



## Transition Belper News - June 2012

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### [Belper Open Garden in Aid of Charity.](#)



The garden at 26 Windmill Rise, Belper is open this Sunday, 10th June 11:30 to 16:30. Entry is £3.00 per adult (children free). Scrumptious home baked cakes, cream teas and sandwiches are available. Please come and help us raise money both for Transition Belper and for a number of other worthwhile charities, such as MacMillan Cancer Support and Marie Curie Cancer Care.

### Willow Weaving Skill Share Workshop



Learn the basic techniques that would be used within basketry and get to take home a small piece of willow weaving. Learn about sourcing and preparing willow. This workshop is suitable for adults only, as there will be very sharp tools. Please bring secateurs if you have any. Willow will be supplied but there may be a charge for materials. There is a small charge for drinks and bookings are on a 'first come first served' basis.

To book a place ring 01773 827485 or email [info@transitionbelper.org](mailto:info@transitionbelper.org) If you would like to have a chat about it first, contact Emma Carr of Junky Monkey on 07597233709. For further information see [www.junkymonkey.co.uk](http://www.junkymonkey.co.uk)

### Belper Train Station Gardening Project

The Belper Train station adoption is progressing well. If you would like to be involved in this exciting project and are available on Friday 22 June at 11:00, please come and meet us at the train station, where a safety briefing will be given. For further information, email [Kathy](mailto:Kathy) or ring her on 07779 412702.



## **Latest Data Shows Rise in Electricity Use**

The Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) have recently released domestic electricity and gas consumption data for 2010 – a year in which we experienced a particularly bad winter. Some interesting facts emerge:

- Compared with 2009 overall domestic energy use went up in Alport, Belper Central, Duffield and Heage and Ambergate wards but fell in the other three Belper wards.
- Belper Central saw the biggest average increase in Amber Valley – the average 18,460 kWh per household was 301 kWh more than in 2009.
- Electricity use increased by 1.4 million kWh – 0.65% - with only Belper East and South showing any reductions locally.
- The biggest average increases in electricity use in Amber Valley were in Alport (by an average 212 kWh) and Belper Central (97 kWh) whilst the biggest reduction (of 116kWh) was in Belper South.
- Gas use fell overall in Amber Valley but increased in Belper Central, Duffield and Heage and Ambergate. The biggest reduction locally was in Belper North which reduced consumption by over 200,000 kWh.
- The average gas use fell virtually across the whole borough except, locally, for a small rise of 28 kWh average in Heage and Ambergate.
- More gas meters were counted than in 2009 which goes some way to explaining how the average gas use changed less dramatically than the overall gas use.

All this undoubtedly demonstrates how difficult it will be to reduce energy use – especially when faced with severe weather conditions that may be more frequent as climate change accelerates.

The Energy Group will be doing all they can to help their immediate neighbourhoods to meet the challenge through the Energy Expert Neighbour Scheme. At the moment 10 of 71 areas in Belper are catered for plus Nether Heage and Fritchley.

## Energy Expert Neighbours – the next steps

We now have 11 volunteers willing to give energy advice to their neighbours. Most have benefitted from the training given by Marches Energy Agency as part of the LEAF scheme that finished in April. We also have 3 people who have attended a 'train the trainer' course and we are developing our own training programme for new volunteers and those who missed out this time around. Volunteers are taking custody of the energy monitors purchased with LEAF project funds and also have access to the solar pv potential assessments carried out by the Geo Information Group – also as part of LEAF. It is now time to start reaching out to neighbours so we are looking to print some cards to be delivered through letterboxes to let people know they can get help and advice if they want it.

### **More volunteers needed**

Over the summer we are looking to recruit more volunteers to go through the training in September and October and add to our network. In Belper we'd particularly like volunteers in the town centre, Mount Pleasant, Bargate, John O'Gaunts, Whitemoor and Parks areas as well as Makeney and Milford. But volunteers don't have to be in Belper itself – we already have EENs in Nether Heage and Fritchley so if you're in Kilburn, Holbrook, Duffield, Shottle, Ambergate, Whatstandwell, Crich or Heage and would like to help out please contact David George for a chat: Tel: 01773 821349 Email: [d.george349@btinternet.com](mailto:d.george349@btinternet.com)

## Totally Locally Matlock



A couple of the Transition Belper core group members went along to Matlock on Saturday 26th May to see the town's launch of Totally Locally Matlock. The scheme encourages the residents of Matlock to spend more money within the town, using local traders and buying from local suppliers of produce. Diverting £5 of spend each week from supermarkets to local traders would bring in an additional £4.1million into the Matlock economy. If we ran a similar scheme in Belper it would boost the local economy by over £5million every year. Is there anybody in the group who fancies championing the cause and working with the Belper traders to start a Totally Locally Belper project? If so, please email [lan](mailto:lan). For further information, visit <http://totally-locally.co.uk/matlock/news/totally-locally-launch-day-with-pictures-in-the-park/>

## Lloyds TSB Community Fund – support the Drop Inn



Lloyds TSB's latest Community fund programme aims to support organisations that matter most to people living locally, so it's up to us to choose which organisations we feel deserve the £5000 award.

The two organisations with the most votes in each community will receive the award. The Drop Inn, a place for the Young People in our community to meet and engage in **positive activities** or just **call in** and **socialise** with peers, are taking part in the competition. As the winner is based on the number of on line votes, please support the Drop Inn by voting via the link below:

[https://www.lloydsbankinggroupcommunities.com/communityfund/cf\\_home.asp](https://www.lloydsbankinggroupcommunities.com/communityfund/cf_home.asp)

## **Belper Jubilee Celebrations**



It was a wet and cold day, but a few of the Transition Belper core members braved the elements in support of the Jubilee Celebrations and even managed to enjoy themselves, especially when Alan got his old wind-up gramophone going.

## **Transition Belper Meeting**

**Tue, 12 June, 19:30 – 21:30**

**At The Strutts Center, Derby Road, Belper**

## **Green Drinks**

**Wed, 20 June, 19:30 – 22:30 at The Bulls Head, Belper Lane End DE56 2DL**

**The Bulls Head is a great little pub at the top of the hill and has a large garden to sit out in if the weather is fine. Join us for a pint and a chat.**

### **Transition Belper Facebook Group**

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:

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