



Welcome to the 64th edition of the Lytchett Link.

The Parish Council has once again joined with the Parish Magazine to provide you with this free copy. The focus of this edition of the Lytchett Link is Climate Change and a look at some of the wonderful initiatives that are going on around the village to help make our day to day lives more sustainable, whether it is by recycling and upcycling, protecting animal welfare, improving air quality or helping to reduce carbon emissions.

This is a time for celebration, and I wish you all a very merry Christmas

Alf Bush, Chairman, Lytchett Matravers Parish Council



The Climate Emergency

On 9th October children from our village school came to the LMPC to deliver a school petition that stated:

“We ask that Lytchett Matravers Parish Council declare a climate emergency to ensure that Climate Change is at the centre of all decisions made by them for the village”

Following an open debate, the PC unanimously passed the motion declaring a Climate Emergency.

We have set up **a village climate emergency working group** to develop ideas on reducing Green House Gas (GHG) emissions and support community scheme to upcycle, recycle and save energy. We have started a new **climate blog on the LMPC website** where we will post information about **the Parish Council's climate emergency action plan**; the first action of which is to carry out an energy audit of the buildings we own so that we can identify ways to reduce their carbon footprint. We have also prepared **a climate survey** to explore what everyone in the village is doing, or thinking of doing, to help with the various Eco and Climate issues that are arising. We want to be able to help as much as possible, whether it is just in spreading the word of great local initiatives or pointing you in the right direction for gaining grants or other funds to help progress projects. You can complete the survey on the LMPC website, or if you would prefer, please make an appointment to see Tim Smith, our digital champion, at the Library who can help you complete the form.

The next meeting for the working group will be in January 2020 and we welcome everyone who wants to get involved. Please keep an eye on the LMPC website and community FB page for dates and times.

School Climate Emergency Petition

Hello, we are in year 6 at Lytchett Matravers Primary School and live in the village. A few weeks ago, we were watching Newsround when Greta Thunberg came on and spoke about the climate emergency and that we need to take action now before it's too late.

We were inspired and decided that everyone can make a difference, so we started planning on ways to get our school to listen to what we have to say about the climate emergency.

Our headmaster let us take a school assembly to help everyone understand what a climate emergency is and why we need to take action now! We wanted to do something locally that could really make a difference so decided to ask the Parish Council of Lytchett Matravers to declare a climate emergency so that they have to think about nature and the environment when making decisions about the village.

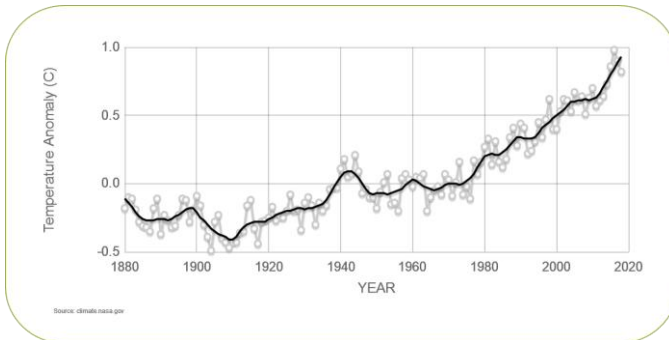
We went around the school so that the children could sign the petition which we took to the Parish Council meeting and they did declare a Climate Emergency! This will help everyone's future. We hope that everyone in the village helps with this.

Thank you.



Some facts about Climate Change

Scientists have been measuring air and sea temperatures for a while and offer some evidence of global warming.



Data from NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies goes back to 1880 and shows a rise in global average temperatures of around 1°C over that time.

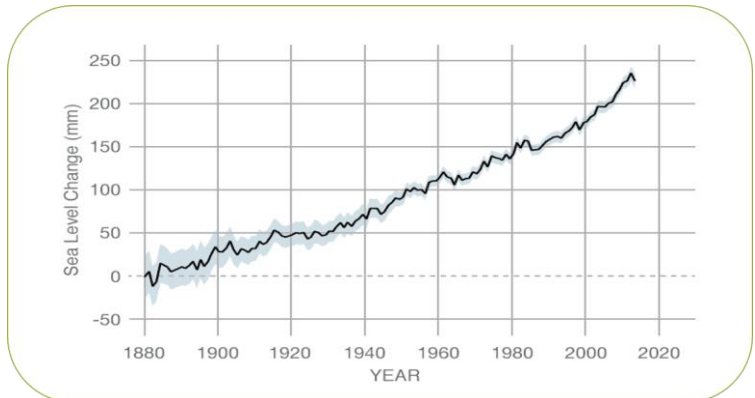
In addition, NASA's two 'GRACE satellites' monitor ice sheets and water temperature. Their data shows that the Antarctic ice sheet is melting at a rate of 127bn tonnes per year and the Greenland ice sheet at 286bn tonnes per year.

The combination of this melting water and the fact that water expands as it gets warmer, unfortunately means that sea levels are rising. So, what might this mean for us?

Sea levels around the Dorset coast are forecast to rise by about 80cm over the next 100 years.

The Poole Bay, Poole Harbour and Wareham Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy, issued in January 2014, showed that 772 properties are currently at risk of tidal flooding, but that could increase to 3,367 by 2110. About 75% of these properties are in Central Poole.

They also forecast that 7,025 properties between Hengistbury Head and Sandbanks could be at risk from coastal erosion by 2110 if nothing is done to improve sea defences and set out risks to low lying land around Poole Harbour, Holes Bay, Ridge and Wareham.



Data and imaged from [Climate.nasa.gov](https://climate.nasa.gov). Check out the animation on <https://climate.nasa.gov/vital-signs/global-temperature/> and <https://climate.nasa.gov/vital-signs/sea-level/>



Carbon Footprint Calculator



It is estimated that 40% of UK GHG emissions come from households, which have an average carbon footprint of 8 tonnes of CO₂ per year. About a third is from fossil fuels used for cars, motorcycles and vans. A further third is from fossil fuels used for heating. The rest comes from flying, the fossil fuels to generate electricity, and the waste we produce.

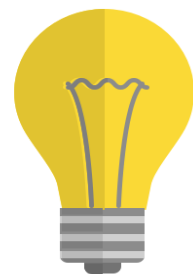
To help reduce GHG emissions we need to use less energy and burn less fossil fuel whilst developing and using more renewable energy.

In a community like ours, a good place to start is by understanding our own impact. LMPC is undertaking an energy audit, and you can check out your own carbon footprint using one of the free online 'carbon footprint calculator'. The WWF site provides handy hints as you progress through the questions which is really useful.

<https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/#/questionnaire>

If you want to go a step further, you could arrange to get an Energy Performance Certificate if you haven't already got one.

To help on the issues of waste, please read on...



HOW YOU USE ENERGY AT HOME PLAYS A BIG PART IN YOUR CARBON IMPACT ON THE WORLD.

Did you know, by turning down your central heating thermostat by just 1°C you could reduce the energy used by 10% - saving both money and carbon



In The Garden

- Growing trees and plants are a natural way to absorb CO₂. The government Committee on Climate Change estimate we need to plant 50+ million trees per year for the next 30 years to compensate for the current imbalance. That's a lot of trees. But, as they say, every little helps, so LMPC is considering planting an orchard and wildflower meadow by the allotments, which could support beehives and some nice seating.
- Composting can also improve soil health by helping to retain water and nutrients, and prevent land erosion, with new plant growth eating up residual carbon.
- Peat-free compost helps. Peat extraction causes huge damage to bogs and vital habitat that can't naturally regenerate. Read more at <https://www.which.co.uk/reviews/compost/article/should-i-buy-peat-free-compost-Which?>
- **In the meantime, shred & log your Christmas tree on 11 January 2020 at the LM allotments.**



Win on Waste



If you are keen to recycle items that cannot be put into the kerbside bins then we can help. Many local companies are now helping to recycling or re-using our waste materials and we are working with them – it's a win, win outcome!

Win On-Waste - is now active in Lytchett Library – with recycling collections on the first Saturday of each month – next one December 7th. These are run by local volunteers from Ideas2Action, a small charity who run a variety of projects across Bournemouth and Poole. Read more about recycling ideas across the county at <https://www.sustainedorset.org/win-on-waste/>.



So, what are we collecting?

- **Crisp packets** form a large part of the waste stream but can be recycled. Both of our village pubs are keen to recycle crisp packets so keep a lookout for this. There is also a recycling bin in the Library Lobby especially for them. Recycled by Terracycle – they are used to make plastic furniture – rather like the new bench outside our Library.
- **Forest Holme Hospice Charity** raise over £1,000 each year by taking stamps, foreign coins, inkjet cartridges & mobile phones for recycling. Bring them to one of the Library sessions and we will make sure that they get to Forest Holme.
- **TetraPak cartons:** collected at local centres in Corfe Mullen (Towers Way car park at village hall and Co-op) and Wareham (Streche Road car park).
- **Various types of clean plastic** (bread wrappers, carrier bags and bags for life, shrink wrap and bubble wrap, toilet roll film, frozen food bags, drink multipack wraps, and cereal inner bags can be taken to Asda at Holes Bay, Poole. If you use other supermarkets, ask them what items they will recycle for you.
- **Recycling Plastic** is confusing. Check out DCs advice page to see what can go in the kerbside bins: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-litter/what-goes-in-which-bin/which-bin-do-i-use.aspx>

Separate out & bring these to our monthly collections or pop them in the collection bins in the Library lobby



Unused cosmetics and toiletries – (sent to women's refuge)



**Empty cosmetic soft plastic containers
Toothpaste tubes, used toothbrushes –
including heads from electric/battery
brushes**



Used pens, markers, felt-tips, etc









**Clean aluminium foil
Plastic can-holder rings
Biscuits and cake wrappers
Crisp/snack packets
Plastic milk bottle tops
Stamps**



The Refill Projects

It's difficult to avoid all plastic containers – the good news is that there are an increasing number of places where you can refill and reuse your bottles. Ecover have partnered with a range of local stores to provide refill stations for washing up liquid, domestic cleaners and laundry liquid. You can also find places that are offering shampoos and body lotions, along with baking products, food basics such as pasta, rice, flour, etc. and snacks, including nuts, crackers, trail-mix, etc. Search for stores at <https://www.ecover.com/store-locator/>

-  UPTON HOME HARDWARE
2.6 MILES AWAY
-  PURBECK WHOLEFOODS
5.6 MILES AWAY
-  SPILL THE BEANS
6.1 MILES AWAY
-  ECO NATURAL PRODUCTS
9.2 MILES AWAY
-  COUNTRY FOODS
12.6 MILES AWAY



The Men's Shed Project



The Men's Shed project is in its early days in Lytchett and is looking to link up tradesmen who want to get involved in projects that can use their handy skills. From carpenters and electricians to decorators and engineers, they are looking to help people Repair and Upcycle, and generally get back to some of the former ways of making things last a bit longer. They need a permanent shed/hall or storeroom, so that bigger ongoing projects can be tackled. Please get in touch if you are interested or can offer a suitable space. For more info <https://menssheds.org.uk/find-a-shed/> or Graeme Trinder, Secretary Dorchester Men's Shed at secretary@dorchestermentshed.org.uk

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Timetable for Parish Council meetings

Full Council Meeting: 4th Wednesday in the month. Finance & General Purposes Committee: 2nd Wednesday in the month

Meetings will normally be held in the Blanchard Room at the Village Hall commencing at 7pm. Please check LMPC website for amendments. Members of the public and press are welcome to attend all meetings and time is allowed at the beginning of each meeting for you to raise matters of concern.

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