



# ROYSTON ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

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Summer time...

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## Sustain-Ability 2022

Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> and  
Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October

The event this year will be split over two days. The main event will be in the Priory Memorial Gardens on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October with a promotional stall in the market on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> October.



## Volunteers Needed

Planning is now in an advanced stage and we are looking for volunteers to help ensure everything goes smoothly on the Sunday.

Members of the committee will be available throughout the day but they will need help to ensure the event is a success. In particular, we require marshals to help with traffic movements in the Garden during the set up and take down of the event.

If you have time, even if it's only an hour or so, and would like to help please contact our [Membership Secretary](#).

## Plastic Free July - Litter Pick



As part of the Plastic Free July initiative a (very) small band of intrepid pickers set off to the York Way play area to collect litter.

This event probably did not receive as much publicity as it deserved and, to help with future events, a new email group will be used to let members know more about litter picks and others events which may be of interest to you.

You can choose whether you wish to receive these emails by amending your preferences in your membership record on Mebermojo or by using the unsubscribe link in any "Events" email you receive. You can access your membership details [here](#).

## Phew, What a Scorcher!

Driest July in the south-east since 1836 with less than 5mm of rain



**Now that much of England has officially been declared to be in drought it is likely that water companies will be imposing restrictions on its use.**

Royston is relatively lucky, as its water is sourced from aquifers deep underground, so sights like these are not common in our area. However, even aquifers are a finite resource. It can take many years for ground water to percolate down to these natural reservoirs and, with more dry summers forecast, it seems certain that they also will be placed under strain.

### What can we do?

Every one of us can make a difference to how much water is used and some of the way to do this are very simple -

#### Bathroom

- Take less time in the shower or fill your bath with less water.
- Turn off the tap while you brush your teeth.
- Use the small button on a dual flush toilet or put a device into it so it doesn't fill up as much.

#### Kitchen

- Don't overfill your kettle. This also saves you energy use.
- Fill your dishwasher. One full load uses less water than two half loads.
- If you don't want to use a dishwasher, use a bowl in your sink.

#### Outdoors

- Don't wash your car as often. In very dry weather they may get dusty but are unlikely to get very dirty.
- If you wish to wash your car use a bucket and sponge and reuse the water on flower beds and containers.
- Top up paddling pools rather than refilling them and cover them over when not in use to reduce evaporation.

#### Garden

- Don't use a hose to water plants, use watering cans either early morning or late evening to avoid evaporation.
- Move containers to shady areas or group them together as this can help retain moisture.
- Bury a short length of pipe in containers and pour water into this as it gets the water directly to the roots.

With thanks to Affinity Water for some of the these suggestions. You can find more information from them [here](#).