

SWINDON CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

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Switch Off Swindon

That's the message coming from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and SCAN. We are asking you to join people across the globe and switch off your lights and appliances for one hour. At 8pm on 29th March thousands of people will be doing the same to demonstrate that we can tackle climate change. If you are willing to join them please let Wiltshire Wildlife Trust know what you are planning by going to www.wiltshirewildlife.org/earthhour

Here are some suggestions for actions:

1. Plan a candle lit supper for your partner, family or friends (use beeswax or soya candles).
2. Campaign to get a local landmark or business to switch off their lights on the night.
3. Organize a moonlight stroll and do some stargazing.

Climate experts coming to Purton!

Tuesday 1 April, 6.30-8.30 pm, Bradon Forest School, The Peak, Purton, Swindon SN5 4AT
Contact: Kate Robinson Tel: 01793 772930/07876 301617. Bradon Forest School and the Climate Friendly Purton Group are hosting a lively evening of talks, discussion and activity featuring two world-renowned environmentalists, and pupils from Bradon Forest School.

Speakers:

1. Leading international climate and weather scientist, Professor Alan Thorpe – Chief Executive of the Natural Environment Research Council, which is based in Swindon. Part of Alan's role is to brief government ministers on climate change science.
 2. Leading sustainability expert, Mr James Goodman – Head of Futures at Forum for the Future, the UK's prime source of information, opinion and debate on progress towards sustainable development.
 3. Students from Bradon Forest School. Hear what the next generation has to say!
- Contact Louisa Watts 01793 772994 or Kate Robinson 01793 772930 to reserve tickets. Tickets will also be available in local shops.

ALL WELCOME!

GREAT NEWS

Swindon has scored no less than five climate change successes in the last few weeks.

1. Crucially, Swindon's Partnership Board have now adopted reducing per capita carbon emissions as a priority target in the new Local Area Agreement. This means there will be a very strong incentive for the partners to make significant moves towards reducing emissions as soon as possible. Well done to everyone who participated in lobbying the partnership!
2. Anne Snelgrove and Michael Wills both supporting a stronger Climate Change Bill.
3. Progress is being made on the Climate Change Officer post for Swindon.
4. Swindon Borough Council has measured its carbon footprint through the Carbon Trust and is drawing plans to cut its emissions by 2013.
5. The editor of the Evening Advertiser met with SCAN and offered us advice on gaining local media coverage.

Wednesday 19th March. Please note there will be no meeting on this date. Please come to the Pub Quiz on Thursday instead.

How To Have A Green Easter

Easter Eggs are possible one of the most over-packaged products on the market. A huge cardboard box, a plastic moulding to hold the egg in place, a shiny foil wrapping – all to hold a hollow egg, weighing only maybe 110g.

If you receive an egg like this, you can minimise the environmental impact; make sure the cardboard box goes into the paper recycling, and find out if your local recycling collection centre has facilities for plastics or aluminium foil – some places do collect this now.

The best thing to do if you are giving eggs is to choose those with the least packaging – those ones that are only wrapped in foil, or give an Easter gift instead. How about traditional hand-painted Easter eggs and papier mache eggs using the plastic packaging from an egg as a mould? This could then be decorated and filled with sweets or gifts.

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Upcoming Events

- **Thursday 20th March**
Green Pub Quiz at the [Nine Elms](#) pub, Old Shaw Lane, [SN5 5PD](#). 8:30pm start, £2 per person, teams of up to six people. Contact viv@swindonclimate.org.uk to book a table in advance. The Nine Elms is on the [No. 19 bus route](#). Please [display a poster](#) advertising this event.
- **Saturday 5th April**
National Day of Action on the Climate Change Bill - details to follow
- **Wednesday 16th April**
SCAN AGM. Friends Meeting House, [SN1 3JE](#), 7:00pm for refreshments, 7:30pm start. Everyone welcome.
- **Sunday 27th April**
TWIGS Open Day, Cheney Manor Garden Centre, [SN2 2QJ](#), - gardens, allotment, plants for sale, children's activities
- **Sunday 11th May**
Literature Festival Eco Day at [Lower Shaw Farm](#), SN5 5PJ.
- **Wednesday May 21st**
Transition Towns talk - venue to be confirmed



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