



# ROYSTON ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

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## Golden



## Autumn

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## Sustain-Ability 2022

We would like to thank everyone who made Royston's second ecological event such a success, in particular Johnson Matthey for their sponsorship.

The weather blessed us with a warm, sunny day and the event attracted a large number of people to Priory Memorial Gardens.



## Participants

Among those promoting a greener way of living Tentshare and the Green Heat Co-op who raised the profile of more sustainable living, while Royston Scouts provided a delicious meat-free alternative to traditional hot dogs. Others with stalls included North Herts Friends of the Earth, The Wildlife Trust, North Herts Beekeepers, Early Connections and the Friends of Therfield Heath. Mantles of Royston offered an opportunity to look over the new all electric KIA EV6. Anyone who wanted to discuss issues around climate change and how it may affect us were welcome at the Climate Café.

## Spooky Litter Pick

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Butchers Baulk, Royston  
2pm to 4pm



We will be meeting where Butchers Baulk joins the footpath off King James Way. Here are the [What3Words](#).

## Don't Forget

Clocks to back at 2am on  
Saturday, 30th October

This is our final litter pick of the 2022 and it's a chance to do a bit of scaring along the way as fancy dress is optional. .

Registration for the event is essential as it helps us ensure that enough equipment is available on the day. You can register [here](#).

## Helping Hedgehogs



### Hedgehog Street

See where hedgehogs and their holes have been found in and around your area by clicking [here](#). Just enter your postcode.

You can log your sightings on Hedgehog Street [here](#).

**It has been a very warm autumn and as a result our little prickly friends are still quite active and will be until it gets very cold.**

Hedgehogs can travel quite far in search of food, so if you haven't already, please consider putting a hole into your fence to allow them access to your garden ... and your invertebrates! All it takes is a 13cm by 13cm hole in your fence or you could even dig a hole underneath your fence to give them access.

You could log your hole and any sightings of hedgehogs on Hedgehog Street. There are currently 106 hedgehog sightings and 23 holes plotted for the SG8 area on the Big Hedgehog Map. Let's get yours on there too!

Finally, Bonfire Night is a tricky time for hedgehogs (and some of their friends) as they like to nest in piles of leaves and logs. If you are building a bonfire this year, please check to see if anyone has made a home in it before you light it up. Or maybe you could look at some more eco-friendly alternatives for this year's celebration.

## Green Heat Coop



Green Heat Coop is a startup community energy organisation in Royston focusing on energy efficiency and low carbon heating. Green Heat Coop aims to develop a local, community-based approach to home decarbonisation. Thanks to everyone who stopped by our stall at Sustain-Ability. I'd like to invite members of Royston Environmental Group to Green Heat Coop's next event: a webinar on how to save energy in your home this winter. They are also organising a session on reducing your home's emissions with a heat pump. The date for this is not yet confirmed but likely to be early December.

### Saving Energy and Money this Winter

Monday 7th November, 7:30pm

Join Green Heat Coop and North Herts Citizens Advice Bureau for a webinar discussion on how to improve your home's efficiency and save money this winter. The session will cover what's happening in the energy markets, cost-effective ways of reducing your energy consumption, and support available locally and from government.

For more information and booking visit their [website](#) or [email](#).

### Reducing your home's emissions with a heat pump

Early December, date TBC

A heat pump can drastically reduce your home's carbon emissions. This session will give guidance on determining whether your home is suitable for a heat pump (most homes are!), an overview of the installation process, likely costs, carbon savings, and common pitfalls. If you're interested in this please get in touch by [email](#) and we will let you know when the date is confirmed.