



## Ideas for Community Climate Action

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Ideas for things you can do in and with your community to build momentum and bring about change:

- Run a Repair Café with support from Cambridge Carbon Footprint (CCF).
- Host a swish (clothes swap) party. CCF can advise on running one and you can borrow our kit.
- Organise a Human Library – find local experts to act as ‘books’. CCF could probably help you with some ‘books’ too.
- Host a Vegan Feast to showcase more sustainable, cruelty free diet. We organise these in Histon as part of the [Histon and Impington Sustainability Group](#) that I volunteer with.
- Start a [TerraCycle](#) collection point. In Histon and Impington we have collected pens & markers, crisp packets, dental products, Pringle tubes and other items that can’t be recycled.
- Organise a talk/workshop on home energy. CCF might be able to find people – [Nicola Terry](#) may give a talk/workshop, she runs Transition’s Energy Group and is very knowledgeable. There are likely local architects/engineers/builders etc. who may have expertise.
- Publicise CCF’s [Thermal Imaging Training](#) (we usually have cameras people can borrow, as does South Cambs District Council) and [Open Eco Homes](#). Or run your own local mini Open Eco Homes?
- Hold a little market highlighting local food and drink producers. Is there an opportunity to tie in with a local allotment?

- Survey people's appetite for a local electric vehicle charging points/car sharing/clubs.
- At existing village events or at ones you may organise in the future, ask visitors what they'd like to see in the future to help them live more sustainably – this could be on post-it notes, a chalkboard etc. I really like Rob Hopkin's '[What If...](#)' work that's currently popular.
- Find someone who knows about gardening for wildlife and get them to give a talk/link it to climate & habitat loss?
- A mow free verges project – this is a popular project in Histon.
- Organise a tour to AMEY's recycling plant, contact SCDC – very popular and great for raising awareness. These visits seem to really stick with people.
- Swaffham Prior is running an innovative scheme to fight fuel poverty and source renewable energy for their homes. Contact the SP Community Land Trust to see if they might come and give a talk.
- Start a Community Fridge.
- Create a Library of Things/set up an online swap and share platform/ organise a yard sale highlighting circular economy/overconsumption in your publicity.
- Find opportunities to measure people's footprint using CCF's Calculator and then pledge to take action & sign the Charter.
- Share seasonal excess from allotments/gardens – some places have a fruit tree map.
- Look into local procurement and see if there's scope to make it more local/seasonal/ethical etc.
- Run a cycling promotion event, see the Strawberry 50 that we run in Histon and Impington.
- Encourage local organisations to make their community buildings more efficient through accessing grants/support available. I think the County Council and SCDC have info on this.
- Compile a local directory of green stuff.
- Apply for [Zero Carbon Communities](#) funding to support your ambitions.
- Organise a campaign around a green issue that includes letter writing, emailing, in person meetings, tagging in social media.
- Consider running as a Parish/District/County Councillor.
- Join a campaign group or local liaison forum.
- Support and encourage people in your community to take part in consultations and petitions and get involved in your Neighbourhood Plan and 5 Year Local Plan.

Finally, if you are tackling something big...bear in minds the wise words of Anna Williams from Camcycle who says:

Be Curious  
 Plan your theory of change  
 It's a marathon, not a sprint  
 Build relationships  
 Listen lots