



TRANSITION CHEPSTOW

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May 2015 Newsletter



Town centre planters enjoy spring makeover

Transition Chepstow oversee seven planters in the town, all designed to help pollinators and promote 'growing your own'. Look out for the new plants and more colourful signage. If you see some of the veg or fruit is ready, why not try some? And if you'd like to help with future upkeep of the planters please contact us via food@transitionchepstow.org.uk. No previous experience necessary!

Hanley Landshare gets growing!

The 2015 growing season has started at our Landshare project next to Hanley Farm Shop. So far we've planted lettuce, potatoes, cauliflower, onions, spinach, carrots, peas, broad beans, beetroot and parsnips. New arrivals for this season are the globe artichokes which should taste and look wonderful! It's not too late to get involved with the project. If you'd like to visit the site, we have an **open day on Sunday 31st May** (10am-12pm). More details can be found on our [website](http://www.transitionchepstow.org.uk) or by contacting us at food@transitionchepstow.org.uk.



Garden wildlife project

Gardens are hugely important in supporting some of our wildlife, so this year we'll be starting a new project for garden wildlife enthusiasts. The project will support both those who are already making progress with providing food sources and habitats in their gardens, and those who are just starting out. The idea is to share information and advice and to help us all enjoy our garden residents and visitors, large and small.

If you are interested in taking part in this project, please get in touch with Rose at wildlifeintransition@transitionchepstow.org. Complete beginners or experienced gardeners are all equally welcome to join in!



Solitary bee larvae over-wintering in an old log

Health & Consciousness

The recent *Think with a drink* pub forum meeting was held at the customary venue of the Coach & Horses Inn, on Thursday 23 April 2015. The topic, *Democracy in Crisis: Principles of Good Governance*, was introduced by Professor John Clarke, organizer of the Tintern Philosophy Circle. The issue prompted a wide ranging and stimulating discussion among participants about the forthcoming general election and the current state of voter attitudes.

To find out about future meetings you can follow our [events](#) page.



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Local Transition groups meet up

In March, about 100 local transition group members gathered at Bristol's Trinity Centre to share experiences and take part in a range of workshops. The event was rounded off by a talk from Transition Towns co-founder, Rob Hopkins. His write up of the event can be found on the Transition Network [website](#). Can you spot our members in the event photos? If you would like to take part in a future networking event, head along in September to the [International Transition Conference](#).



Severndale community wind turbine planning application

A community wind turbine is proposed on the same farm as Transition Chepstow's Landshare project and would follow a similar model to the St Briavels and forthcoming [Alvington Court](#) community projects. St Briavels benefits from approximately £15k per annum from the [St Briavels community turbine](#).

The planning application for the proposed Severndale wind turbine can be found on the [Forest of Dean District Council](#) website and consultation ends on 18th May 2015:

"Opportunities for community investment (in place of traditional bank finance) will be explored and the project will directly share the financial benefits with the community investors and additionally through a generous community donation."

Upcoming events

[The Grand Plant Sale & Bazaar](#) [Gwent Wildlife Trust](#)

Saturday, 16 May 2015 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Palmer Community Centre, Cormeilles Square,
Chepstow (near Town Arch)

[Chepstow Independent Market Day](#)

Saturday, 23 May 2015 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Chepstow Town Centre

[Grow Your Own at Hanley Landshare](#) [Open Day & Working Party](#)

Sunday, 31 May 2015 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Adjacent to Hanley Court Business Park
NP16 7NA (A48)

[Food Group Meeting](#)

Tuesday, 2 June 2015 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Regency Room at The Beaufort Hotel,
Chepstow, NP16 5EP

[Energy Network Meeting](#)

Wednesday, 3 June 2015 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
The Bar, Beaufort Hotel, Chepstow

[Open Farm Sunday](#)

Sunday, 7 June 2015
Tidenham, off A48

[Bristol Festival of Nature](#)

Saturday, 13 June 2015 - June 14, 2015
Across Bristol

[Green Gathering 2015](#)

August 13, 2015 - August 16, 2015
Piercefield Park, Chepstow
(Entrance via the racecourse)

If you would like to learn more about any of our projects/events or would like to get involved, please get in touch!

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