



TRANSITION CHEPSTOW

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December 2021 Newsletter



Community Litter Picks

Thank you to the 15 volunteers including 3 children who came along to our October community litter pick in Bulwark. As well as clearing streets and along the Coast Path, some of the group tackled the steep wooded path below the Coast Path, which was a real eyesore with discarded cans and bottles. We left it looking much tidier - we hope it will stay that way. All in all we collected 7 bags for recycling, 9 of general waste and one of glass. Thanks also to the six adults and two children who came together in September to collect three bags each of general waste and cans/plastic, as well as a bag of glass in Thornwell.

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.

Orchard Care

Transition Chepstow volunteers have been carrying out orchard care sessions throughout the past couple of months at Fair View orchard opposite 'The Paddock', near Highbeech roundabout, at Dell Orchard opposite Chepstow Castle and other locations. We have been pruning, checking stakes/ties and clearing any sucker growth.

Additional sessions are being planned for January/February. Please email Marcus via orchards@transitionchepstow.org.uk if you'd like to be kept informed of future dates.



Woolpitch Community Orchard

A local group have recently established a small community orchard next to the play area on the Bayfield estate. Seventeen people helped with planting in November with support from Transition Chepstow. Thanks to Chepstow Garden Centre for their generous discount on the trees and to Chepstow Town Council for the grant which enabled the volunteers to do this. Thanks too to Monmouthshire County Council who have allowed land use and given some helpful advice.

You can get in touch with the team behind the project at woolpitchorchard@gmail.com or on their [Facebook page](#).



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





Congestion issues persist at High Beech Roundabout

The recent UN COP26 Conference in Glasgow has highlighted the crucial urgency of the world climate crisis and the vital need to combat the associated environmental degradation and terminal risk to planetary health and human existence.

At the local level, Transition Chepstow is continuing its campaign - initiated two years ago at the public meetings organised to mitigate the worsening traffic congestion and associated vehicle emission pollution at the High Beech Roundabout bottleneck junction. Regrettably, the partial remedial white line dual lane improvements in traffic flow have yet to be properly completed, and the notorious dangerous jams and health hazards unaccountably persist at the A48 Eastwards and A466 Southwards access junctions.

The Transport Group together with the Health & Consciousness Group is stepping-up its campaign pressure on the highway authority for urgent action to remedy the unacceptable situation.

*Peter Evans, Co-ordinator
Health & Consciousness Group*

Chepstow Bus timetables 30 years out of date

Many of Chepstow's buses have incorrect timetables - some 30 years out of date. It is no wonder many people are not using the bus service and buses run empty.



Transition Chepstow has compiled a list of all bus services that are up to date and will keep up to date on our website at [Chepstow Bus timetables](https://www.transitionchepstow.org.uk/chepstow-bus-timetables) and at 4 key points in Chepstow - the Bus Station, outside the Tourist Information Offices, the Train Station and the Library.

Transition Chepstow are having to do this as Monmouthshire County Council have not kept to their promise made at a public meeting in November 2019 despite many reminders, when they agreed to update bus timetable displays. Monmouthshire County Council purchase many of the bus services but the public are not getting value for money if there are no up to date timetables. The Council also promised to improve key bus shelters 2 years ago and this has also been neglected.

Karshare to start in Chepstow in the spring

Play your part in reducing congestion in Chepstow by renting your car out and earning up to £550 a month. On average cars sit idle for 96% of the time. Many people don't need a car or second car, and making your car available 14 cars are taken off the road according to Karshare. Put simply if you have a car you feel you have to use it, when you could walk, cycle or use public transport. We need 10 people to volunteer to rent their cars out to start Karshare in Chepstow. Transition Chepstow are also seeking funding to add an electric car to the fleet.

For more information visit:

<https://karshare.com/about>

If you are interested in renting your car out please email Tim Melville at:

transport@transitionchepstow.org.uk





Chepstow Community Fridge due to open early 2022

A Community Fridge supported by MCC will be launched soon in Chepstow. Renovation work recently finished on the old Rainbow Cafe, where surplus food will be made available free of charge to prevent it being wasted. Community fridges are aimed at reducing food waste going to landfill and creating a community hub point.

If you would like to find out more, you can follow progress at:

<https://www.facebook.com/CCFridge/>

Anyone interested in volunteering can email:
chepstowcommunityfridge@gmail.com

Free tree offered to every Welsh household

Every household in Wales will be offered a free tree to plant in an effort to help tackle climate change. People will have a choice of native species to plant in their gardens or have added to woodland on their behalf. About 1.3 million trees will be made available by the Welsh government, in a scheme which will cost £2m. The trees will be available from five hubs from March, with a further 20 in the autumn of 2022. Coed Cadw (the Woodland Trust in Wales) will plant the trees which people opt not to have in their gardens.

