



TRANSITION CHEPSTOW

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August 2017 Newsletter



Hanley Landshare Open Day

Thanks to all who helped with our open day at the Open Farm event! It was a fab day with great weather and some lovely chats with new (very keen) growers at the site.

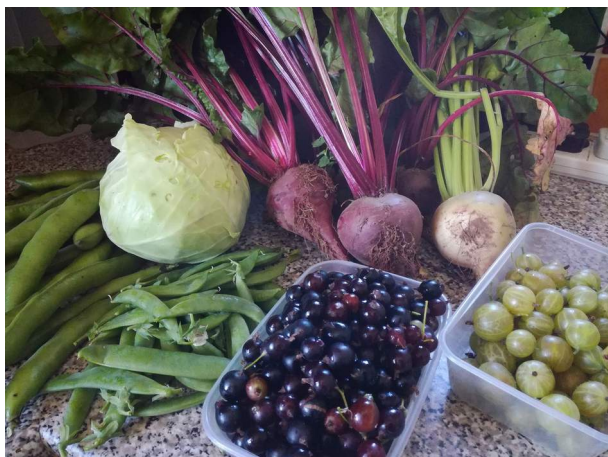
We had 31 visitors, including 12 children and a volunteer from the [Dean Forest Food Hub](#) and [Swansea City Farm](#).

We also made good progress with weeding and planting on several plots and our youngest helpers (relatives of Landshare volunteers) helped build our new bug hotel!



Our [Hanley Landshare](#) community plot offers free space to grow your own fruit and veg and we have experienced growers on hand to help you if you are new to growing.

Contact food@transitioncepstow.org.uk for more details.



Fresh crop from Hanley landshare

Chepstow Big Lunch in the Castle



Hundreds joined in with [The Big Lunch](#) organised by Transition Chepstow to celebrate Chepstow's 950th birthday, as well as 10 years since Chepstow became a [Transition Town](#).

The occasion proved a real joy for locals to get together and offered many exciting activities and entertainment in Chepstow Castle. Highlights included live music from local choirs and bands, as well as hands-on activities including crafts and games for children provided by several local groups.

Many thanks to all that joined in!



Read the full report with more details about participating groups: [Chepstow Big Lunch](#)

A survey with a prize!

Tell us about your experience at Chepstow Big Lunch and you can enter a prize draw to win a **Cream Tea for Two** from Tiffin Tea & Coffee House in Chepstow. We would be grateful for your feedback at the survey below:

[Chepstow Big Lunch 2017 Survey](#)



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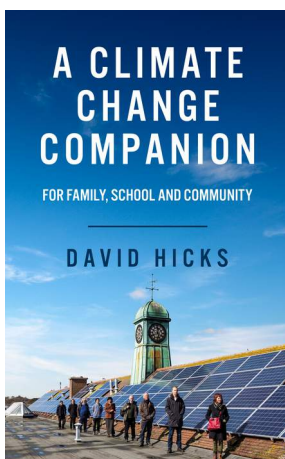


Electric car chargers in Chepstow!

[Monmouthshire County Council](#) approved that [Gwent Energy CIC](#) will install an electric car charger point in the car park by Chepstow Library. It will be a 7 kW charger that will recharge most cars in 3 to 4 hours. Tokens will be available from First Stop Stationers and the Library during opening hours. This installation will encourage Electric Vehicle (EV) users into Chepstow town centre, as the demand for EV charging points is anticipated to increase. EVs are beneficial to the local environment since they do not produce pollution.



A Climate Change Companion



This book written by Transition Chepstow member Dave Hicks is now available at Chepstow Bookshop. It provides a clear understanding of what a more sustainable low-carbon future could look like and why this will benefit present and future generations.

Chepstow Show

Saturday, 12th August 2017
Chepstow Racecourse



If you fancy entering the horticulture competition at [Chepstow Show](#), why not enter the [pollinator friendly class](#), sponsored by Transition Chepstow? [Entry forms](#) need to be submitted by Wednesday, 9th August and can be downloaded from the Show's website.

Pollinator-friendly plants are those which are rich in nectar & pollen and usually bare open flowers providing pollinators easy access to the pollen bearing stamens. A list of [suggested pollinator-friendly flowers](#) put together by Transition Chepstow member Marc Carlton can be found on the Show's website: <http://www.chepstowshow.co.uk/>



*Pollinator Friendly Planter
winning entry 2016*



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Organising Chepstow Apple Day

With the apples in the community orchards ripening, it must be time to think about this year's [Apple Day](#)! Keep an eye on the Transition Chepstow website [events page](#) for the date, in late October or early November.

If you have new ideas for apple-related themes or activities, or you would like to help coordinate, or your business or organisation would like to take a stall, or to find out more, please contact food@transitioncepstow.org.uk. We would particularly like to hear from anyone who would be interested in organising activities for children on the day.



Apple tree in Wyebank Road community orchard in Sedbury pruned and with new strimmer guard!

Energy Network Meetings

Interested in sustainable energy? Join us for an [Energy Group](#) meeting on the first Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm at the Beaufort Hotel, in Chepstow.

Upcoming meetings: Wednesday, 6th September and 4th October 2017.

Contact: energy@transitioncepstow.org.uk

Garden City Centenary

Garden City celebrated its centenary on 1st July with a Fun Day including music, a dog show, a history display, and stalls and demonstrations by various groups. Transition Chepstow was represented by a stand and information display, as well as tours by Marc Carlton and Glyn Parkhouse of the wildflower area which Transition Chepstow has developed in Piggy's Hill.



*Garden City Centenary Fun Day
In the foreground: community apple trees planted and maintained by Transition Chepstow*

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) showcase

In July the [Food Group](#) visited [Old Lands CSA](#) near Monmouth. We saw how they are growing a fabulous variety of veg and fruit in the grounds of Dingestow Court, much of it in the old walled garden. [CSA](#) farms are based on a partnership of local communities working with farmers, to share the responsibilities, benefits and risks of food production. Old Lands do this through offering a veg box that you can subscribe to. Their produce is organically grown, following 'no-dig' principles. The visit was sponsored by the [Tyfu Fyny](#) project which supports community growing in Wales.

