

## A Bulletin of Transition-relevant Notices for August/September 2017

*Including items on Family Activity days, the Al Gore film 'Inconvenient Sequel', a Water Day and much besides...*

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*Let me know around month end if you wish to promote an event of widespread interest.*  
Please share with group members or let me know if you are not the appropriate contact.  
For changes & cancellations, check the organisers' online notice boards or contact them.

### TRANSITION TOWNS ROUND-UP

**Abbots in Transition** – community markets, eco schools, orchard group... [events](#)

**Transition Town Berkhamsted** – farmers' markets, Green Drinks, ... [events](#)

**Buntingford in Transition** – a gallery of cartoon-style images, ... [events](#)

**Transition Cambridge** – now on summer break, returning in September ... [events](#)

**Transition in Hemel** – Grand Union Community Energy (blog) ... [posts](#)

**Transition Hertford** – monthly food swaps, AGM with film extract,, ... [events](#)

**Transition Town Letchworth** – Cycle Maintenance, 'Inconvenient Sequel' film, ... [below](#)

**Transition in Kings** – Community Farm, Food Group meeting, Open meeting ... [events](#)

**Transition St Albans** – Open Food Gardens, 'Food Smiles' map (below) ....[events](#)

**Tring in Transition** – Duck Lane Community Garden: allotment work parties, ... [events](#)

**Transition Town Watford** – occasional blog posts resumed ... [facebook](#)

### DATED EVENTS, IN SEQUENCE

#### **Church Farm Ardeley - 'Harvest Your Own' Weekend**

Sunday 6th August from 10am to 4pm at Church Farm, Ardeley, SG2 7AH

Pick your own home grown Church Farm fruit and veg.

<https://www.facebook.com/ChurchFarmArdeley/>

#### **Free tours of the new North Hertfordshire Museum in Hitchin**

Starting on Monday 7th August, from 2pm - 3pm on Mondays, 10am -11am on Wednesdays, and 5pm - 6pm on Thursdays.

The new Museum is in Brand Street, Hitchin, SG6 1JE. For the time being the entrance is via the former Town Hall.

"In the run up to the opening of the new North Hertfordshire Museum, the public are invited to come along to some 'Behind the Scenes' guided tours." Access to the upper floor is only via internal stairs.

notice: <https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/north-hertfordshire-museum-see-behind-scenes>

facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/northhertsmuseum/>

#### **Family Activity Days at Waterbeach**

Tuesday 8th, Tuesday 15th, Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 31st August 2017 from 10am-12pm & 2pm-4pm

“Join us for a free session and get creative with rubbish during the summer holidays. Recycling will be brought to life over the Summer holidays at fun family activity sessions... The events will run in the Education Centre and will include hands-on practical activities, followed by a tour of the site. We also provide tea/coffee/biscuits. Children must be at least six years old to attend and must be accompanied by an adult. All of the Education Centre team are fully qualified, DBS checked, experienced teachers. Sessions are free and booking is essential to confirm your place as numbers are limited.

To book telephone 01223 815490 or email [wasteeducation@amey.co.uk](mailto:wasteeducation@amey.co.uk)

Amey Waterbeach Waste Management Park, Ely Road, Cambridge, CB25 9PQ

<http://circularcambridge.org/events/family-activity-days/>

### **Environment Agency's consultation on municipal waste disposal application**

Closing on Thursday 10th August. Consultation on an application for an Environmental Permit for Veolia ES to build, commission and operate a facility at Ratty's Lane, Hoddesdon for disposal of residual waste from all over the county.

Environment Agency notice: ... “ Ref. EN11 0RF, Veolia ES Hertfordshire Limited: environmental permit application advertisement . . . Online: view and comment on the application using Citizen Space...”

Email: [pscpublicresponse@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:pscpublicresponse@environment-agency.gov.uk) or write to the address in the web page.”

*Herts. WithOut Waste (HertsWOW) is keen to share notes of issues with this application:*

[hertswow.info@gmail.com](mailto:hertswow.info@gmail.com)

### **Film: Al Gore 'An Inconvenient Sequel' + Q&A**

Friday 11th August from 7pm

Broadway Cinema & Theatre, Eastcheap, Letchworth Garden City SG6 3DD

"A decade after An Inconvenient Truth brought climate change into the heart of popular culture comes the follow-up that shows just how close we are to a real energy revolution."

<https://www.broadway-leitchworth.com/cinema/whats-on#/calendar/2017-08-11>

Box office 01462 681088

*Let us know if you want a poster or leaflets to promote this event. A digital copy is available here:*

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/jqaxgw79aublpkm/InconvenientSequel\\_leaflet.png.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/jqaxgw79aublpkm/InconvenientSequel_leaflet.png.pdf?dl=0)

### **NSBRC Eco Workshop on Heat & Energy**

19th August 2017, 10am - 5:30pm

National Self Build & Renovation Centre, Lydiard Fields, Great Western Way, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN5 8UB

“Get the answers you need on everything from heat pumps to solar panels. Led by popular host, David Hilton, who will be joined by a panel of leading specialists, we'll be talking through what's new, what works and what practical issues need to be considered when installing both conventional and renewable technologies. This workshop is your opportunity to get the facts straight from the experts. We'll help you to understand the green investment opportunities these products and services offer, as well as any financial implications you'll need to keep in mind.”

Tickets are FREE but book in advance to secure your place: <http://tinyurl.com/yagnwrtrm>

### **Water Day at Mill Green Museum**

Wednesday 23rd August at Mill Green Mill & Museum, Mill Green, Hatfield, AL9 5PD

Refreshments will be on offer at the seasonal Miller's Tearoom.

Page: <http://www.welhat.gov.uk/specialeventdays>

Wiki: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mill\\_Green\\_Museum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mill_Green_Museum)

facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/millgreenmillandmuseum/>

'All in a Drop' water exhibition at Mill Green Museum will be in place until the autumn.

### **Herts County Council's Waste Local Plan Stakeholder Event**

On 23rd August, Herts. CC will be running a Stakeholder Event towards updating their Waste Local Plan

for the county.

It will be held at the Hertfordshire Development Centre, Stevenage, Herts., SG1 2FQ. [map](#)

The workshop is seeking to explore how to address key issues in the forthcoming Waste Local Plan since this is a preliminary event to seek initial views and not a formal consultation.

Attendance is by invitation, places are limited and bookings closed on 4th August.

If you are keen to take part as a representative of a specialist group, you could perhaps request to do so on a standby basis to Trish Lyons, Planning Policy Officer, Minerals and Waste Policy Team, Spatial Planning & Economy Unit: [minerals.planning@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:minerals.planning@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

### **North & East Herts. District Councils - survey about waste & recycling services**

Closing on Thursday 31st August: "Residents in North and East Hertfordshire are being invited to take part in a survey to help shape the future of their waste and recycling services." - ahead of a new recycling contract

Article: <http://www.thecomet.net/news/would-you-pay-to-have-garden-waste-removed-north-herts-district-council-launches-survey-ahead-of-new-recycling-contract-1-5111378>

Page: <https://north-herts.gov.uk/help-shape-future-your-waste-and-recycling-service>

To take part in the survey visit [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NHDCWaste](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NHDCWaste) – if you require a paper copy contact the council on 01462 474000, or visit the authority's offices in Gernon Road, Letchworth. The survey closes on August 31.

### **AVAILABLE ONLINE, ANYTIME**

#### **The price (and quality) of food**

BBC Radio 4, 'Farming Today This Week: The Price of Food'

With Professor Tim Lang, Kathleen Kerridge, ..., hosted by Tom Heap

Broadcast on Saturday 5th August and available via 'Listen Now':

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b08z98m7#play>

#### **'Food Smiles' Local Food Map**

"Want to be added to our food map, or know a producer we've missed?"

Please email us at [localfoodmap@foodsmilesstalbans.org.uk](mailto:localfoodmap@foodsmilesstalbans.org.uk)."

Map: <http://www.foodsmilesstalbans.org.uk/p/local-food-map.html>

#### **Herts County Council - Join the Citizens' Panel**

The Citizens Panel is a group of 1,600 Hertfordshire citizens who give their views on local issues and council services, and help to influence council decisions and matters that affect you. Find out more information including how to join the panel:

<http://tinyurl.com/ycwvtjqa>

#### **Herts. County Council's own energy & carbon saving**

Posted on Monday 5th June 2017: "Four years ago we set ourselves a goal to reduce our carbon and energy usage by 15% before 2018. We are delighted to announce that, after a series of changes to our back office operations and service area procedures, we have exceeded our target by three per cent - two years early! We have reduced the amount of carbon dioxide we were using by over 5,000 tonnes, which is the equivalent of the weight of around 1,250 male African bush elephants. The Carbon Reduction target was set to ensure that we addressed the environmental impact of how we operate. We hope that by taking such measures we will inspire Hertfordshire residents to look at how they can make energy savings in their own homes. ... Following this successful carbon reduction, the council is now set to hit an even more ambitious target by bringing the total carbon reduction to 24% by April 2018."

<http://tinyurl.com/y7225cr8>

## **UK Government's Air Quality Strategy**

"We need to see fewer cars not newer cars on our roads" say campaigners - 26 July 2017  
"Campaign for Better Transport said the plan to ban new diesel and petrol cars from 2040, in a bid to tackle air pollution is welcome but unlikely to help deliver cleaner air on the timescales required."  
Bridget Fox, Sustainable Transport Campaigner, Campaign for Better Transport said:  
"Banning new fossil fuel cars from 2040 is an important and welcome step towards clean air and reduced carbon emissions, but 23 years is far too long to live with illegal pollution. ..."

*Also, an article in The Guardian, 4th August 2017:*

Electric cars are not the answer to air pollution, says top UK adviser: Prof Frank Kelly says fewer not cleaner vehicles are needed, plus more cycling and walking and better transit systems.

"By 2050, nearly two-thirds of the world's population will live in urban areas. How we manage and plan for growing urbanisation will be key to so many global aspirations from improving air quality and human health, maintaining economic success and combatting climate change." <http://tinyurl.com/y8z8dskx>

## **Overshoot Day 2017 fell on 2nd August**

"By 2nd August 2017, the world's human population will have used more ecological resources and services than nature can regenerate in a whole year, through overfishing, overharvesting forests, and emitting more carbon dioxide into the atmosphere than forests can sequester. Thriving lives within the means of our planet are not out of reach. Plenty of solutions exist for improving sustainability" ...  
#movethedate. <http://www.overshootday.org/>

## **'How to' guides (videos) by Affinity Water**

This week there was an interruption to water supplies across northern North Herts. area. Affinity Water brought in and handed out large amounts of bottled water. This reminder of how dependent we are on clean water supplies is a handy prompt for us to find out what to do in advance of, during and after interruptions: <https://www.affinitywater.co.uk/how-to-guides.aspx>

## **BUSINESS SECTION (from Better Society, <http://bettersociety.net/>)**

### **IKEA launches solar battery storage**

Retailer IKEA is launching its own solar battery storage solution to consumers, potentially increasing the return from domestic solar panels. <http://bettersociety.net/ikea-solar.php>

### **Lack of trustee board diversity limits climate risk progress**

A lack of younger representatives on trustee boards pushes issues such as climate change into the future, ShareAction investor engagement manager Anne-Marie Williams has said.  
<http://tinyurl.com/yaczrj63>

### **Most European pension funds ignore climate change risk**

Ninety-five per cent of European pension funds haven't considered the financial impact of climate change on investments, Mercer has reported. <http://bettersociety.net/mercer-pensions-ESG.php>

### **Online offering at Prince's Trust**

The Prince's Trust has announced a new online platform, created with support from Nominet, NatWest and L'Oreal Paris, which will allow more young people to access its services.  
<http://bettersociety.net/online-princes-trust.php>

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