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ENERGY CRISIS

BEATING THE CHILL - SHRINKING YOUR BILL



Green Councillor Belinda Bawden organised the recent Home Energy Workshop in Lyme Regis. Saving energy and money goes hand in hand!

The energy crisis is hitting everyone. In Lyme and Charmouth, there are many older properties which can be draughty and difficult to heat.

Belinda Bawden set up the Lyme Area Community Energy Champions scheme, where volunteers offer energy-saving tips and home surveys with a thermal camera, which shows up cold and leaky spots.

We're grateful to the town councils, Dorset Community Energy and the 2030 Vision project for funding support. You can request an Energy Champion visit on energychampslyme@gmail.com

“ Just some simple steps are needed to make your home more energy efficient – contact the energy champions for advice ” says **Belinda Bawden**

TAKING A STAND AGAINST SEWAGE

CLEAN UP OUR RIVERS AND BEACHES

An Environment Agency survey revealed shockingly high bacteria levels in the River Lim last summer. Local residents had been reporting pongs and visible sewage pollution for months! The volunteers monitoring the river formed the River Lim Action group to get action from South West Water to start the clean up we so vitally need.

The two River Char Community Projects also engage Citizen Scientists and enthusiastic volunteers to help monitor and restore the health of the river with experts from the Dorset AONB and Dorset Wildlife Trust.

Please support the campaigns to clean up our rivers and to get Church/Back Beach in Lyme redesignated as a bathing beach.



Belinda Bawden, who's a river monitor, and Char Valley parish councillor Andrew Carey met Baroness Jenny Jones of the Green Party who came to view the sewage problems in Lyme for herself

Contacts:

River Lim Action group: riverlimaction@gmail.com

Lower Char Community Project: www.riverchar.org

Upper Char Community Project: www.charvalley.org/riverchar

NEW SPEEDWATCH GROUPS

Responding to residents' concerns about speeding cars in Charmouth and Lyme, which cause pollution and risk serious accidents, Belinda asked Dorset Police to start Speedwatch initiatives. A briefing was held in January and volunteers will soon be monitoring the speed of cars to gather the evidence we need to request changes. Please join us – email cllrbelinda.bawden@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk



The Speedwatch initiative will target roads where problems have been reported

HEDGES FOR NATURE

The Great Big Dorset Hedge is a visionary project from the Dorset Climate Action Network to engage local communities and promote biodiversity across the county. It started locally with Julie Leah, who lives in Charmouth, as one of the coordinators. If you want to get involved with surveying hedges locally (with training provided) please email greatbigdorsethedge@gmail.com

Belinda Bawden says: "Supporting nature to flourish is vitally important and this is a great way to get involved with something practical."



Volunteers surveying a local hedge.

Rob Smith says: "This exciting project will be a great opportunity to get out into nature, getting your boots and even hands dirty, and help support and learn more about our valuable local biodiversity".

Rob Smith chairs the Environment Committee of Lyme Regis Town Council, and is working with other councillors (including Belinda) to support and promote our local environment and achieve the Council's net zero 2030 commitment. The Town Council is supporting community efforts to clean up the river and bathing waters, and supporting the Energy Champions and the Great Big Dorset Hedge. Electing Green Party councillors really helps the local environment!



Green Lyme Regis Town Councillor Rob Smith

HOW TO GET HELP:

Did you know you can meet Belinda Bawden in Lyme or Charmouth if you need help from your local Dorset councillor? She has been supporting local residents with various problems including anti-social behaviour, housing, planning, the cost of living crisis and speeding.

Please drop in at the weekly surgeries:

Charmouth – last Mondays of the month 2pm to 4pm, Charmouth Community Library

Lyme Regis – Thursdays fortnightly 10am to 12pm, the Community Café, the Hub, Church Street

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