

Wyre Forest Green Alliance Newsletter December 2025

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Saturday 29th November 1.0 -6.0 pm. Bewdley Christmas Lights. Look out for **Green Santa**. You will see **Green Santa and Mother Nature** wandering around at Bewdley Christmas Lights switch-on. Some say that Santa used to wear green before Coca Cola invented the red Santa suit. Our Green Santa will be encouraging people to have a greener Christmas, giving gifts of time as planet friendly alternatives to consumerist goods. Children will be given the gift of a Christmas story in Santa's green grotto in St. Anne's church and encouraged to write letters to their parents promising to help make their homes greener. They can also plant tree seeds and salad seeds to grow at home.

Monday 1st December. 7.0 pm. CARP (Communities Against River Pollution) will be holding their monthly drop-in information session at Bewdley Rowing Club.

Monday 1st December 8.0 pm Transition Bewdley Green Drinks. COP or Cop-out? Bewdley Rowing Club. We will look at some of the themes that are being addressed at COP30 and ponder as to which actions might help address the Climate and biodiversity crisis and which are political posturing! Our Green Drinks chats are informal and intentionally small group spaces to build connections and relationships by exploring topics. Come along to this welcoming, supportive and inclusive space to share your views and learn from each other.

Saturday 6th December 10.0 – 12.0 Kidderminster Repair Café. Youth House Bromsgrove Street. Please be early. All items should be clean. No items containing fuel please. Sewing, sharpening, electrical, mechanical tech and more. Donations inly. Refreshments available.

Monday 8th December 7.0pm CARP “Continuous Monitoring meeting”. Friends Meeting House, Lower Park, Bewdley, DY12 2DP. In response to public concern about sewage pollution in our rivers, recent legislation from DEFRA requires water companies to put in place continuous monitoring of water quality upstream and downstream of all their sewage outfalls and storm overflows.

James Chapman, business development manager from Xylem, will be talking to CARP supporters about these developments, in which his company is closely involved. He will discuss some of the challenges in setting up this extensive monitoring network and will take any questions we may have.

Thursday 18th December 7.0 pm “Want to become a River Guardian or River Watcher?”
Friends Meeting House. Come along to this CARP meeting to hear our ideas (and share yours). We will provide further information, along with training.

Saturday 20th December. Bewdley Repair Café. St Georges Hall 10.0 – 12.0. Note early finish. Our repairers will stand by to carry out all sorts of repairs and sharpen the carving knives ready for your Christmas turkeys. Check that your Christmas lights are working in case you need to bring them for our electrical repairers to check. Only bike repairs need to be booked in advance.
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Consultations. Your chance to make your views heard to Wyre Forest District Council.
[Budget consultation 2026-27](#)

www.surveymonkey.com/r/KQKYZZR

Consultation closes 5pm Thursday 15th January 2026

[Biodiversity Net Gain SPD Scoping](#)

www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/planning-and-buildings/planning-policy/supplementary-planning-documents/scoping-document-for-biodiversity-net-gain-spd

Comments must be received by Tuesday 16 December 2025.

Speakers needed. Does your organisation have someone who enjoys talking about your work and why it is important? Here is an appeal for speakers.

“Hi, at School Gardens in Stourport we are an independent living facility for residents over the age of 55. We try to host guest speakers on a Monday to speak to our residents about various charities, events or even have musicians perform. Please be in touch if you would be interested in coming to see us - call School Gardens on 01299 669940 and ask for Vicky, or email victoria.sadd@radis.co.uk”

Some good news

Right as COP30 comes to a close, **Indigenous Peoples from 14 territories were finally granted land rights** by the Brazilian government. In the Amazon alone, over 2 million hectares are now protected - about the size of Belgium!

This didn't happen overnight. **It happened because people like you chose to stand with the relentless struggle of Indigenous Peoples.** Every petition signed, every message sent, every piece of content shared helped build the public pressure and support that made this breakthrough possible.

People power at COP30 was truly unstoppable! Major media said that the **tens of thousands of people in the streets, the many Indigenous-led actions at the summit** and the collective efforts of groups across the movement were pivotal in shaping this land demarcation decision.

Did you know that a third of all food produced globally is wasted?

The top food waste facts you should know in 2025. Food waste is one of the most urgent challenges our planet faces today. Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, a contributing factor to climate change, are exacerbated by the production of food waste, and it currently accounts for 8% of the UK's GHG emissions. Read a more in-depth exploration into the environmental impact of food waste in our latest Planet Report [here](#).

food waste. According to ReFED, 38% of America's food supply went unsold or uneaten in 2021 — 80 million tons of perfectly good food, or nearly 149 billion meals' worth. Not all of that is due to people throwing away their yogurt, of course, but the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change estimates that 8% – 10% of all greenhouse gas pollution is caused by food loss and waste.

<https://cityharvest.org.uk/blog/top-10-food-waste-facts/>

12 obvious ways to reduce carbon emissions that nobody is talking about.

[This article](#) appears in "Positive News" a wonderful publication guaranteed to lift your mood and demonstrate that we are not necessarily doomed!

Wyre Forest Cycle Forum. Creating safer routes for local people

Winter draws on and Christmas is just around the corner... time to make sure you and your bike are ready

It's that time of year again when dusk keeps arriving surprisingly early. A quick reminder to make sure that all bike lights are working well. In poor visibility and darkness cyclists really need a steady light at the front and the back, ideally a flashing light too, to make sure you can both see and be seen.

Modern LED lights and ever-improving rechargeable batteries mean that decent bike lights are getting cheaper and better all the time.

Waterproofs that are waterproof really come into their own at this time of year to help you keep on cycling whatever the weather. And when the weather turns cooler, widely available snoods can be particularly useful. Even costing in a waterproof cycling top, waterproof trousers, gloves, helmet, snood, overshoes and working lights, bikes remain vastly cheaper to run than cars.

Plus you get all of the benefit of mood-enhancing exercise outdoors for free.

....and what about a Christmas present?

...Maybe you could get something we've just talked about. How about an electric bicycle? We often hear local people say it is too hilly to cycle around here – an electric bicycle makes it so easy.

...And the best Christmas present for everyone: riding a bicycle and making real difference to future climate change:

When the world's top 380 climate scientists were asked what was the most effective **individual** action we could take, reducing fossil fuelled powered transport came a close second to voting for representatives who pledge climate change.

The next Wyre Forest Cycle Forum meeting is at 2pm, Wednesday 28th January 2026 at Wyre House, Finepoint Lane, where we do strive to make a difference for cycling locally. Why not join us? To find out more please email: info@wyreforestcycling.co.uk