



ROYSTON ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

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Happy Easter Everyone



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Sustain-Ability 2022

A date for you diary Sunday, 2nd October

Following the inaugural event in 2021 which was on quite a small scale, the Royston Environmental Group is planning a much larger event for 2022.

We are hoping to hold this over the weekend on 1st and 2nd October. They will be a promotional stall in the market on Saturday, 1st October with the main event in the Priory Memorial Gardens on Sunday, 2nd October.

For now, we hope you will keep the dates free in your diary and we will be able to give you much more information as we approach that weekend.



Carbon Footprint Workshop

Thursday, 12th May at 8.00 (via Zoom)



Are you concerned out your own carbon footprint? Do you think about what you could do to reduce it?

The Group is providing another opportunity to take part in a workshop which will provide some practical tips to help you improve yours.

The workshop, which is organised in association with Cambridge Carbon Footprint, is expected to last about an hour and will be hosted by REG members Carol Stanier and Fiona Hughes.

Pre-registration is essential so that details of the zoom meeting can be provided nearer the event. You can do this [here](#).

Membership News

New membership records system

First, the good news - The Group's membership has seen a very encouraging growth over the last year. We hope that even more Royston residents with an interest in the environment to become members and, of course, to spread the message to those yet to be convinced.

Now, some equally good news - To help us provide the best membership experience we can, we've decided to use an on-line membership system which will allow you direct access to the data we hold about you.

You will be able to -

- Renew your membership each year
- Update anything which needs to be amended
- Change your subscription preferences for our mailing lists

The system is run by Membermojo and is easy to use - you don't need to set up any accounts or passwords to access your information. You simply click a link in the email from Membermojo, confirm your email address and you're able to access everything you need.

We are nearing the end of the final testing and the system should be activated soon. We'll let you know by email before it goes live so that you can expect to receive your invitation to renew your membership.

When you renew your membership, please take an opportunity to review the information we hold about you. This will have been transferred from the data received in the application you originally made when joining the group. If anything has changed since then please update it as appropriate.

Annual fees

In the last newsletter, we let you know that we would be introducing membership fees from April 2022 to help us fund the Group's ambitious activities.

There are two types of membership -

Individual at £10 pa

Household at £15 pa

Household membership will cover a "lead" member and others in one household who would also like to join us.

Membership Number

Please note that the new membership system will provide you with a new membership number which should be used when paying fees or contacting the group about your membership.

Tesco Community Garden

We had a really good attendance at our Community Garden Open Day on 12th March. There were lots of new faces and we all made the most of the sunshine. There were lots of children at this latest opening day and it was lovely to hear and see little ones enjoying the space.

We planted sunflowers and strawberries and planted out the sweet peas which were sown last autumn. The insect hotel that we built over the winter is also attracting lots of visitors, including a very glamorous looking comma butterfly.

Our next open day is on 9th April and everyone is very welcome!



Hedgehog Awareness Week

1st May to 7th May 2022



This year the British Hedgehog Preservation Society is celebrating 40 years of helping to ensure the welfare of our most vulnerable mammals.

There are many ways you can help them with this cause -

- Allow hedgehogs to move more freely through your garden by creating small holes (13cm x 13cm) in or under your boundary fences. Get your neighbours to do this too and build a Hedgehog Highway.
- Give them places to hibernate under fallen leaves in a protected corner.
- Provide water and some cat or dog food.
- Check the boundaries of your garden before starting the spring maintenance, such as cutting the grass, to ensure they will not be disturbed.

Much more information about hedgehogs and how you can help them is available on britishhedgehogs.org.uk or hedgehogstreet.org where you can also log sighting of hedgehogs in your area.

Million mile clean



Sunday, 20th March at the Skatepark and Recreation Ground, Newman Avenue, Royston

Royston Environmental Group organised a litter pick in the Royston Skatepark and surrounding streets as part of the national effort to clean a Million Miles of beaches, rivers, streets and mountains. The initiative, supported by Surfers Against Sewage, aims to be one of the most ambitious to help clean up the environment. If you have a FitBit or any type of pedometer you can record the distance you've walked, which will contribute the Million Miles.

Altogether, those taking part clocked up 10.52 miles and filled 14 sacks of rubbish! (Plus a hubcap, a perfectly usable football and a length of roofing felt!)

Thanks to all those who took part.

A can of worms

Ever thought about keeping a Wormery?



These little friends can help you turn your kitchen waste into compost which is nutrient rich and a sustainable resource.

One of our members has one that they are hoping to find a good home for. It's fully established and, with a little of your time to keep it healthy, can be making valuable fertiliser for your soil all year round.

For more information on this particular wormery visit the original suppliers's [website](#).

If you are interested please contact the [Membership Secretary](#).