



# TRANSITION CHEPSTOW

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## August 2021 Newsletter



### Flora of the Wye Valley Greenway

In July, local residents joined Marc Carlton, Transition Chepstow and [The Floral Mile](#) - A section of the Wye Valley Greenway for a fascinating and colourful journey along the [Wye Valley Greenway](#) in Tidenham Parish, exploring the wide range of flowers and trees that can be found there.

We heard about the great early success of the Floral Mile project which has been planting and seeding local varieties of plants between the [National Diving & Activity Centre \(NDAC\)](#) and the Tidenham Tunnel. The project is still recruiting volunteers if you'd like to get involved.

More details of the Wye Valley Greenway project can be found here, including contacts for volunteering:

<https://www.wyevalleygreenway.org/>

The event was organised as part of the 'Tidenham Parish Eco-Project' with help from [Sedbury Space](#).

Funding from The National Lottery Community Fund, distributed by Transition Network, helped us to put on this event. Thanks to National Lottery players for making this possible. Look for more information about Transition - Bounce Forward at:

<https://transition-bounceforward.org/>



### 'Wye tackle climate change!' Competition

Climate change affects us all - we must act now to ensure a sustainable future. In the run-up to the [COP26](#) conference in Glasgow in November, Transition Chepstow is organising a competition for schools and youth groups in the local area.

Participants can enter as an individual or as a team in one of three age groups:

- 11 and under
- 12 to 15
- 16 and over

The competition is to prepare materials for a campaign to make everyone, but especially young people aware of the need to reduce our carbon footprint and to inspire others to do the same. Enter through your school or youth group, with cash prizes of up to £100 to winning organisations in each of the three age categories. The best entries will be used in future campaigns and some of the winners may receive professional help to finalise their campaign.

Entries must be submitted by 5pm on Friday, 1st October 2021.

Please find below the full terms and conditions as well as the entry form:

<https://www.transitionchepstow.org.uk/2021/07/bye-tackle-climate-change-competition/>  
For more information, please contact us at [youth.coordinator@transitionchepstow.org.uk](mailto:youth.coordinator@transitionchepstow.org.uk).



[TransitionChepstow.org.uk](https://www.transitionchepstow.org.uk)



### Beachley Point litter pick

Enthusiastic local residents joined us for our Beachley Point litter pick in July. We are pleased to report that there wasn't too much litter to collect! The event was organised by [Keep Chepstow Tidy](#) and Transition Chepstow as part of the 'Tidenham Eco-Project'. Severn Area Rescue Association and Chepstow Coastguard Station helped with support and advice on the day. The Rifles, 1st Sedbury & Tidenham Scout Group and Sedbury Space supported the organisation of the event.

Funding from The National Lottery Community Fund, distributed by Transition Network, has helped us to make the event happen. Thanks to National Lottery players for making this possible. Look for more information about Transition: Bounce Forward at: <https://transition-bounceforward.org/>



Check out the [Keep Chepstow Tidy](#) page for dates and locations of upcoming litter picks in Chepstow. More volunteers always welcome! All equipment supplied but please bring your mask and hand sanitiser, and a pair of stout gloves if you can. If you can't make it, why not take a bag when you go out and pick up some litter on your street or on your walk? It all makes a difference.



### Wye Valley Greenway Volunteering Opportunity

[Wye Valley Greenway](#) Volunteers are holding a workcamp in the week from Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September. It will be based from the National Diving and Activity Centre in Tidenham. They have a provisional list of tasks planned, including (but not limited to):

- improvements at Wydean School path entrance
- building a tool storage area
- drainage works
- installation of sculptures and seats from sleepers at selected points
- clearing vegetation on path verges
- path improvement south of Tintern
- limited clearance on the planned route of the nearby Lydney to Parkend Greenway

They are also looking for a couple of volunteers to collect some path user testimonials and take photographs during the week to document the workcamp and path user experience. If you can help, please email Jeremy via [wyevalleygreenway@yahoo.com](mailto:wyevalleygreenway@yahoo.com).





### Road accidents, health and safety issues, and related required highway infrastructure improvements at High Beech Roundabout traffic logjam

The recent spate of unfortunate serious road traffic accidents on the A466 link road, and the A48 eastern and western approach roads to the High Beech Roundabout, have highlighted related concerns about the safety of the access road junctions to the busy congested roundabout.

The current high profile press publicity concerning the pending remedial action by the relevant highway authority to properly improve the efficient and safe traffic flow at the bottleneck, and the recommendations and decision of the ongoing official detailed review, is eagerly and impatiently long-awaited. The particular urgent safety priorities are the A466 southwards and A48 eastwards white line dual lanes access junctions.

Meanwhile, the proposed major increase in adjacent new housing estates indicated in the Monmouthshire County Council [Replacement Local Development Plan](#) emphasises the need for a radical reappraisal of the road infrastructure and allied air pollution concerns. The [Transition Chepstow Transport Group](#) is continuing its active campaign on these ongoing and pressing vital traffic issues.

**Peter Evans**  
Health & Consciousness Group Coordinator

### Forest of Dean Climate Action

[Forest of Dean Climate Action](#) is a community partnership established to coordinate a district wide community-based response to the climate emergency.

They are currently in the process of developing local hubs where people can meet to contribute ideas to the partnership and get involved in helping to deliver community led climate action through collaboration, empowerment and knowledge sharing, with the imperative of driving the district to become carbon neutral by 2030.

They support rapid decarbonisation and the development of sustainable and resilient communities and enterprises, ensuring a just transition.

Those interested can sign up to the newsletter to receive further updates about local hubs, as well as projects and action the partnership is taking:

<https://forestofdeanclimateaction.org.uk/>

### IET 150: My Sustainable Community Competition

In partnership with [Engineering Education Scheme Wales](#) (EESW), the [Institution of Engineering and Technology](#) have launched a competition to help young people across the UK discover how engineering and technology can be key in providing solutions to some of the planet's largest challenges, all while having fun!

The task is for young people (between the ages of 7-14) to take on the role of an engineer and design a sustainable neighbourhood of 150 homes using their local area as inspiration. They can enter the competition as an individual or a group - the closing date for entries is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

To find out more and download resources and briefing guides, visit the [Competition page](#).

