

Holbeton Parish Council Climate Change Subcommittee

Our section 106 money (around £3,500 each year) from Creacombe Solar Farm is on its way. This will be ring fenced to support the parish council's environmental action plan.

Books on the environment and climate change have been given the green light by the parish council. These will be available to borrow early in 2021. The list was largely put together by the climate change forum (see below). Several books have been donated and the purchase of over 30 books will be funded by the section 106 fund. A list of books will be posted on the climate emergency webpage. Watch this space for updates.

A wildflower area is planned next to the Reading Rooms. A space is to be sown around the end of February. The land is owned by the Church and we have their approval subject to seeing details of the proposal.

Electric car charge point. Holbeton is one of 37 villages in Devon that have been chosen to have a public electric car charge point installed. The proposal is to have this installed in the village hall car park, with the support in principle of the Trustees. The charger will be 22 kilowatts, and available both for residents and visitors. More details in due course.

Yealm Community Energy. A number of people have said they would like to **learn more about this local development.** We will be holding a virtual meeting, open to all, sometime in the coming months. Watch this space.

The Green Homes Grant has been extended for another year, up to the end of March 2022. The money can be used for various home insulation measures and for installing a heat pump or biomass boiler. For those undertaking either of these measures there are a range of 'secondary' measures that can also be included in the grant.

The grant will pay for 2/3rds of the cost of the work, up to a maximum of £5,000, or 100% of the cost up to £10,000 if someone in the household receives certain benefits. Only a very limited range of installers may do the work (the nearest for loft insulation is 6 miles away). You have to apply for the grant in advance and get the work done within 3 months of receiving the government voucher. To access the website with more information you should Google "green homes grant campaign".

The Interim Carbon Plan has been published by the Devon Climate Emergency (DCE) partnership of Devon County Council, with a view to seeking views on their proposals with a detailed questionnaire. These outline some of the transformational changes which are required to create a thriving net-zero Devon. The consultation is open until February and can be found on their website:

<https://www.devonclimateemergency.org.uk/INTERIMCARBONPLAN/>

Holbeton Parish Council's Climate Change sub-committee will be considering the plan at its next meeting, and parishioners are encouraged to have a look at the plan, attend any of the webinars, and give their opinions directly to the DCE, or to myself or via the forum (see below).

JOIN the Holbeton Climate Change Forum! This is an informal group interested in projects and ideas to support the environment. Members can suggest projects and also volunteer to be part of initiatives. It is open to everyone of whatever age. If you are interested in being part of the forum please contact annawest123@gmail.com.

To find our Environmental Action Plan, simply access the parish council climate emergency webpage: <https://www.holbeton-pc.gov.uk/climate-emergency/>, scroll down the page and open the pdf file called "Action Plan v3". Whilst doing so why not browse the page and see what else is posted there.

Look out for our **Environmental Tip of the Month**, this and coming months on how to reduce your electricity costs.

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PS: non-recyclable wrapping paper now goes to the Plymouth incinerator, not to landfill as stated in last month's environmental tip of the month.