



**Join us this Saturday at the Haslemere Green Fair taking place in the Haslemere Museum from 11.00am to 4.00pm**

There are lots of interesting and fun things to see and do, here are just a few...



- Bee keeping and chickens
- Face painting and children's crafts
- Composting and wood fuel exhibits
- Wood turning demonstration
- Fairtrade Crafts and natural foods
- Mini-Farmers Market

- Nature Walks
- Local celebrity Sharon Duggan talking on how to live the Green Life

...and not to forget the Haslemere Town Band and the Mayor!

For more information click [here](#).

The Fair also marks the "**Great Unleashing**" of Transition Haslemere. This is a public event to mark the Official Status of Transition Haslemere with short speeches from the Mayor and Transition Haslemere. For more about how Transition Haslemere became official click [here](#).

**HELP!** If you are able to **bake some cakes**, biscuits or some similar goodies and donate them to the Green Fair then we would be delighted. Please bring them on Saturday to add to the local food we are selling and serving in the Museum Café.

**HELP!** **We are still looking for volunteers** to help at the Fair. If you can spare anytime then please get in touch with us by email at [transitiontown@haslemere.com](mailto:transitiontown@haslemere.com)

## Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup> at 8.30 pm signals the start of WWF's 2010 Earth Hour



WWF expect over one billion people to switch off their lights on Saturday night from 8.30 pm for one hour to show they care about Climate Change. Once again the Haslemere community will join great cities across all the continents of the world to show that we care about Climate Change.

Show your support by registering [here](#) and turning off your lights. Even better enjoy a candlelight supper in a local pub and restaurant. Pizza Express in the High Street will again support Earth Hour by candlelight as will many other local shops, pubs and restaurants with those in Beacon Hill setting the collective standard.

## Landshare Group launch the Community Garden



The Transition Haslemere Landshare Group want to encourage the community to grow their own food on land available to the community, either by using people's gardens or by using redundant land that is not in use. This avoids having to rely on food that has travelled great distances to reach our table and encourages people to live more sustainably.

The Landshare Group has secured a beautiful plot of a couple of acres at [Roundhurst Farm](#). The plot is open to anyone in the community who wants to grow their own in a beautiful setting. The agreement with the farm owners is that Landshare use this site for free in exchange for one third of the produce grown. Landshare participants take home the rest on a shared basis. The plot is being run a bit like a cooperative where everyone joins in to clear, look after, grow and take home vegetables.

The turn out at the farm through March has been very encouraging. There are at least 20 beds to be cleared and already 7 or 8 have been prepared. The group has cleaned the greenhouse and have planted seeds of lettuce, squash, runner beans and courgettes. They have also started preparing the polytunnel for planting crops such as cucumbers and tomatoes.

Any individuals or families who would like to get involved with the scheme would be most welcome. You don't have to be an expert in vegetable growing, but just have lots of enthusiasm, a love of the outdoors and desire to do something for the community and the environment. The Group are up at the farm most Saturdays and Sundays so just pop along if you want to join in or for more information email [transitiontown@haslemere.com](mailto:transitiontown@haslemere.com)

## Quick energy and cost saving wins - Home Insulation



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Insulation is one of the most effective ways to stop wasting energy and save money on fuel bills as around **half of heat loss** in a typical home is through the walls and loft. For example, according to the Energy Savings Trust, insulating an un-insulated loft could save you around £150 a year and reduce your carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions too.

You can also easily insulate your cavity walls (saving up to £115/year), solid walls (saving up to £400/year) floors (saving up to £50/year).

These are all easy to do and there are grants available to help you.

The [Energy Savings Trust](#) has information on how to go about it or you can call their local advice centre free on **0800 512 012**.

Visit the Carbon Reduction pages of our website [here](#) for information on how to calculate your carbon footprint and [here](#) for information about all sorts of ways to reduce carbon emissions and save money in the home. Find out what are the most effective and cheap ways to go about this (home insulation being one of them!).



Last month we told you about the British Gas "Pay as you Save" Solar PV scheme. There is quite a lot of discussion, both pro and anti, of this scheme and you can read some of the arguments for and against by George Monbiot in his blog [here](#) and a subsequent reply by Jeremy Leggett [here](#).

As we told you last year, there is a fantastic (and fascinating) book on the subject of sustainable energy. David Mackay's "Sustainable Energy - without the Hot Air". You don't even have to pay for it, you can download it for free [here](#). Very readable and entertaining as well as being full of good, scientific facts and well-researched figures.

## Listen to Surrey County Council Sustainability Manager....



Surrey County Council's Climate Change and Sustainability Manager, Lesley Harding will be talking on "The Emerging Strategy of a Low Carbon Surrey" in Chiddingfold Village Hall on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8.00 pm in what promises to be an interesting talk. Turn up and listen if you are interested.

## Waverley Borough Council are listening to us....

Waverley Borough Council is inviting environmental and sustainability community groups to meet with the senior staff of their Service Departments (also) on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April between 6.00pm and 9.00pm in a "Market Stall Event" in the Borough Hall. The objective will be to discover and explore areas of common interest to help WBC lead Waverley to be "a vibrant, resilient and sustainable Borough for the future generations". Transition Haslemere together with our colleagues from Transition Town Farnham and Transition Godalming are fully supporting this in initiative and will be there.

### Dates for your diary

- March 25<sup>th</sup> Landshare Group Meeting (7.45pm Roundhurst Farm café)
- March 27<sup>th</sup> [Green Fair](#) (Haslemere Educational Museum 11.00 am to 4.00 pm)
- March 27<sup>th</sup> [Sharon Duggan](#) talk (Haslemere Educational Museum 2.30 pm)
- April 4<sup>th</sup> Haslemere Farmers Market
- April 12<sup>th</sup> Steering Group meeting (Town Hall 7.30 pm)
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> SCC talk on Low Carbon Strategy (Chiddingfold Town Hall 8.00 pm)
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> Waverley Borough Council Event (Borough Hall 6.00pm to 9.00pm)
- April 26<sup>th</sup> Energy and Transport Group meeting (Town Hall 7.30 pm)
- April 28<sup>th</sup> [Maddy Harland](#) talk (Haslemere Educational Museum 2.30 pm)
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> Haslemere Farmers Market
- May 10<sup>th</sup> Steering Group meeting (Town Hall 7.30 pm)

For more details on any of these dates please see the website [www.transitionhaslemere.org](http://www.transitionhaslemere.org) or email [transitiontown@haslemere.com](mailto:transitiontown@haslemere.com)

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