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Dear Greening Supporters,

It's February which means 2025 is now properly underway. After a well-attended **Volunteer Night & AGM** last week, Greening Steyning are ready to share more of our plans for the year ahead.

We start with a gentle reminder to fill in our **Climate Action Tracker Survey** if you haven't already done so. Then we have some positive news to share from the results of the **Safer Walking & Cycling Survey**. It's great to see the many voices in our community being given a chance to have their say.

Our first **Green Drinks** of the year promises to be a fun and participatory evening with a "Recycling Masterclass", and the **Repair Cafe** are adding extra workshops to their listings this year.

Read on for details, plus news from **other local groups** and our own **regular activities** this month.

Best wishes,

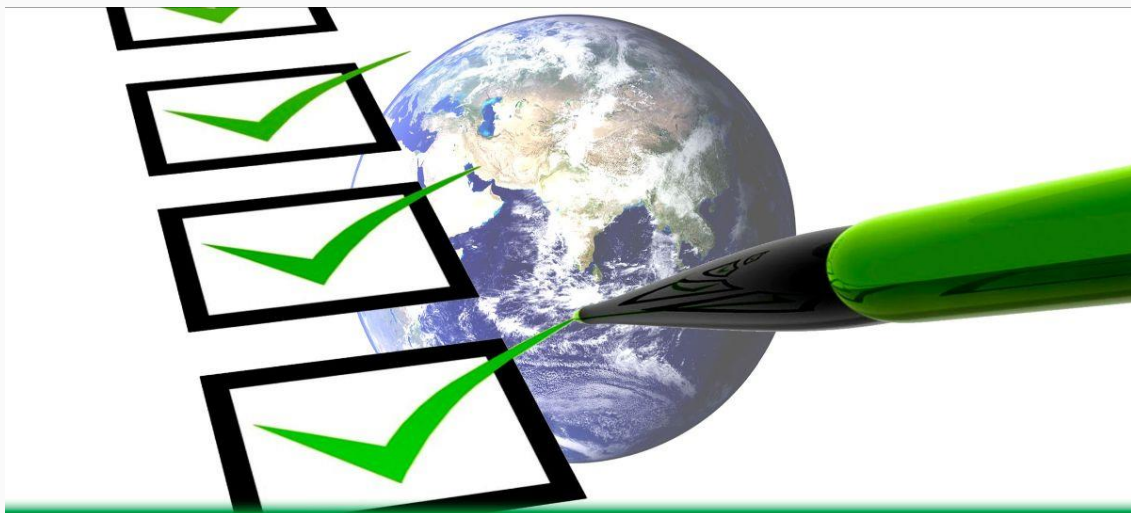
Geoff, Co-Chair, Greening Steyning

Volunteer Night 2025



There's always lots to smile about when Greening Steyning get together. With representatives from all four of our Action Groups plus volunteers from each project, there was plenty to discuss about the work we've done, and discussions and ideas for the year ahead. [Click here](#) to read some of the details from our AGM and volunteers night last week.

Climate Action Tracker



*Share the positive steps
you're taking to help
climate and nature*

**Closes
16 Feb**

2025 Climate Action Tracker Survey: Still time to take part

We'd really appreciate your input on this. Greening Steyning would love to find out what you've been doing over the past two years to reduce your energy consumption, trim your carbon footprint, and be kinder to wildlife and nature. And we're keen to learn what further steps you may be thinking of taking over the next two years.

The survey is important because it's the best ways we've got of seeing how much progress we've made locally in getting on top of the climate and nature crisis. It helps us prioritise what we do in future. And the data is super useful in demonstrating to funders what difference we're making.

It should only take 5 minutes to fill out. Just click the button below.

The Survey closes on Sunday 16th February, and is limited to one person per household.

[Fill in the Survey](#)

Walking & Cycling Survey Results



**How can we make
Walking &
Cycling
in Steypning,
Bramber & Beeding
Safer and
Easier ?**

The results are in! A big thanks to the 450+ people who took time to fill in the Walking & Cycling Survey and shared their thoughts on how to make Steypning, Bramber and Upper Beeding more walking and cycling friendly, and easier to get around for those with wheelchairs, pushchairs and mobility vehicles.

The response showed that this is an issue that many local people care about. Nearly everybody surveyed said they would like to get out and about

more – 85% would like to cycle more, and 67% would like to get walk more often.

People didn't hold back with their comments and suggestions. Over 1900 were received! From this wealth of data and input clear headline messages emerge showing how the local community would like to see action to make walking, cycling and wheelchair use safer and easier.

Armed with this evidence, the Working Party* has set to in coming up with a draft Local Walking and Cycling Plan. This will be discussed the Parish, District and County Councils, as well as other important stakeholders such as local schools and the business chamber.

If you would like to see the full results of the survey, go to: visitsteyning.co.uk/WCP

** The Local Walking & Cycling Plan Working Party has been convened under the auspices of Steyning & District Community Partnership's Sustainable Travel Committee.*

Green Drinks



Recycling Masterclass

Think you know recycling?

Get tips on how to do it even better with Sophie Goodall-Smith of West Sussex Waste Prevention

At the
Steyning Centre
25th February

Doors & bar open at
7.30pm
Talk begins
7.45pm



Tickets £5 (£3 students)
Book online at:
greeningsteyning.org/events

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Green Drinks this month promises fun as well as facts!

Sophie Goodall-Smith is a passionate speaker and founding member of Greening Steyning. From her role at West Sussex County Council Waste Prevention she will be providing us with a 'Masterclass' on how we can all be more effective in improving recycling and reducing waste.

She'll be testing our knowledge with a quiz, as well as answering those tricky questions such as "Where to take clothing that is no good for re-sale?", "What actually happens to the soft plastics we diligently collect at the Co-op?" All that and much more about the waste in our blue, green and brown bins plus the latest thinking at County level on how to boost recycling rates and prevent

waste in the first place.

Ticket numbers are limited so book yours now!

[Book a Ticket](#)

February Repair Cafe

Repair, Repurpose, Upcycle workshops for 2025. These are held at the Repair Café in Beeding & Bramber Village Hall on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 2-4, and we encourage children to become involved (although adults are welcome!).

For **February** we will be bag making using discarded clothing. So bring along an old t-shirt or a pair of swimming trunks and let's see what we can achieve!





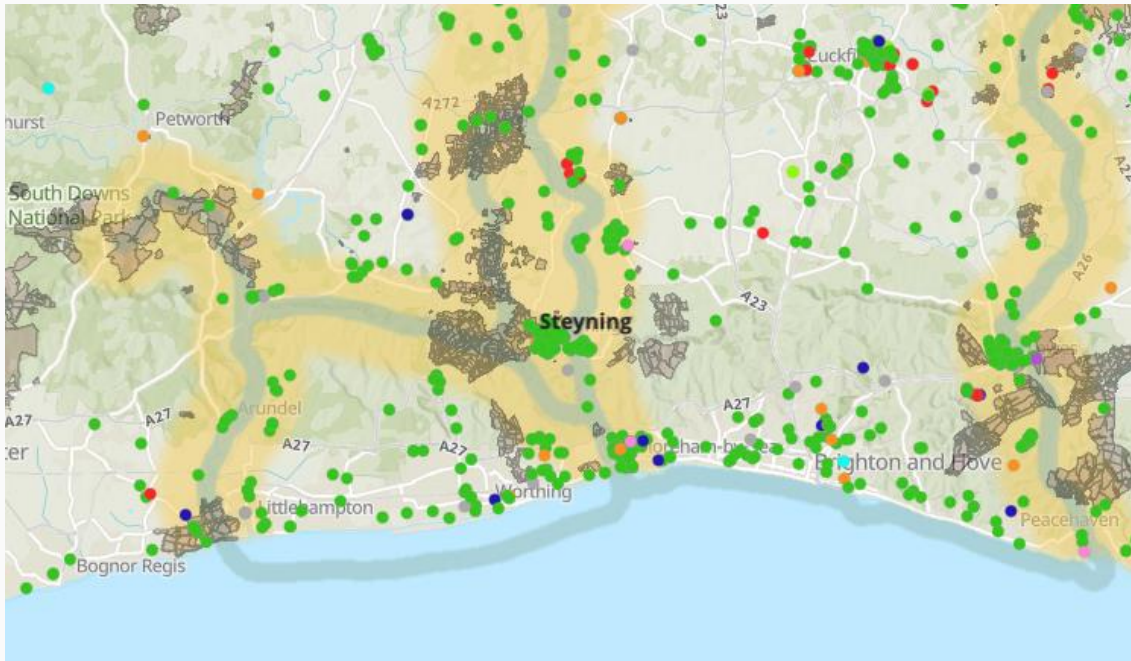
Learn how to maintain your bike

New this month! Volunteers at the repair cafe can show you how to maintain your own bike.

Are you unsure how to mend a puncture, adjust brakes or raise a saddle? Would you like to learn how, or even teach your child?

Come along to the February Repair Cafe with your bike and we will show you how to do any of the basic maintenance tasks. Save money and ensure your bike is roadworthy!

News from other Organisations



The **Weald to Waves** project have updated us with the news that Steyning is one of their areas with the most sign-ups to the wildlife corridor they are establishing across Sussex. The green dots on the map above represent each garden or piece of land dedicated to support nature and wildlife. As you can see Steyning is looking very positive! If you haven't already signed up your own garden and would like to it's not too late, just register at <https://www.wealdtowaves.co.uk/get-involved/gardens-and-greenspaces/>

Find out more about this project [here](#) and visit the interactive map at <https://www.wealdtowaves.co.uk/map/weald-to-waves-main-map/>



Calling all birders!

Did you know that we have a friendly local bird group that covers Steyning? It's for everyone with an interest in birds and nature around Shoreham-By-Sea, and this includes Steyning.

The Shoreham and District Ornithology Society (SDOS) established over 70 years ago provides a social focus for birding. They organise monthly winter talks and field trips throughout the year, engage in habitat conservation and work with the community. Their mission is to maintain and enhance members' interest in birds and natural habitats. Annual membership costs £12 (£18 for joint membership) The Shoreham birding Facebook group is also available for anyone one to join. They would like to see more contributions from Steyning;

"We are looking to establish the Steyning birding community as an active part of SDOS and calling anyone interested in birds, whether just starting out, still at school or a birding expert to become involved in SDOS and let us know your bird news from Steyning - garden bird news, unusual sightings or birds seen on your regular walks. If you have any suggestions about new habitat creations or improvements, we'd like to hear about that too!"

Vicci Johnson is the Steyning contact for SDOS and would love to put keen birders in touch with each other. The Steyning Downland scheme has a group of local birders who do a morning survey once a month. Is there anyone who would like to join a small group to informally survey Bramber Brooks or the Abbey Road conservation area?

Please contact Vicci to find out more on viccijohnson42@gmail.com



Do you know about West Sussex Car Share Scheme?

westsussexcarshare.com aims to encourage car users to share journeys and save money where they can. Regular car sharers matched through the website save hundreds of pounds a year in fuel costs alone.

The scheme is free to use. It's simple to create an account, log in and start using the service. With a quick search you can find other people who make the same journey as you and contact them through the website and start car sharing!

Looking Ahead to March

Reintroducing Beavers at Knepp

We also have a treat in store for March Green Drinks. Matt Phelps, the Lead Ecologist at the Knepp Estate, will be joining us to talk about how their efforts to reintroduce beavers are progressing. We're expecting a full house, so book early.



It's at the **Steyning Centre** on **Weds 26 March**.

Doors and bar open at 7.30pm. Talk starts

7.45pm. Tickets cost £5 (£3 students).

[Book Tickets](#)



Our Regular Events

Weekly - BN44 Community Fridge is open Monday evening (6-7pm) and Thursday morning (10-11am). Find out the latest on what's available each day on their [Facebook group](#).



Sat 08 Feb 2025 - Repair Cafe - Beeding & Bramber Village Hall, 2pm - 4pm. For household repairs including electricals, bike repairs & tune-ups, tool sharpening. Tea and cake at the cafe. No need to book in advance. To ask if an item is

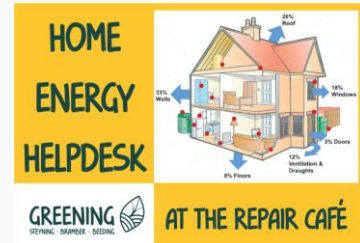


suitable for repair, email

repaircafe@greeningsteyning.org

Sat 08 Feb 2025 - Home Energy Helpdesk - at the Repair Cafe, 2 - 4pm

Come along and find out how you can make your home cosier, save on bills, and help save the planet! [Book a spot online](#) or just turn up on the day.



Sat 22 Feb 2025 - Climate Cafe at the Castle - great coffee and a warm, inclusive space to share friendship and support, for those with concerns about the climate crisis. Drop in for a chat - we can meet the future impact of climate change sustainably together. [More details here](#)



A Final Note - please help us to share our news with others in the local area. If you know of a friend who isn't on our mailing list yet, you could forward this email to them so they can sign up too. Thank you!

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