

Climate Action Day for Parish and Town Councils

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Dear All

Please see the self-explanatory email below, from the Council's Climate Change Manager.

Thanks and regards

Keith

Dear Parish and Town Councils, and Parish Meetings

A Climate Action Day for the Parish and Town Council Forum

West Oxfordshire District Council has been developing and implementing a full work programme as action against climate change since declaring its climate and ecological emergency in 2019. To help us in this work, in spring last year we asked you for your views on climate action and what you thought the Council should focus on in supporting and helping others to take action against climate change. It was clear from the consultation that respondents felt the Council had an important role in leading by example and helping others in taking local action.

Many local town and parish councils have already declared their own climate emergencies and we are keen to learn more about those positive experiences. In our bid to support and further empower local communities to take climate action, we would like to offer you the opportunity to come together at a forum event and to share and discuss your experiences as part of a Climate Action Day. This is intended for spring of this year. Further to a Climate Action Day, we would then propose a follow-up forum event so that everyone has the chance to reconvene and review their experiences and local achievements since the initial Climate Action Day.

The purpose of this email is to invite your expressions of interest so that we can develop an understanding of the level of interest before confirming arrangements for a Climate Action Day. The reason we are inviting your expressions of interest first is because a Climate Action Day would require an investment from the Council to co-ordinate the event. Therefore we want first to make sure this is something that you would like to participate in and support. The event will be delivered by the Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE) as part of their widespread programme to support local councils. More details on their Climate Action Days can be found here: <https://www.cse.org.uk/news/view/2516>

If the response to this proposal is positive, we will go ahead and confirm a date with you for a Climate Action Day.

Using the voting buttons:

Please vote 'Yes' if you would like to participate at a Climate Action Day.

Please vote 'No' if you would not like to participate at a Climate Action Day.

If the voting buttons are not available to you for your reply, please respond Yes or No to climate.action@westoxon.gov.uk, ensuring that the name of your council or parish meeting is included in the subject line.

We would like to request your responses as soon as possible but by **no later than Monday 22 February 2021**. I hope this date provides you with ample time to consider the request and submit a response on behalf of your Council or Meeting.

Best regards,

Ness Scott

Climate Change Manager

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