



# ROYSTON ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

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## Spring is finally here

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*After such a wet period, we are all looking forward to the spring.*

*Our group has plenty of events planned for 2024. We look forward to seeing you at many of them!*

*Member renewals are due by 31 March. Our membership covers our public liability insurance costs, which allows us to run events.*

*If you'd like to get involved in any of the projects or events we have planned, please get in touch.*

## Contact Details

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### Website

[roystonenvironmentalgroup.org.uk](http://roystonenvironmentalgroup.org.uk)

### Follow us on Facebook

@royston-environmental-group

## 2024 Plans

### **May Fayre - 6 May**

We are taking part in this very popular event this year for the first time this year. If you would like to help man the stall, please get in touch.

### **Plastic Free Picnic & Tree Audit - July**

To celebrate Plastic Free July, we will be holding a picnic in Priory Memorial Gardens in July. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **Sustain-Ability 2024 - 29 September**

Sustain-Ability '23 was held in conjunction with the Royston Arts Festival's Gala in the Gardens last year. We participated in the feedback about the event and made the decision at the AGM to hold Sustain-Ability '24 with the Arts Festival again.

### **Christmas Jumper Swap - November/December '24**

We are hoping to hold this in partnership with the Royston Repair Café later this year.

## Annual General Meeting 2023

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***We held our annual general meeting on Monday 19 February. Thank you to everyone who was able to come. We had some good discussions around planning for the year ahead.***

## Thermal Imaging Camera

We plan to rollout use of the thermal imaging camera in autumn 2024.

The plan is to have trained volunteers who will conduct the thermal imaging surveys. The surveys will give members of the public an indication of where they are losing heat and they will be pointed to resources to help them resolve the heat loss. If you are interested in taking part in the training, please let the committee know.

## Royston Climate Map

We plan to emulate Cambridge Carbon Footprint and map climate friendly businesses in Royston. We hope to create an online and printable map like the [Cambridge Climate Map](#). If you know of a business that should be included, please drop us a line with some contact details. Thank you to Aline for kicking this project off.

## Tesco Community Garden

This little gem (squash) is starting to come to life again. Our volunteers have been planting and clearing to ready the space for another good year.

We are always on the lookout for more volunteers and for groups who might like to use the space. If you can think of anyone who might be interested, please let the committee know.

The garden is opened by REG volunteers every 2nd Saturday

of the month (weather permitting, of course!)

Our next opening is **Saturday 13 April**. Come and join us for some gardening or just to enjoy a lovely space.

## Charity Recycling

There is a recycling point for all sorts of household goods that can't currently be recycled via the household waste scheme. The funds raised from this scheme help local charities and keep the items out of landfill. You can find out more about what can be recycled via their [Facebook](#) page.

## The Great British Spring Clean



The [Great British Spring Clean](#) takes place from 15 March to 31 March this year. We held a litter pick in the Serby Avenue area on Saturday, 23 March.

If you weren't able to join us, the Friends of

Therfield Heath hold a litter pick every **2nd Sunday of the month**. An added bonus is that all participants get a free hot drink from the Heath Cafe. Don't forget to take your reusable cup.

## People Planet Pint

Becka from [TentShare](#) (one of our community allies) holds a regular meeting in Royston to share ideas about sustainable living. The next meeting is held on **Thursday 2 May** at the Old Bull Inn from 18h30. Getting together and talking about the big issues that face our planet as well as finding like minded people to take action definitely helps with the climate anxiety that many of us are experiencing.

## Hedgehog Highways

There are lots of ways to get involved in this campaign:

Keep talking to your neighbours about the 13cm by 13cm gaps that hedgehogs need to be able to get into our gardens.

Register as a hedgehog champion for your street on [Hedgehog Street](#)

Become part of the [National Hedgehog Monitoring Programme](#) which is collecting nationwide data on hedgehog populations

With local elections on their way, why not write to your local councillor about the issue?