeed with sowing seeds. For those of you who already have these skills, come and join us in potting up and sowing herbs in preparation for the summer food fair. Soil, pots and some seeds will be provided, but if you have any seeds or seed trays, please bring them along.

Notts & Derbys Eco Homes Open Days



Glow-worm
The energy you need

Open Day
Glow-worm are delighted to invite you to an open day at our



Belper Centre of Excellence
Nottingham Road, Belper, Derbyshire, DE56 1JT
On Monday 4th March 2013,
10.00am - 3.00pm

- Find out how the Green Deal can help you with seminars throughout the day
- See our award winning renewable technologies that can help improve our Carbon Footprint and save you money

We hope you will be able to attend what promises to be an informative and enjoyable event.

For more details, and to confirm your attendance please contact Annie Pardner (annie.pardner@vaillant-group.co.uk) or 01773 824141 ext. 3227

We look forward to seeing you there!

Efficient Solutions. Heating. Hot Water.

As part of next weeks Climate Week Notts & Derbys Eco Homes Open Days, Glow-worm are holding an open day in the newly refurbished Training Centre on Nottingham Road on Monday 4th March, anytime between 10am and 4pm. For more details or confirm your attendance please contact annie.pardner@vaillant-group.co.uk or call 01773 824141 ext 3227. Transition Belper will be in attendance all day so please come along and have a chat.

Energy Descent Planning underway



The meetings are continuing and are producing some interesting ideas about making Belper a resilient and successful community. Do come and join us; your input will be welcome. Next meeting will take place on Monday 11th March at 8pm at The Old King's Head.

Belper Train Station Green Spaces - Gardening re-commences!



Spring has finally arrived - what a long and cold winter it has been! So nice to see the sunshine these last couple of days :-) and let's hope it lasts! With spring in mind, it is time to start work on the Belper Train Station once again. We are planning two community days this month (weather permitting) - Wednesday 20th and Sunday 24th 10:00 to 14:00. We hope you can join us and help us make our town even more attractive and wildlife friendly. For further information, email Kathy or ring her on 07779412702.

WWF's Earth Hour



SWITCH OFF YOUR LIGHTS FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR PLANET

On Saturday 23 March at 8.30pm, let's join millions around the world in turning off our lights for one hour in a huge, symbolic show of support for action on climate change and for a more sustainable future. In 2012, a record 152 countries took part for the biggest call to action for the protection of the planet. Let's beat that record this year!

Y O U T H M A R K E T

Be part of an exciting pioneering project - Derbyshire's First ever Youth Market.

Saturday, 4th May 2013



Follow the youth market on **Twitter** https://twitter.com/Belper_YM or **Facebook** <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Belper-Youth-Market/603055223044026>

Transition Belper are organising a **FREE Youth Market**, a pioneering event created to encourage young people to experience the world of business. This will be an exceptional marketplace and creative space for young people to connect, gain entrepreneurial experience and showcase their creative and organisational skills. This event will feature stalls and social areas where young people can:

- sell their creations/produce/service
- perform and entertain
- provide refreshments and showcase their catering skills

We expect a large number of creative young minds to showcase their innovative designs, creations and performances, such as handmade jewellery and clothes; vintage and second hand clothing, music, films and books; original artwork, photographic art; quirky craft items; designer stationery; soft furnishings; homemade food and refreshments; home grown fruit and vegetables, flower arrangements; music performances; story telling; dancing; comedy shows; face painting; nail art; hair and beauty advice and makeovers.

We aim to involve two distinct groups of young people who would like to use their skills to help us bring about a new generation of young entrepreneurs. Those who have exceptional organisational, business and marketing skills will be engaged to help organise the event. Others, who are creative or love to entertain, will showcase their talents by either selling their products or entertaining the visitors. We already have a number of students from the University of Derby involved in helping organise the day.

This is an exceptional opportunity for young people to experience the world of business, gain entrepreneurial experience and to improve their CVs or University Application Forms, whilst making money too. Therefore, if you know any young people aged 14-25 who would like to get involved, please spread the word.

Also, we need funds to help us set this exciting project up, so if you would like to sponsor this event or make a contribution, please contact us. All sponsors will be gratefully acknowledged.

For further information, contact Kathy on kathyf100@hotmail.com or ring her on 07779412702

New Exciting Event



The 1st and 2nd June will see Belper's first major 'green' event held over two days at the Rugby Club. A small and dedicated band of Transition Belper members are starting work to put together a whole host of stalls, displays and attractions and we need your help and ideas.

We have approached Belper Town Council who have agreed to the loan of their market stalls and we have ideas for themed areas of the Rugby Club's fields:

- Food zone – we'd like local charities and community groups to set up hot and cold food and (non-alcoholic) drinks stalls. We can use some of the Club's tables and chairs but if anyone knows of any other source for the free loan of tables and chairs please get in touch. If you want to prepare and sell food please get in touch. We'd also like to have a chef on hand to demonstrate what can be cooked up using leftovers .

- Entertainment – we'd like to hear from anyone who would like to perform (acoustic only) – whether that be open mic, school choirs, dance groups, poetry.... We'll provide some sort of stage and are looking to find a solar powered PA system.
- Bike zone – we have all sorts of ideas from bike maintenance to tricky proficiency courses
- Garden zone – we'd like to have a range of herbs and vegetable plants available as seedlings to sell. If you can grow some seedlings that will be ready to plant out in early June please let us know. One idea is to plant in cardboard tubes from kitchen roll and fill shoe boxes with a selection of tube planters. The tubes can then be planted in the ground without disturbing the roots but leaving the tubes to decompose in situ. Perhaps we could offer gardening tips and act as a market place for garden sharing. Another idea is to have a plant swap – bring your excess seedlings and swap for something else.
- Waste and recycling zone demonstrations, examples and workshops to turn waste into something either useful or decorative. Please save a few milk bottles – we can get kids turning them into scoops. We have just acquired a couple of shop dummies so perhaps we can ask everyone to bring (clean) waste with them and we can see what strange clothes we can conjure up for Mr and Mrs Green. We'd also like to organise a clothes swap.
- Home Zone – displays and demonstrations of various insulation, energy saving and renewable energy kit and information about where to go for help and advice
- Local zone - we'd like local independent shops and farmers to bring their wares. We'd also like to showcase what local community organisations and charities are doing
- Art zone – a place for the artists and makers of Belper to showcase their work, especially if it involves creating something from recycled materials.

There's probably a whole lot more we could be doing – your ideas please. Make a note of the dates as we'll be asking for as much help as possible over the weekend and preparing in the days and weeks beforehand. For example, does anyone have a van that could be used to pick up from various addresses around Belper and deliver to the Rugby Club?

Please let David George have any ideas or offers of help.

Transition Wirksworth's Give or Take Event

www.transitionwirksworth.org

Too good to throw away – give it!

Free to a good home – take it!

Take things without giving/give things without taking

Refreshments

Methodist Church Hall, St John's St



Sat 2nd March 10am to 12.30pm

Bring things from 9am onwards, safe and usable goods only, NO CRT TVs

**Public Meeting 'Energy we can all afford?
At Sound Bites Derby 6th March**

Derby Climate Coalition

Energy we can all afford?

 warmer homes
  lower bills
  cooler planet

Public Meeting and 'Question Time'

7- 9pm Wednesday March 6th
'Sound Bites' will provide refreshments from 6.30pm


St Peter's Centre
 St Peter's Street
 Derby DE1 1SN

with

Chris Williamson MP (Derby North)
Jonathan Pyke - Renewable Energy UK
Claire Morris - The Occupy Movement
Kris Ambler - Advice Derbyshire

Chaired by Rev. Anita Matthews - Associate Priest at St Peter's in the City

Further details:
 Peter Robinson 0781658890





An Invitation to the
Belper Arts Festival (May 2013)
Art - Dance - Film - Music - Literature - Theatre



at NUMBER 28 COMMUNITY HALL (formerly The Salvation Army Hall)
 Market Place, Belper, Derbyshire
 on Saturday 9 March between 9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

- *Buy Tickets
- *Meet the organisers
- *Find out about the events
- *Discover how you can take part
- *Enjoy a cuppa & shop the Farmers Market

Information from George Gunby
Tel 07845 400914 Email nonnel@sky.com

THE BELPER
PASSION



On Good Friday 2013, a modern live dramatic performance representing Christ's Passion from the Last Supper to the Crucifixion will be played out throughout the streets of Belper and in iconic local venues engaging the public in the action. Contact George Gunby on 01773 294362 for information.

Local artists have formed a new collective in their town

The Belper Arts Collaborative has been set up to provide a focal point for artists and makers within the town and the surrounding area.

One of the founders Suzanne Parnell said their aims were to offer a structured guide to what was happening in the arts community, promote the work of the town's artists and pursue the idea of providing studio and gallery space for creatives and to benefit the town's community.

They will be also be organising the art strand as part of the first annual Belper Arts Festival in May. Among the highlights will be an art exhibition, workshops, Art in the Park and an art auction at the Lion Hotel in Belper on May 12.

They will also be linking with Creative Derbyshire to stage roadshows in the town and linking with a similar arts collaborative in Belper's twin town of Pawtucket, USA.

Follow the group on twitter [@belperarts](https://twitter.com/belperarts) and facebook and their website www.belperarts.org or contact Suzanne on suzanneparnell1@yahoo.com

Join us in the empty shop window project!

There are about 10 empty shops in Belper town centre, some of them boarded up. Transition Belper is hoping to improve the appearance of these shops with window displays, artwork, murals etc on topics related to the aims of the transition movement and in keeping with the heritage of Belper. We need a wide variety of skills to carry out this project successfully and hope to involve local people, schools and community groups. If you are interested in joining us, please contact [Kate Pudney](#)

We're presently writing a letter to the landlord/agents of the empty shops to set out our aims and obtain permission to go ahead. There will be a meeting for anyone interested once we've got some responses from the shop owners/agents.



Residents living in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire have the opportunity to visit real eco homes on their own doorstep this spring. Householders across the two counties who have made their homes more eco friendly will open their doors to inspire the public between 2nd and 10th March as part of the first ever Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire EcoHomes Open Week.

Visitors will be able to see improvements including solar panels, solid wall insulation, a straw bale extension, air source heat pumps, grey water recycling systems, vegetable growing and much more. As well as many ordinary homes, the week also involves the opportunity to visit a community-owned hydro project in Derbyshire; some research eco homes at the University of Nottingham; the Derbyshire Eco Centre, an environmental learning centre near Wirksworth; and a tour of the Gloworm training centre in Belper.

Caroline Harmon of Marches Energy Agency, one of the organisations behind the event, said:

This is a fantastic opportunity to visit real eco homes in your own community and get inspired to make your own home more environmentally friendly and cheaper to heat. It will be a bit like an Open Gardens Day, but householders will be showing off their insulation and solar panels instead of their sunflowers and chrysanthemums!'

For further information, go to <http://www.everybodys-talking.org/ecohomes/>

Messages from Amber Valley Borough Council

Boiler Scheme 2013

A successful bid was made to DECC for Local Authority Funds to help reduce fuel poverty and boost energy efficiency in regions across Great Britain. Amber Valley has £150,000 to spend on replacement of G rated boilers, repairs of boilers or installation of new heating systems.

Criteria for eligibility:

Only available to owner occupiers in receipt of one of the following:

- Pension Credit - guaranteed credit or savings credit
- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment & Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit - with a household income of £18,000 or less
- Working Tax Credit - with a household income of £18,000 or less
- Council Tax Benefit - with a household income of £18,000 or less
- Not on benefit but with a total household income of £18,000 or less
and
- Applicants must also have less than £16,000 savings

To apply or for further information, go to <http://www.ambervalley.gov.uk/housing/home-energy-advice/boiler-scheme-2013.aspx>



We have taken a number of calls from residents in Amber Valley who have received telephone calls from various companies offering free boilers, external wall insulation etc and in some circumstances being asked to pay for an inspection fee up front to find out if they qualify. I would advise anyone who receives these calls to be aware and to obtain as much information as possible from the caller regarding the validity of their particular scheme. If they are concerned not to arrange for an inspection or contact Joanne Walker on 01773 841332 or joanne.walker@ambervalley.gov.uk to ask for advice and up to date information about schemes etc that are available



The Council has secured Government funding to deliver a time-limited project to be completed by March 2013 based on the Green Deal. Working with J Tomlinsons of Nottingham, private landlords are being offered free Green Deal assessments for certain types of property. As part of the project Tomlinsons are offering private landlords the prospect of being able to fund energy efficiency works such as boiler replacement and solid wall insulation funded through the Energy Company Obligation (ECO).

The Council has funding for approximately 100 assessments and 50 plans to be produced. In return for this commitment the Council is seeking to establish the views of landlords about Green Deal and issues relating to energy efficiency.

The free assessments are a time limited offer and can only be made available to a limited number of landlords. Remember you are not committing to anything, but you will be given a free report about your property giving you options to improve its energy efficiency. This represents a wonderful opportunity to secure investment into the private rented housing stock. The Council is particularly keen to support households in fuel poverty.

Tomlinsons will be at the Town Hall in Ripley on 8 March 2013 between 10am and 12noon if you want to know more.

If you wish to know more then please contact:

joanne.walker@ambervalley.gov.uk 01773 841332

david.arkle@ambervalley.gov.uk 01773 841334

To book an assessment please contact:

greendeal@jtomlinson.co.uk 0115 957 4052

<http://www.ambervalley.gov.uk/housing/private-rented-housing/green-deal.aspx>

Transition Belper Events Co-ordinator Needed

Are you a good organiser? Do you have 4-5 hours a month spare? **We are looking for an events co-ordinator** who will oversee the administration of the skills workshops and any public events we are organising. It is a very rewarding role and full support will be given by the rest of the core group. The role would involve:

- booking venues,
- checking the organisers have complete risk assessments,
- checking insurance documents have been handed in,
- distribute posters and help promote events
- help organise skillshare workshops

Our past co-ordinator Ali has had to give her workshop co-ordinator role up due to other commitments. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her wonderful work in the past. We have had some great workshops organised by her and we will miss her in this role.

Workshops are a great way of learning new skills and meeting new people whilst creating something useful. They are usually held on the third Saturday of the month and are run on a voluntary basis. Anyone can offer to run a workshop, to share a skill that will help us to become less dependent on oil and to reduce carbon emissions. They are fun and informal. Past workshops have included: spinning wool, bike maintenance, energy saving, willow weaving, tool sharpening, bread making, knitting etc. There may be a small charge for some workshops, to cover the cost of materials. **If you have a skill that you would like to share, please contact Kathy**

New Facebook Group set up by Lynne



Do you hate waste and would like to upcycle, recycle or re-use? HelpReUpcycleDE56 connects people who would like to offer items, advice, ideas etc to like minded people. Please log onto <http://www.facebook.com/settings/?tab=applications#!/groups/HelpReUpcycleDE56/doc/322857937818250/> to join. We would also like to remind you that there are another 2 great social networking websites with offer discussion, exchange of ideas and information. Transition Belper's facebook site <http://www.facebook.com/groups/119516118070116/> and Belper Fruit and Veg Forum <http://www.facebook.com/groups/108911675805234/>

Keep up-to-date with the latest developments and join any discussions on Facebook.[Join us here](#)

Belper's fruit and veg grower's forum

There is a Facebook Group locally for exchanging tips and ideas for your garden and anything to do with growing fruit and veg. [Join the Forum here](#)

Contact

The trustees of Transition Belper are:

Chair - [Ian Jackson](#)

Secretary - [Richard Keighley](#)

Treasurer - Adrian Rochford

Core Group - Craig Scott

Core Group and Energy Group leader- [David George](#)

Trustee, Newsletter Editor and Community Gardens organiser - [Kathy Fairweather](#)

Trustee - Mick Hepworth

Or you can contact us via the Transition Belper email address: info@transitionbelper.org