

Holbeton News Climate Change & Environment

December 2023



Yealm Community Energy owns 3 local solar farms thanks to you!

Yealm Community Energy's share offer closed on 10th November 2023. We would like to express our gratitude to all those of you in the local parishes that invested to make community ownership a reality. We are delighted at the successful transfer of the 3 local solar farms at Newton Downs, Creacombe and Marland.

We really could not have achieved this without you and your commitment to the project. It has been a long journey since 2015, and we are grateful to our members that believed in us and our dedicated team of directors, advisors, and operations manager. We all need a lie down!

The project over its lifetime (27years) has the potential to give back over £7M (after running costs) into our local communities. This is significant. We will now be turning our attention to governance and settling into the procedures of running the farms. We will launch the next round of community benefit funding in 2024.

In the New Year we shall also be looking for new directors to strengthen the team. If you are interested in joining for the next phase of the project, and have time to commit, do contact us on info@yealmenergy.co.uk

Courtesy of a Power to Change grant we have just launched a new look website and logo for YCE, have a look at www.yealmenergy.co.uk

Thank you for helping YCE unlock a lasting legacy for our local parishes and future generations.

Thermographic imaging for households in Holbeton

Reduce heat loss from your home

COMFORT

Reduce Fuel Bills

SAVINGS

Reduce Fossil Fuel use

SUSTAINABILITY

Holbeton Parish Council have agreed to buy a thermal imaging camera with the aim of helping parishioners identify areas where their homes lose heat.

This project is open to all parishioners and is **free**. We will offer to do a brief survey of your home on a cold day using the thermal imaging camera. Looking from the outside we'll be able to show you where warmth is escaping and looking indoors we'll be able to show you cold spots.

We'll also point you towards sources of information and advice regarding insulation and thermal efficiency. For some people there are grants available to assist in improvements.

If interested, please let us know and once we're equipped and trained we'll be in touch to arrange a visit.

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Tips of the Month

All past tips of the month can be found on the parish council website.

It being the start of the Christmas season we thought we should celebrate with an environmental take on the 12 days of Christmas...

On the first day of Christmas my true love sent to me **one rooted Christmas tree**

Planted in a pot a small conifer can be nurtured through the year and used the next Christmas!

On the second day of Christmas it was **lights that must be LED**

On the third day of Christmas my true love sent to me **3 scented soaps**
definitely no palm oil

On the fourth day it was **4 pre-loved presents**
maybe recycled clothing



On the fifth day of Christmas it was **5 rechargeable batteries**
Much cheaper and more sustainable

On the sixth day of Christmas it has to be **recyclable wrapping paper**
Definitely not the glittery stuff – see next page

On the seventh day of Christmas my true love sent to me **dried wood**
Seriously seasoned, less than 20% moisture

On the eighth day of Christmas it was a **Christmas jumper**
Allows me to turn down the heating just a fraction

On the ninth day of Christmas my true love gave to me **dishwasher tablets**
Use the dishwasher if you have one – uses less water

On the tenth day of Christmas it was (unbelievably) **eco toilet paper**
Our very first tip of the month

On the eleventh day of Christmas my true love gave to me **Soapnuts**
for washing my laundry – better than detergents

On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love gave me **some mending**
Make do and mend!

With many thanks to Jan and Llew Sellick & Di Baumer.

We have been including environmental tips of the month for just over 3 years – not every month – but we have clocked up 33 environmental tips in that time. This is thanks to a number of you who have contributed, for which many thanks! Also thanks to Holbeton News.

We hope you have a great Christmas. All but one of the tips of the month contributing to these 12 days are at the end of the environmental pages. Did you spot the one that is not based on a past tip of the month?



December's tip of the month

Recyclable Christmas paper (first published 3 years ago)

Did you know we Brits buy 227,000 miles of wrapping paper per year?

Enough to cover 32 square miles, which is more than the surface area of Plymouth?

We send to landfill 5,000,000 tons of paper annually.

Most Christmas wrapping paper is NOT recyclable because it is dyed and laminated, may contain non-paper additives such as gold and silver colouring, glitter and plastics and has sticky tape attached. It therefore goes to an incinerator.

It takes 6 mature trees to make one ton of paper.

Please think of buying fully recyclable wrapping paper, Jack has some at the village shop, or buying rolls of brown paper, or using fabric to wrap your presents, and reusable string, raffia or ribbon to secure them.

Google "recyclable wrapping paper" for a wide range of eco alternatives.

Jan Sellick

PS Days of Christmas:

1. Not a tip of the month!
2. May 2021 & May 2022, Andrew Hollett
3. November 2021, Chris Bray
4. April 2023, Anna West
5. September 2023, Chris Bray
6. December 2020 & now 2023, Jan Sellick
7. October 2023, Tony Callcut
8. February 2023, Sune Nightingale
9. November 2020, Caroline Howarth
10. October 2020, Anna West
11. July 2021, Caroline Howarth
12. February 2021, Gillian Banner



Happy Christmas! Harry Baumer 01752 830274, harryluson@gmail.com