



Our first Wildlife and Biodiversity meeting held on Zoom on 12th January...

... involved a rich discussion via zoom around two key ideas proposed by our Steering Group.

The first is to develop and maintain areas of Native Wildflowers in the Parish. We are investigating where would lend itself most ably to this...

The idea would be to aim for a September sowing, giving plenty of time for us to prepare and enabling (Covid depending) for us to come to together, to learn about the processes involved and replicate the process at home (or on other appropriate public areas).

It would be wonderful to create additional habitats for our insects and butterflies, many of which are in steep decline.

The second idea is to renovate the planting area in the Ugborough Children's play park. We'd aim to use pollinator plants and a scheme that supports child interaction and promotes wildlife. New playpark equipment is due this spring - so once this is 'in' we will review the site and get coordinating.

We feel that both ideas have legs ... A Biodiversitymap of the Parish? Some 'citizen science' to establish what impact these changes have? Shared learning about planting processes that will benefit our micro Parish residents...There are many positive faces these projects could have.

If you have ideas you'd like to contribute please drop us a line!

Greener Ugborough Parish

DENTAL PRODUCT RECYCLING



**REDUCE.
REUSE.
RECYCLE.**

What can be recycled? ****ALL BRANDS****

- Electric toothbrush heads and covers
- Electric flosser nozzles
- Flossing sticks and interdental brushes
- Dental floss containers

Waste that is NOT accepted:

- Battery operated toothbrushes
- Electric toothbrush handles
- Manual toothbrushes
- Toothpaste tubes and caps or cardboard packaging
- Dental floss

COLLECTION POINTS AT:
FRONT GATE, VIRGINIA LODGE, PARK COTTAGES,
UGBOROUGH
FRONT GARDEN, 7 BITTAFORD TERRACE, BITTAFORD

For more eco-friendly tips, visit www.ugborough.com

Dental Product Recycling

All brands of specific hard to recycle dental products are currently recyclable in a short term initiative by Phillips and TerraCycle - see image above for details

The European dark honey bee is the only honey bee that originates from the UK, uniquely adapted to our environment in this country and a massively important pollinator of native flora. Beekeepers often buy imported bees which aren't very well adapted to the British climate and have in the past inadvertently introduced new pests and diseases driving our native black bee population to near extinction.

G-UP would like to gauge the interest locally to the reintroduction of our native black bee, if this proves popular then we will seek funding to establish a colony or two in collaboration with the B4Project. See www.B4Project.co.uk or <https://youtu.be/suduwO3fM9w> for information. If you'd like to help make this project happen please contact us (no experience necessary)

RECYCLING INITIATIVES

Crisp packet recycling - due to the drop off system at Hillhead being abused, combined with the lockdown context, we are having to suspend this collection point.

For all you crisp lovers, fret not! Instead we ask that you save your packets **AT HOME** in the required format (see attached instructions), and we will have a crisp packet amnesty collection day once circumstances allow.

Collecting crisp packets has a really positive impact, as it not only saves waste from the incinerator, but we receive actual money for all packets collected which goes towards green initiatives in Ugborough Primary School.

CONSULTATIONS:

Interim Devon Carbon Plan -

G-UP fed in to this proposal for a greener future regionally last year. An interim plan has now been drafted and the proposal is open for consultation. If you want to feed in to the G-UP response please email us your thoughts; or feel free to comment independently by completing the online survey (which closes on 15th February):

www.devonclimateemergency.org.uk

You'll see on the website there are a variety of webinars you can also join to find out more.

Consultations continued...

The Department for Transport is developing a rural strategy (which of course affects us) and are seeking views to inform this. Using this weblink you can have a say in how a rural community like ours can benefit from transport innovation. The deadline is the 16th February:

www.gov.uk/government/consultations/future-of-transport-rural-strategy-call-for-evidence/future-of-transport-rural-strategy-call-for-evidence



Green New Deal Devon have a Green Jobs event on 28th January (7-8:30pm). All are welcome at this virtual event where they aim to bring together a diversity of people to explore what the future is for fulfilling, sustainable, secure jobs in Devon.

Possible questions might include, What additional jobs could come to Devon in the wake of Covid and the move to low-carbon society? What industries might suffer? What skills will be needed?

More info is on their Facebook page (facebook.com/GNDUKDevon) and the direct link to sign up is: <https://bit.ly/38KbJMD>.

EVENTS AND RESOURCES

Our friends Wembury Environment Group have a series of topical 'Winter Talks' running from 20th Jan (evening time, via zoom). Click here to find out more about their diverse programme:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/wembury-environment-group

Sustainable South Hams is a new website to link local sustainable groups in the area, to share ideas and information - please see link here:

www.sustainablesouthhams.org.

The South Hams Climate Change and Biodiveristy Community Forum has been established aiming to help coordinate activity which is aligned with the districts ambition to become carbon neutral by 2050.

Lastly we heartily recommend checking out Moor Meadows - a Buckfastleigh based community initiative aiming to conserve, restore and create wildflower meadows. They are an amazing (local) resource and host very informative talks <https://moormeadows.org.uk>

If you'd like to get involved with G-UP, have project ideas or know other people who would like to join our mailing list please email: greenerugp@gmail.com