

PACE UPDATES

Powick Action on Climate Emergency (PACE) is a sub-group of Powick Parish Council, formed after the council voted to declare a climate emergency in 2019. On current trends the Paris Agreement limit of 1.5°C warming above pre-industrial level will be reached by 2034. We must act to respond to this in an effort to preserve the unique environment that makes our parish such a special place. We have worked as a group within the Parish Council towards this.

BLACK BIN CHALLENGE

We are all familiar with the concept of recycling and, hopefully, what can and can't go in our green bins. For many, one of the few things that regularly fills your black bin is soft plastics, destined for landfill or incineration. Soft plastics include items such as plastic films from the top of packaging, plastic bags, sweet wrappers, crisp packets, vegetable/fruit packaging, bubble wrap, animal food pouches etc.

Did you know that most large supermarkets now have a collection point for soft plastic which is then sent to be recycled?

You can find a comprehensive list of all recyclable soft plastic items and where you can take them, through the following webpage:

www.recyclenow.com/what-to-do-with/plastic-film

For even more on what can go in your green bin and on all areas of Reduce / Reuse / Recycle / Repair, this is an excellent resource:

www.letswasteless.com



With this new found knowledge, why not take **The Black Bin Challenge** and see if you can reduce your waste destined for landfill or incineration to a minimum!

E-BIKE LOAN SCHEME

E-bikes have the potential to transform how we get about - be that everyday journeys, utility trips or for leisure. Maybe you'll take the bike instead of the car because it's a nice day and it offers a bit of help on the hills, or you might use the electric assist to extend what you can do with your bike, or you'll just go a bit further on your bike than otherwise. These are a few of the many benefits of e-bikes. They offer new opportunities for transporting us and our stuff, and we wanted our parishioners to experience this.

We worked with Transition Malvern Hills - transitionmalvern hills.org.uk - to offer two week trials of a quality e-bike, during January and February. This was a satellite version of their Electric Bike Loan Scheme, which they describe as follows:

Good electric bikes (Ebikes) are a big investment. £2,500-£3,500 but a Wonderful Way of getting about in hilly areas or for those commutes. We think people need to experience the benefits over about 2 Weeks on the trips they normal do and those they would like to try out.

Then get good advice to choose if it is right for them, if so where to buy. This is what our "Test Before You Invest" scheme Offers.

Those who experienced using the bike all expressed their pleasure. We had a range of positive comments, and broad agreement with the comments of one loanee that it was 'Certainly, an excellent alternative to short car journeys in both rural and urban areas.'



Demand was high and we easily filled the four loan slots. We are now looking at how we can extend this offer in future.

Please get in touch if you would be interested in a future trial - contact@powickclimateaction.org

NATURE ADDS VALUE TO SPORT & PLAY

PACE is developing a project with the aim of increasing bio-diversity at Powick football pitch and Callow End playing field. The two sites are owned by the Parish Council and are well used by the local communities.

The plan is to plant trees, bulbs and wildflowers to offer a multi-season food source for bees, butterflies and birds as well as enhancing the visual aspects of the sites. The intention is to encourage the users to be aware of the seasonal changes and to value the opportunity to interact with nature. We hope that children will be involved in the project and that it might be used as an educational resource.

Both sites are accessible and are located close by main residential areas. Finance for the project will need to be raised through a crowdfund bid and if successful, part funded through Malvern Hills District Council.



Please watch out for the Spacehive crowdfund appeal in the coming months!



Come and join us!

PACE has projects that we'd like to develop in the community could you help. We need volunteers for individual initiatives, as well as people willing to be join PACE. Are you interested in...

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| Rewilding | - Tree planting, wildflower / bulb planting |
| Managing waste | - Reduction of food waste, recycling, upcycling |
| Energy efficiency | - Reducing heating costs, insulation, alternative sources |
| Carbon Reduction | - Target setting, planning and management |
| Transport | - Electric bike loan, car share, car club |
| Fundraising | - Designing and running initiatives, grants, crowdfunding |

Or however you can feel you can help, email: contact@powickclimateaction.org

ACT NOW

I pledge to:

Tick
them
off!



Check the ways I can *Reduce Reuse Recycle Repair* at letswasteless.com and take The Black Bin Challenge!



Do a 'home energy check' to find out how I can save energy in my home – see: Energy Saving Trust



Walk, cycle, use public transport or lift share.
Have a “No Car Day”



Create a wildlife friendly garden: encourage bees, birds and other wildlife – see: RSBP “Giving Nature a Home”



Visit a Repair Café. Find your nearest one and take something to be fixed! www.repaircafe.org



Amend my diet; eat less meat, buy more local produce, use what's in season



Educate myself about the science and impacts of Climate Change



Talk about Climate Change with family friends and work colleagues. Exchange thoughts and ideas



Contact my MP and representatives to encourage them to take action on this issue



Take action in your community. To join PACE, please get in touch: contact@powickclimateaction.org