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Dear Greening Supporters,

We've got very welcome news to report on the active travel front this month. We can finally see work starting on the **White Bridge Link**. And the diggers will be arriving soon to begin work on improving the bridleway from Chanctonbury car park to Washington. There's also an opportunity to help the community in Storrington who are pitching for a **20mph zone** and have shared their petition below.

In biodiversity news, we have an update on the **Bio Box** project and also the first instalment from the Wiston Estate on their **rewilding work**.

Our **regular activities** including a forthcoming **GYSAD** are detailed below.

Best wishes,

Geoff, Co-Chair, Greening Steyning

Walking and Cycling Update

Good news on the White Bridge Link!

It has been nearly two years since the White Bridge was closed, when serious structural problems were discovered with the metalwork supporting this much-used 120 year-old footbridge over the River Adur. This was a big blow for local residents and a major setback for the [White Bridge Link project](#), which was gearing up to improve the whole footpath connecting Steyning and Upper Beeding using the bridge as the vital crossing point over the river.



But there's finally some good news to report. After much discussion and planning, work has started to demolish the current bridge and replace it with a brand new structure.

Southern Gas Networks has already begun work to divert the gas pipe that is currently supported by the bridge, and run it underneath the river. As well as replacing the footbridge, work will be carried out to complete the footpath re-surfacing work on the Beeding side of the river, to create a good, weatherproof pathway surface all the way between Steyning and Upper Beeding. All going well, the work should be completed by October this year. It won't be a cycling route in the first instance, but it's hoped that that will come later.



New Cycle Route to Washington

And there's more good news to report on the other side of town. Work is about to begin to upgrade the bridleway from the Chanctonbury Ring car park, just past Wiston House, along the foot of the Downs to Washington. At the moment this path is a muddy quagmire for much of the year. But it will be transformed into an all weather cycling and walking track, connecting up with the new path running parallel to Mouse Lane behind the Round Robin cottages that was opened last year. So there be a fantastic new cycling and walking route all the way from Steyning to Washington, which will join up with cycle paths running south from there to Findon.

We'll let you know when both these routes are opening, as it will be something to really celebrate!

A Local Walking and Cycling Plan for Steyning, Bramber and Upper Beeding



Local Walking & Cycling Plan nearly ready

You may remember filling in an [online survey](#) last autumn asking how we can make walking and cycling safer and easier, and how we can help those with wheelchairs, mobility scooters and pushchairs get around better. That has provided the raw material to put together an ambitious long-term Plan for what needs to be done. It has been a big job but the Plan is nearly complete. Again, we'll let you when it comes out.

Petition for Safer, Cleaner Travel



20mph Campaigns in Storrington & Cowfold

We tried and failed to get a comprehensive 20mph zone in Steyning a few years back. Now Storrington and Cowfold are trying their luck. You can help them by signing these two petitions.

An estimated 6 million vehicles pass through Storrington each year and roughly 40 percent of them are speeding. Cowfold sees even higher levels of traffic and has suffered serious road traffic accidents.

Now residents are asking for your support. Two petitions have been launched to slow traffic through Storrington and Cowfold, making the roads safer, the air cleaner and the communities more peaceful, while encouraging sat navs to direct through-traffic along more suitable routes.

You can help out by signing:

The Storrington petition

<https://westsussex.moderngov.co.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?ID=45>

The Cowfold petition

<https://westsussex.moderngov.co.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?ID=47>

The deadline is midnight on Sunday 6 July. It only takes a minute.

Biotech Box Update

The Bio Tech Box lent to us by Weald to Waves has been busy out in the community, helping us to run bug hunts, bat walks and more, as well as introducing children at the Primary school to insect surveying.

It's brought out the explorer in all of us, but the children in particular have loved getting up close to the grasshoppers and the "really cool" caterpillars.

[Read the full article on our website](#)



News from the Wiston Estate



We recently met with Rick Goring (Landowner) and Penny Green (Chief Ecologist) of the Wiston Estate to hear about the **re-wilding projects** underway there. We'll share updates with you in future newsletters. First up, some of you may have been wondering about the tree felling taking place along the A283 which they explained is part of a long term forestry plan. These old poplar trees were originally grown for the matchstick market but being no longer needed, they were starting to rot and become dangerous. The new entrance they've created will improve access to the old village hall and the Big Church events.

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](#).



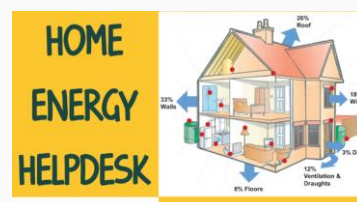
Sun 6 July - Give Your Stuff Away Day - Leave unwanted items in a neat pile outside your home from 1-4pm so others can wander round and pick them up. More details can be found on our [GYSAD webpage](#).



Sat 12 July - 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 12 July - Home Energy Helpdesk - at the Repair Cafe, 2pm - 4pm. Come along and find about how you can make your home cosier, save on bills, or use clean energy. [Book a spot online](#) or just turn up on the day.



Sat 26 July - 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](#)



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