

Holbeton News Climate Change & Environment

Tip of The Month: Eco Toilet Paper revisited Diana Baumer
We flush 27,000 trees down the drain every year.

In October 2020 Anna West answered the question: what are the most eco friendly toilet rolls? That tip of the month is available on the Holbeton Parish Council website, as are the other 35 tips of the month. Just go to the Climate Change page and scroll down.

One of the key conclusions then was that paper recycled in the UK is environmentally preferable to bamboo. It cited 3 brands that were available:

- Eco Leaf unbleached 100% recycled toilet rolls;
- Essential 100% recycled soft toilet rolls;
- Traidcraft: unfortunately this brand has gone into administration.

Recycled paper has less environmental impact because:

- Recycling paper means less going to landfill or incineration
- Less water is used in its production
- Fewer pollutants are used
- If made in the UK less carbon is used in transport

The tip of the month also listed a number of brands that claim that their toilet rolls are 100% bamboo. Which? Magazine has recently tested 5 brands that make this claim... only 2 proved to be 100% bamboo!

These are WGAC (Who Gives A Crap) and The Cheeky Panda. The other 3 are Bazoo (26% bamboo), Naked Sprout (4% unidentified grass) and Bumboo (2.7% bamboo). These all had a majority of hardwood in their mix. This makes them less environmentally friendly.

More details can be found by searching for “[which magazine toilet rolls](#)”
For a really good summary search for “[thoroughly modern grandma toilet rolls](#)” or “[ethical consumer toilet rolls](#)”.

Environmental links on Holbeton Parish Council’s website

Did you know that there are now 21 links to various websites on the parish council website? To access these go to the Climate Change section and you will see the “useful links” tab.

This month these links are being showcased. Some are predictable but others are websites that you may not be aware of...

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Local organisations



The Devon Climate Emergency. The response group is made up of about 25 organisations including councils, emergency services, businesses and voluntary organisations. A net-zero task force is made up of experts in carbon reduction. An impacts group is concerned with how to adapt to a warmer world.



South Hams District Council has declared a climate change and biodiversity emergency. This website provides information for organisations and businesses and publishes regular news via email, which our parish councillors receive. They also have a Facebook Group.



Sustainable South Hams is a Community Interest Company, *connecting, supporting* and *inspiring* sustainability projects in the South Hams. A support for all local groups, including parish councils, in achieving effective sustainable changes.

Sustainable Earth Institute

Plymouth University's **Sustainable Earth Institute** showcases the university's research and expertise with the wider world.



Plymouth City Council declared a climate emergency in March 2019 and pledged to make Plymouth carbon neutral by 2030. This website sets out their action plan for net zero and explains how they are working to help the city reduce its emissions & respond to the challenges of climate change.



Yealm Community Energy needs no introduction and provides monthly updates for the Holbeton News.



Wild About The Erme River

Just in case you hadn't heard of **Wild About The Erme River**, this is the recently formed action group set up to monitor and protect our beautiful river.



A not for profit community benefit society providing free and impartial energy advice including improving energy efficiency and more.



Energy Saving Devon facilitates and supports home retrofit.



Cornwall Climate Care documents the facts around climate change in Cornwall.

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Holbeton Climate Change & Eco Group. A Holbeton parish Facebook group with 79 members.



Life On The Edge is a £4.4 million, 5 year partly Heritage Lottery funded project to restore a stretch of coastline to support invertebrates. It includes Holbeton Parish.

National organisations



The UK Climate Change committee (CCC). An independent, statutory body established under the Climate Change Act 2008. It advises the UK government on emissions targets and reports to Parliament on progress.



Needs no introduction. Includes their “guide to life”.



Carbon Savvy calculates your personal carbon footprint. It has a “one minute” tool as well as a more detailed approach to calculation.



This **Community Carbon Calculator** shows the carbon footprint by area, including by parish and district. It shows the sources of carbon emissions.



The Farm Carbon Calculator helps farmers measure their carbon footprint. It offers all farmers and growers free and impartial advice to help them reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and increase carbon sequestration



Engages with individuals, organisations and policymakers across healthcare to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions at the pace and scale required to ensure health and survival.



Banks are backing the fossil fuel industry. Whilst we try to do our bit to slow climate change, banks use our money to prop up the very companies making the problem worse.



Local Climate Adaptation Tool shows what research says about how our local climate will change, its impacts and which adaptations to consider.

The Big Plastic Count

Well done to those of you who took part. The results of last month’s week of counting waste plastic nationwide are just in! 224,381 people from 77,783 households and 28,397 pupils counted 4,639,685 pieces of plastic thrown away in a single week. Assuming that these households are typical, that

means 1.7 billion pieces of plastic nationwide in a single week or 90 billion a year! Only 17% of all our plastic is recycled. 14% is exported, 11% goes to landfill and 58% is incinerated – up from 46% in 2022.

Incinerating plastic is not the answer: it can release more CO₂ than burning coal. Nor is recycling. We need a strong global treaty, cutting plastic production dramatically. To see more go to the Greenpeace website.

News from the Verto Homes development

Church Hill is expected to be closed from the 29th April for up to 6 weeks. Verto Homes have now made available the final versions of key drawings and documents for anyone to view at the Mildmay Colours. Many thanks to Sharon and Ian for holding these.

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YCE says farewell to its Operations Manager and announce details of its forthcoming AGM.

After more than 4 years of loyal service to YCE the board have said farewell to Tracy Ebbrell, Consultant Operations Manager, who ends her time with YCE as the Power to Change grant program closed on April 30th, 2024.

Tracy has been referred to as the “glue” that kept the YCE board and project organised and on track throughout the roller coaster journey of the project. Tracy over the last few months has been supporting the team as it steered the project post completion into a settled running state. Tracy has given such valuable input to the team and project and will be missed by the YCE board of directors, Tracy was thanked at a farewell supper last month.

As new owners of the 3 local solar farms YCE would like to invite all members to its AGM to be held on Tues 18th June, 6pm start at Yealmpton Community Hall – please note the change of venue this year. The directors look forward to welcoming all its members for the meeting.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a YCE director and feel you have the time, skills and commitment do get in touch. info@yealmenergy.co.uk