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Dear Greening Supporters,

This Easter we have plenty of exciting events in the pipeline which we're keen to share with you. Firstly, the good news about our latest grant, followed by articles about the events it is helping us to fund; **Green Day** and the **Eco Open House Weekend**.

There are **opportunities to get involved** with our current events whatever your interests; supporting the team at Green Day, sharing your eco home or opening your wildlife friendly garden. Read on for all the details and don't hesitate to contact us and join the fun if something piques your interest.

Lastly, the news that we are launching a new **home energy helpdesk online** aiming to reach more people with our friendly energy-saving service.

Our regular events are running as usual this month with dates and details below, including Give Your Stuff Away Day this Sunday.

Best wishes,

Geoff, Co-Chair, Greening Steyning

Good News



Great news on funding

We have some excellent news to report on the funding front. We've been awarded another grant from the Horsham District Council Community Climate Fund. It's our third grant in four years and is a really encouraging sign that the District Council recognises what we're doing and want to back us in raising our sights so we can make a real difference. We've been awarded £4000 this time, and we'll be channelling the funds into two main activities: supporting Green Day in May, and running an Eco Open House event later in the year.

Green Day 2024



Creating Local Wildlife Corridors

Steyning Festival Green Day is just around the corner and it is all about 'Making Space for Wildlife'. The conservation groups in our area have come together to show everyone the work that is being done to help the wildlife on our doorstep.

Greening Steyning's Biodiversity Group, has become very enthusiastic about 'Wildlife Corridors' and 'Wildlife Friendly Gardening' and we have chosen these as our theme for the day. The event opens with a **children's parade** that takes them on an adventure along a wildlife corridor with obstacles to overcome on the way. We are looking forward to having the **Weald to Waves** wildlife corridor team with us, talking about their project and explaining how we can all get involved. You can read more about the Weald to Waves Project, wildlife corridors and their significance on our blog [Wildlife Corridors Explained](#)

Put Your Garden on the Map

At Green Day you can **pledge your garden** or greenspace to the project. You

can do this online with the Weald to Waves team and can physically mark your garden on a large scale map of our local area, giving us a picture of how many and where our wildlife friendly gardens are.

Then you can go over to our **Wildlife Friendly Garden stall** and pick up some ideas of how to garden in this way. Come and get involved and enjoy the day!

Green Day is on Saturday 25th May at Cuthman's Field - Starting at 11am

Eco Open Houses



Eco Open House weekend – Looking for volunteers

Greening Steyning is organising an Eco Open House weekend later in the year to showcase some local homes that have made energy saving and other eco

improvements. We are seeking volunteers from Steyning, Bramber or Beeding who would be happy to take part and welcome visitors to their homes.

We are looking for a cross-section of properties showing a range of different features - from small, low-cost measures through to more ambitious eco-retrofits and new builds. You don't need a Grand Designs style passive house to take part!

The aim is to inspire others to follow your example. To take part homeowners will need to:

- be willing to open their homes up to visitors over two days in late Aug/early Sept (dates tbc)
- be available to welcome visitors and answer question (there will be additional stewards on hand to help with this)
- work with the Greening Steyning home energy team to develop information materials showcasing the features on display in your house

If you are interested, please click the button below and fill in a short survey describing your house. We'll then be in touch to arrange an initial visit from one of our team to talk things over.

[I'm Interested](#)

Join us for Green Day!



Helpers needed for Green Day

Plans for Green Day on 25th May are now well advanced and it looks like it's going to be an action and wildlife packed day. But we need some extra pairs of hands to help run some of the Greening Steyning activities. In particular:

- Decorating the Storytelling tent with ivy, cut out animals, and bunting
- Acting as marshals for the EV & e-Bike parade
- Helping with the "Put My Garden on the Map" activity in the Big Top Tent
- Some general helpers to make sure the day runs smoothly

Have you got an hour or two to spare that day? If so please sign up and we'll be in touch nearer the date to arrange timings and specifics.

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