

# Swindon Climate Action Network

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Sunday 6th May**  
Farmers' Market at Designer Outlet Centre 10-4 'Knit One Eat One' See the giant knitted sculpture.
- ◆ **Sunday May 13th Literature Festival Climate Change Day at Lower Shaw Farm** (All day).  
Speakers include Mark Lynas and Tony Juniper. Panel discussion on 'What can the people of Swindon do about climate change?'. Children's and young people's activities all day.  
£7/£5. inc light lunch (children half price)
- ◆ **Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Another chance to see **Al Gore's Film 'An Inconvenient Truth'** at the Arts Centre 8 pm plus discussion. £4/£3
- ◆ **Wednesday May 16th** SCAN meeting, Friends Meeting House, Eastcott Hill 7.30pm. Speaker to be arranged. All welcome.
- ◆ **Saturday 19th May**  
Social Bike Ride, Coate Water to Marlborough 10.30 am Contact Gladys Barr
- ◆ **June 16- 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
NATIONAL BIKE WEEK

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## PUT UP A POSTER, INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

We want everyone who can to come to the Climate Change Day events on May 13th.

The day at Lower Shaw Farm is ideal for the whole family It includes a light farm lunch and a chance to enjoy the lovely environment. Meet other families and maybe get together to see what you can do to make a better future for everyone.

In the evening at the Arts Centre, the film 'An Inconvenient Truth' followed by a discussion and opportunities to make changes



## CASTLES BIKE RIDE 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE

Enjoy a morning out on the Ridgeway with Castles Bike Ride. The bike ride raises money through entry fees for Macmillan Nurses (you don't need sponsors). You can choose between 10, 19 or 28 mile routes. Best of all it is **CARBON ZERO!** Your only emissions will be those incurred in getting to the start at Croft Sorts Centre.

SCAN hopes to field a few riders: if you are interested in riding in a SCAN T shirt please get in touch with [deb@swindonclimate.org.uk](mailto:deb@swindonclimate.org.uk)

for the better. Find out what's going on in Swindon and pick something for you.

Please publicise it as much as you can. Posters for the two events at the school or playgroup, by the water cooler or coffee machine at work, in your community centre would be terrific. Download them here: <http://scan.editme.com/Events>



## HOSPITAL WIND TURBINE

As we go to press, news just comes in of the plans for the GWH to press ahead with the building of a wind turbine. The 80m turbine, to be built by Ecotricity, is forecast to save 23% of the hospital's greenhouse emissions and knock £300,000 off its energy bill.

The turbine needs planning permission and some tests to ensure its viability (ie is there enough wind). Let's hope it has a smooth path through planning permission and becomes a real flagship for Swindon's determination to become a leading climate-friendly town.

