

Newsletter

September 2022



THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK



Join the Chalford Sustainability Trail!

Saturday September 24th: 2.00 - 4.30 pm

We're joining the UK's biggest celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. Our 'green trail' round Bussage, Chalford and France Lynch covers a variety of sustainable initiatives with plenty of people to chat to. Get inspired!

Several householders have kindly agreed to show people their installations, transport or gardens, so you can pick out what you'd like to see in action and where, by looking below then checking the list and map on pps 3&4.

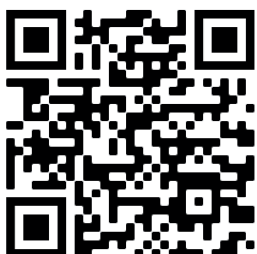
In addition, there will be two ChalCAN Info Hubs at

• Chalford Village Shop #3

Our local go-to place for sustainable shopping with loose goods (e.g. grains, pasta), refills (e.g. washing liquids, milk) and locally produced goods (e.g. honey, ready meals, cakes). They've reduced their carbon footprint (fridges/freezers with best energy ratings, loft insulation) and are looking to install solar PV panels. Call in to chat to ChalCAN and sample the products available.

• Frith Wood #14

ChalCAN Biodiversity Action is joining the Friends of Frith Wood to provide family-friendly activities. We'll be building bird boxes 12.00 and 2.00 and making minibeast homes 11.00 and 3.00. Come and find out about our Biodiversity trail, planting schemes, making your garden wildlife friendly, and how to get involved. Friends of Frith Wood will be there all weekend with an all-age celebration of the wood and lots of free activities.



We hope people will walk or bike to the various sites, but if you drive, please park with consideration.

You'll find sites across the parish: Brownhill (BH), Bussage (B), Chalford Hill (CH), Chalford Vale (CV), France Lynch (FL)



Insulating the house has made a massive difference to our bills – I wish we'd done this ages ago!

I'm thinking about an EV and installing a charging point – try

- **Site #5** (Hyundai Kona), **site #6** (Nissan Leaf), **site #8** (Nissan Leaf), and **site #11** (3rd hand Peugeot Ion)
- Also at **Chalford Parish Centre**

I've been wondering about a new-build or Passive House

- See Grove End at **site #6** (completed 2018)

Will an Air Source Heat Pump work for me?

- Air Source Heat Pumps at **sites #2 (1880's CV), #6 (new build FL) & #17 (BH)**
- For Ground Source Heat Pumps at **site #4**

I'm delighted with our solar PV panels – it's so satisfying to get free electricity from spring to autumn (and even better now I've installed a battery too). The initial outlay is significant but well worth it in the long run, AND its greener!



I need to better insulate my house before winter to save money

- Call in to **site #2 (CV) and #4 (CH), #5(CH), #8 (CH), #17 (BH)**
- Visit Chalford Village Shop (loft insulation in old chapel) at **site #3 (CV)**

I've been commuting by car to Tetbury for some time but became concerned about my effect on the climate. In November I bought a Specialized Turbo vado electric bike, using a Cycle to Work scheme supported by my employer. The 8 miles to Tetbury is now a relatively easy 30-minute journey, and I arrive in a fit state to do a day's work. It's made my commute greener, cheaper, and I feel healthier physically and mentally (David site #13).



What's involved in installing solar PV panels? Call in to see

- **Sites #1, #2 (CV), #4, #5, #8, #9, #10 #11, #12 (all CH) or #6 (FL)**

If you're thinking about a battery too, **sites #6, #8, #9 #10 & #12** have one installed

I need some ideas about cooking vegetarian food

- Go to **site #14** where Chantelle has a stall

On my allotment I never use pesticides and grow a variety of flowers amongst my crops to attract the predators of pests and encourage pollinators. I make my own compost and comfrey fertiliser and use peat free compost. I leave seed heads on many plants over winter to provide shelter for insects (Sue site #12).

I'm considering getting an E-bike for work or leisure

- Talk to David at **site #10 (B)** (commuting on his Specialized Turbo)
- Visit **sites #1 (Rad and Rhino), #2 (Kalkhoff) (both CV), #5 (work and leisure; Cube bike) in CH, site #6 (leisure; Raleigh)**

I've been wondering about a green roof

- Visit **sites #6 and #7 (FL)**

How can I make my garden or allotment wildlife friendly?

- Talk to ChalCAN Biodiversity team at Frith Wood **#15 (B)**
- Visit allotments at **sites #13 (CH), and #16 (BH)**
- Call in to see gardens at **site #1, #2 (CV) and #6 (FL)**