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Events.

Do not be deceived by an apparently shorter than usual list of dates, because most of the dates are actually part of SustFest Wyre Forest 2025. Here are a few that are not!

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Fortnightly rehearsal at Offmore Church Hall, Gray Close, Kidderminster DY10 3YE.

We welcomed 4 new members after our appearance at the Sustfest fundraiser. Why not join us as we rehearse for our appearance at CARP's "Remember our River" event on Sunday 15th June. More information from Hilary at hilarymueller@hotmail.com

Tuesday 10th June, 7.30-9PM. Wyre Forest Extinction Rebellion fortnightly local group meeting. Meetings alternating now between Bewdley and Kidderminster.

This meeting at the Cavalier pub, Tennyson Way, Kidderminster DY10 3YT.

Creative ways of drawing attention to the climate crisis. We are a supportive network of like-minded people who truly care about the future of the planet and of future generations.

We will be supporting SustFest in Kidderminster on 7th June, Bewdley on 15th June and Stourport on 29th June. All environmentally conscious people are welcome to attend our local group meetings. Just come along or contact Dave on 0747 1207181.

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Fun and cathartic. Rehearsing for our appearance at the Ludlow Green Festival on Sunday 13th July. More information from Hilary at hilarymueller@hotmail.com

Tuesday 24th June 7.30-9PM. Wyre Forest Extinction Rebellion fortnightly local group meeting.

Venue: Quaker Meeting House, Lower Park, Bewdley DY12 2DP.

Actuaries say the global economy could face a 50% loss in GDP between 2070 and 2090, unless immediate policy action on risks posed by the climate crisis is taken. What can we do to persuade insurance companies to act now? All environmentally conscious people welcome to attend our local group meeting. Just come along or contact Dave on 0747 1207181.

SustFest Wyre Forest 2025 events

With so many events happening in June as part of SustFest, there is insufficient room to give details in this newsletter. Go to <https://www.sustfestwyreforest.org/events> to find details. Most but not all events are free. Some require advance booking. To entice you to take a look, here is the list of SustFest events as of 24th May. More events are likely to be added even during the month of June.



- All June** Neighbourhood in Bloom Returns for 2025
- All June** A Diet to Protect the Planet
- 29th May** [Bank Better Workshop](#)
- 1st June** Rogation Sunday Service at Holy Trinity Trimpley
Open Garden, Bewdley
Energy efficiency improvements for homes - 1-2-1 advice and support
Family Friendly Social Bike Ride
Soap making workshop
- 2nd June** Green Drinks and the Climate Crisis
- 3rd June** Heathland Discovery walk
- 5th June** Applique Houses Textile Workshop
Wildlife Recording Group
- 6th June** Incredible Edible Kidderminster
- 7th June** Repair Cafe Kidderminster
Eco Family Fun Festival (Headline event for Kidderminster)
CHESS - the gym for your mind!
- 8th June** Love your Burial Ground Nature Survey in Trimpley
OPEN FARM SUNDAY St. Georges Farm
Butterfly ID Day
- 9th May** The Nature of Wyre talk
- 12th June** Rake and Cake: Maintaining Trimpley Churchyard
How Green is my Bible?
- 14th June** **Positive Futures for our Towns (Headline event for Bewdley)**
- 15th June** Eco Church Service at St Anne's Bewdley
Remember Our River - procession and service for the River Severn
- 17th June** All around the Town! Kidderminster
- 19th June** OCEAN with David Attenborough (PG) 85 mins
- 20th June** Promoting Health and Wellbeing with Horses
Greener Living Fair
- 21st June** Guided walk around Historic Bewdley
Bewdley Eco Homes Trail
Haye Farm Tour
Guided walk around Historic Wribbenhall
Transition Bewdley Repair Cafe
- 22nd June** Allotment Plots open day
Care for Creation: an informal eco-church service

Guided walk round Historic Bewdley
Guided tour round Historic Wribbenhall

- 25th June** Greener Living Fair at Holy Innocents
26th June Invest, Disinvest or Boycott? Issues in ethical campaigning.
28th June Eco-Community Market and Growing Roots Allotment Activities
29th June **Family fun eco-day (Headline event for Stourport)**

29th May Bank Better Workshop

"Do you know whether the bank or insurance company you use help fund the very activities that are destroying those things that you are seeking to protect?"

Sign up for this workshop to explore how local people and groups can work together to find common purpose." <https://actionnetwork.org/events/kidderminster-bank-better-boycott-bloody-insurance-workshop/>

Experts predicted it would happen this year, the planet needed it to happen yesterday. Are China's emissions finally on a downward trajectory? There's growing optimism that could be the case after fresh data revealed that the country's sizeable CO2 output has shrunk over the last year – a trend that appears to be accelerating.

According to analysts at Carbon Brief, a climate reporting website, China's emissions contracted by 1% in the last 12 months – not because of a recession or Covid lockdowns but because of its rapid embrace of renewables. China, the world's largest polluter, brought more green energy projects online last year than the rest of the world combined. That led to a 5.8% drop in the country's power sector emissions, which offset rising demand for energy. Though 1% is a small fall, it's potentially a major milestone in the race to decarbonise if the trend continues.

Climate and Nature: how we can help

There are three things to report in this month's news, all distinctly negative, but with actions each of us can take to help. Thanks to Zero Hour, we can tell the Prime Minister that we want real change for climate and nature, a very easy step within the Wyre Forest constituency that does not rely on support from our MP. The second is the Government's refusal to consider amendments to the Planning and Infrastructure Bill that would prevent the dilution of current safeguards for species and habitats against damage from development. The third, another governmental failure, is for them to make the installation of nesting bricks for swifts mandatory. For something so cheap and easy, with massive gains for our swift populations, what is there not to like?

For a 'loud and clear' message to the Prime Minister just go to <https://www.zerohour.uk/> and look for Join the Campaign. Having put in your postcode you will be directed to a Wyre Forest page to add your signature. At the same time, you might like to urge our MP to support the Early Day motion for the Climate and Nature Bill to have parliamentary time, <https://edm.parliament.uk/early-day-motion/63559>. Good luck! The more letters he gets the weaker is his case that no-one cares.

For the Planning and Infrastructure Bill, please support The Wildlife Trust's petition on: <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/planning-and-infrastructure-bill>

And what about our swifts? Support the 38 Degrees petition on:

https://mjs.38degrees.org.uk/lnk/AUUAAG3wi8wAAc2qZf4AAQrkqyQAAYDOAMAAAAAABD2zQBoMvlQrswVphEjTN28GGk9uSo_RwAEpK8/11/mL_N1lbYa32q68dxFazGLQ/aHR0cHM6Ly8zOGQuZ3MvU2F2ZU91clN3aWZ0cw

Roger Meade: Wyre Forest Friends of the Earth Link

Friends of The Maypole: Saving a vital Bewdley landmark as a space for Nature and the Community

A historical area Bewdley's natural landscape could be under threat and the people of the town are taking a stand. The Friends of The Maypole, a community-led group, is has come together and is working urgently with the aim of purchasing this cherished area of green space in Bewdley to protect it for wildlife and the wellbeing of future Bewdley's current and future generations.



The Maypole, has long been a haven for walkers, families, and nature lovers. Rich in biodiversity and local heritage, it offers a tranquil escape and essential habitat for birds, insects, and other wildlife. However, it is now on sale and at risk of being sold to developers — a move that could see this vital green space lost to housing or commercial use.

Instead, the Friends of The Maypole aim to raise the funds to buy and secure the land and put it in trust for the community. The land will then be preserved as a natural sanctuary and a shared space for education, relaxation, and environmental connection.

People interesting in supporting the campaigning or get involved can do so via the group's

This important campaign will need lots of different experience and skills in addition to the money to buy the land. So, whatever you have to offer, please do get in touch with the group and you will be made very welcome.



Wyre Forest Cycle Forum **Creating safer routes for local people**

Local routes for leisure rides free on our website

Perfect weather for a bike ride? Fancy a bike ride but not sure where to go?

Check out our website: www.wyreforestcycling.co.uk It has maps and clear route-finding instructions on three local routes:

- Bewdley to Arley circular
- Chaddesley Corbett to Drayton circular
- Hartlebury Station to Lincomb circular

If you have a GPS cycling computer you can also download a gpx file for it from the website. We are lucky to have such a great range of quiet country lanes and scenery just down the road. Why not try one of these routes or add them in to a route of your own?

Routes for young children

There is also a downloadable leaflet on our website for three traffic-free routes - ideal for adults to take children who are just starting cycling – with no steep hills:

- Burlish Top Nature Reserve
- Blackstone/Devil's Spittleful Nature Reserve
- Wyre Forest Nature Reserve

Family Friendly Social Bike Ride

Sunday 1 June, 10:00 - 13:00 An easy Social Bike Ride, starting at 10.00am at Bewdley Brewery in Lax Lane, heading to Hartlebury Castle Cafe via country roads/cycle paths, then return to Bewdley Brewery. Suitable for accompanied children over 8 years who are competent riders. Booking info at www.sustfestwyreforest.org/events

Burlish Bike Park

Set in Burlish Woodland in Stourport, the site provides a great local opportunity for a fun day of mountain bike riding for the whole family, a place for small children to master their first trail, for older children and teenagers to ride with their friends. Find out more at www.burlishbikepark.com

Why not join us?

Wyre Forest Cycle Forum works to improve cycling infrastructure across Wyre Forest district. The next Wyre Forest Cycle Forum Meeting will be on Thursday 10th July 2025 at 2pm: Wyre Forest House, Finepoint Way DY11 7WF. To find out more email info@wyreforestcycling.co.uk

Spotlight on “Make Every Day a Good Air Day”

Worcestershire residents can keep an eye on the air quality in their area – thanks to an interactive mapping system.

In the run up to national Clean Air Day, on June 19th, Worcestershire Regulatory Services (WRS) is encouraging residents to visit the portal to check on the clean air in their locality and to take action to improve and maintain standards.

Top tips on the site include parking the car for short journeys, not burning household rubbish, maintaining wood-burning stoves – and using the right fuel – or conference calling rather than travelling to a meeting.

Worcestershire Regulatory Services Chair Cllr Helen Jones, said: “We are talking here about literally the air which we breathe.

“Making small changes to our everyday lives can have a massive impact on our future and by working together we can make a difference and provide a clean and green environment for our residents, now and in the future.”

Clean Air Day is an initiative launched annually by Global Air Plan dedicated to raising awareness about air pollution and encouraging actions to improve air quality.

Head of WRS Simon Wilkes said: “We have worked with EarthSense to provide an interactive map which shows the live air quality status of areas where we have placed monitors.

“While air pollution affects everyone, but not equally so air quality actions also differ from place to place.

“We want to provide as much information to our residents to spark interest, raise awareness and encourage behaviour changes and the run up to Clean Air Day seemed the perfect time to do this.”

There’s lots of tips and information, as well as the portal, at [Air Quality | Worcestershire Regulatory Services](#) Officers will also be out and about at local events to spread the words and posters are being put up with a QR code to link to the portal.

