

# Holbeton News Climate Change & Environmental section

## Update on the Erme Estuary sewage problems

An agreed strategic plan in collaboration with South West Water. We have a meeting with SWW planned for Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> March. This will focus on getting the best for Holbeton from the planned new surface water drain in the village as part of the agreed infrastructure developments associated with the 14 new houses up Church Hill.

The newly formed River Erme Water Quality Group. The second meeting is due to take place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March. More next month.

## An electric vehicle (EV) car charger for the village?

The parish council has approached the village hall trustees to ask whether it would be feasible to locate the proposed EV charger on the village hall site.

The proposal is designed to help those in the village who cannot site a charger at their property to have reliable access to a shared charge point.

The idea is that this charger could be reserved by those registered to use the system, providing a reliable source of electricity.



The app (CoCharger) will allow this to happen through the internet, and there should be enough capacity to serve several cars.

The details of how this would operate, who would have the responsibility for acting as 'host', managing the bookings and dealing with any problems all need clarifying.

As before, if you feel that you might consider investing in an EV and want to know more about how this scheme would work, please do contact me.

## What is a Butterfly Transect?



*The Comma*

This is a way of measuring changes in the abundance and variety of butterflies at a site from year to year. This requires a commitment to record weekly throughout the main period in which butterflies fly in the UK (the 26 weeks from the 1<sup>st</sup> of April to the 29<sup>th</sup> of September), or if monitoring a single species, the flight period of that species.

The *United Kingdom Butterfly Monitoring Scheme* (UKBMS) is one of the longest running insect monitoring schemes in the world. The scheme began in 1976.



There is detailed information about how to join this nationwide monitoring scheme on their website: <https://ukbms.org/>

Now is the time of year to register with UKMBS and get started on making your observations. Make a weekly walk on the same route of your choice. Keep fit and learn more about these beautiful insects and help UKBMS to document the changes in the numbers of each species (*in case you were wondering, yes this is a small tortoiseshell*).

And do share your findings locally! The Holbeton Climate Change and Eco Group Facebook page is one place to post your latest discoveries.

## **Grants for local environmental and climate change projects**

We look forward to helping many future projects. More details are on the parish council website. Go to the climate change section.

## **A community composting facility.**

Last month I reported that we have not been able to find anywhere suitable within the parish. Since then I have heard that Newton & Noss are looking at a potentially suitable site that could be available sooner rather than later. I will report back after a visit...

## **Native Bees and how to support them, & Meet The Bees**

Brigit Strawbridge Howard, author of "Dancing with Bees" will give an introduction to Bumble Bees, Solitary Bees, Bee Mimics and other Pollinators at 7pm in the village hall on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> May (entrance free!). Tickets for the talk, "Native bees and how to support them" can be obtained via:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/native-bees-how-to-support-them-tickets-551356280477>.



There will also be a "meet the bees" workshop on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> May from 10am - 4pm at Mothecombe Stables for a more detailed look at the life of bees followed by a walk in the gardens and meadow to see some local bees.

For the Sunday event tickets are now available via the Flete estate website at [www.flete.co.uk](http://www.flete.co.uk). Or just ring 01752 830234. Do not delay as spaces are limited!

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## **Yealm Community Energy's last call for 2023 Community Fund applications and we edge closer to a share offer!**

YCE edges itself closer to the possibility of a share offer raise this year which will bring the local solar farms into community ownership. So much work is currently being undertaken, and negotiations are being had by the YCE team, we are in the most pivotal time for the project. Do join YCE as a member for just £1 if you would like to vote and have the option of investing.

YCE also are about to close the latest round of grant funding from the Community Benefit Fund.

Do you have an environmental project that needs some match funding to realise its full impact and potential? YCE have granted over £80,000 to local projects since 2018, plus £10,000 in Covid emergency relief. YCE harnesses the power of the sun to empower our local communities.

The 2023 round is accepting applications for Environmental Projects.

**Closing date for applications is 21st April 2023.**

Application form, rules and guidance is available on the YCE website: [www.yealmenergy.co.uk](http://www.yealmenergy.co.uk)

Please read the full guidance, rules and expectation of an impact report before applying.

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## **Tip Of The Month: Buying Vintage Clothes**

Anna West

New clothes bought in the UK produce more carbon emissions per minute than driving a car around the world six times, according to new research published by Oxfam.

The textile industry produces more greenhouse gas emissions than the shipping and aviation industries combined. To keep prices low, throwaway fashion is made by garment workers often from the world's poorest communities, and paid below the living wage. Each week 11 million garments end up in landfill in the UK.

Oxfam also found that:

- More than two tonnes of clothing are bought each minute in the UK
- Buying one new white cotton shirt produces the same emissions as driving a car for 35 miles
- The emissions from all the new clothes bought in the UK each month are greater than those from flying a plane around the world 900 times
- The average adult spends £27 a month in fast fashion outlets and currently owns two items which remain unworn

However things are changing especially amongst the young and the fashion conscious.

## **Buy and Sell... Online**

Many are not only using online resale sites such as Depop, Vinted and eBay to make money from selling their unwanted clothes but also buying clothes for much less than their original price new.



In the UK, the apparel resale market grew by 149% between 2016 and 2022, and is forecast to rise by 67.5% from 2022 to 2026.

### ... Local second hand clothes shops

There are also shops locally where you can sell your own unwanted garments and buy beautifully presented clothes. For example:

Shop at the Top in Modbury

Quirky Bird in Ashburton

Number 30 also in Ashburton

### ... Charity shops

These experienced an 11% rise in sales in the three months to the end of September, according to the Charity Retail Association, while Oxfam said sales rocketed by 40% in the run-up to Christmas as shoppers turned to their local high street for sustainable presents.

Recently at Brent Cross, a group of charities set up a pop up superstore which had social media influencers scouring the Charity.Super.Mkt rails, taking pics amid the throngs of opening-night visitors,

”Sustainability is the latest thing on the high street”, “We are big on social media and we’ve watched it grow and grow, and the customers are getting younger.” (Cancer Research UK’s Nick Mountain)

### ... High Street Shops

Shops such as Urban Outfitters have also taken up the idea of sustainability and the beauty of reinventing old clothes...



## What is Urban Renewal?

“At UO, we recognise that the future of fashion lies in its past. We believe every piece should tell a story and have carefully curated vintage collections since 1983. Today, our Urban Renewal team continues to hand-pick vintage clothing from our recycling partner, to not only uncover rare, one-of-a-kind pieces, but to also give new life to damaged and unwanted clothing. At our UK vintage wholesaler's alone, we save over 260,000 pieces of clothing every year that could otherwise be destined for landfill.”

**So why not be on trend – make money and save the planet!**