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Dear Greening Supporters,

In February we were delighted to host another sell-out Green Drinks event; Sue Walsh's fascinating talk about bird ringing. There's a bit of a change of tack for this month's Green Drinks - it's all about **Heat Pumps**. They may not be quite as cute as tiny song birds, but they could transform your home's carbon footprint. So do come along on March 27th to find out more.

We also have some choice opportunities for those of you who are concerned about the climate crisis to take some action. You could sign the **Zero Hour open letter** to your local MP, enter your **wildlife garden** in the Steyning in Bloom garden open day, or demonstrate your **EV vehicle** at this year's Green Day. All of the details are below - happy reading!

Best wishes,

Geoff, Co-Chair, Greening Steyning

Green Drinks



Heat Pump Evening

Find out if your home is heat pump ready with our expert panel including heating engineer; Michael Paini

**At Steyning
Athletic Club
27th March**

**Doors & bar open
8.00pm**

***Tickets £3. Book online:
greeningsteyning.org/events***



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Is your Home Heat Pump Ready?

There's loads of talk these days about heat pumps being the low carbon home heating solution for the future. But there's also plenty of uncertainties and nervousness around the technology.

- Will it work for me?
- Will it keep my house warm on really cold days?
- Is now a good time to make the move, or should I wait a few years?
- What will it all cost?

- And how can I tap into the new £7500 Boiler Upgrade Scheme grant I've heard about?

Come along to Green Drinks on Weds 27th March and we can answer all your questions. Heat pumps aren't for everyone - but would they be a good solution for you?

We'll have a panel of experts and homeowners talking about their experience with heat pumps, including Michael Paini from local firm, Option Energy Solutions - a member of the Greening Steyning Home Energy Team who is a qualified heating engineer in his day job.

It's at the Steyning Athletic Club, starting at 8.00pm. The bar will be open. Tickets cost £3 and are available by clicking the button below.

Or you can find out more from our website: greeningsteyning.org/heatpumps/

[Book a spot at the Heat Pump Evening](#)

Get behind this Climate Campaign



Have you heard about this campaign by Zero Hour? The aim is to show the general election candidates the groundswell of support for action on the Climate and Nature crisis and make the Climate & Ecology Bill part of the 2024 general election campaign.

Whichever party wins this election, all MPs will need to get to grips with the climate-nature crisis during the next Parliament. The next few years are a huge opportunity for your future MP to show leadership on this issue and ensure that the community they represent benefits from the cleaner, more sustainable, and healthier future that the Bill will help us achieve.

But to **get the Climate & Ecology Bill made into law** we need your future MP—whichever party they're from—to 'BACK THE BILL'! Zero Hour are asking people in constituencies up and down the UK to get their future MPs to commit to backing the Climate & Ecology Bill during the election campaign.

The aim is to ask every Prospective Parliamentary Candidate (PPC)—including incumbent MPs—in every constituency to back the Bill. The climate & nature emergency needs to be a key part of the general election debate. And the bill can make sure that—instead of **rollbacks and backtracking**—politicians are raising ambition in line with the science, and committing to real action on

climate and nature.

Zero Hour are live tracking the numbers so we will be able to see the momentum building locally. Every signature counts! Once we get over 100 signatures in Arundel and South Downs constituency it triggers a counter which shows the numbers building up in our open letter. This is encouraging news for all of us - so click the link below to add your signature now! Just add your postcode.

Please ask your family, friends and local clubs / churches / organisations to sign too.

[Sign Here](#)

You can find out more about the Climate and Ecology Bill [here](#)

Teaming up with Steyning in Bloom



Calling all Wildlife Friendly Gardeners

Steyning in Bloom have invited Greening Steyning to join them once more for their annual Open Garden's event at the end of June. Last year, for the first time, we included five **wildlife friendly gardens** in their garden trail and we have been asked to organize the same again this year.

The invitation comes at a time of growing interest in this alternative approach to gardening and the question of how we can all play a part in helping our wildlife survive in an uncertain future. It is a growing trend that has won the support of organisations like the **National Trust** and the **Royal Horticultural Society**, no less, and we are delighted to say 'yes' to this opportunity to share the idea of gardening for Nature rather than against it.

All we need now is a group of keen wildlife-friendly gardeners who are enthusiastic about what they are doing, and willing to open their gardens up to visitors for an afternoon in June.

Garden size doesn't matter. It is amazing what you can pack into a patio! This is all about sharing ideas and encouraging others who may be thinking about 'wildlife friendlying' their gardens or maybe opening the eyes of those who would never dream of changing their habits. And the important thing is that you don't have to worry about the weeds coming up in the lawn, or nibbled petals on those roses! Interested?

Email biodiversity@greeningsteyning.org to let us know if you would like to take part.

Steyning in Bloom's Open Day is on the 30th June, 2024 at 12 noon to 5pm. You can find more ideas at GreeningSteyning.org/Open-Gardens

Join the Parade!



Calling all EV and e-Bike Owners

To kick Green Day off, once again there's going to be a parade and showcase for electric vehicles (EVs) and e-Bikes.

Are you an enthusiastic EV or e-Bike owner? If so, would you like to take part in the parade? It starts at Fletchers Croft, loops around Tanyard Lane, and comes back via the High Street. And perhaps you would be up for sticking around to

chat to members of the public and answer their questions about what it's like to own one? You can find out more and sign up at: <https://bit.ly/EVParade>