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Dear Greening Supporters,

We hope you are managing to stay comfortable during the heat waves we are facing this Summer.

There is an upside that due to the record-breaking temperatures the climate crisis is finally being discussed by national media, but also the knowledge there is a lot to be done to fix the problem. Read our item on the People's Emergency Briefing if you are interested in what you can do to push the agenda.

On a lighter note, sunflowers are beginning to show their sunny faces in Beeding, Bramber and Steyning revealing that we are a community who are prepared to work together to support pollinators. See below for photos and updates.

Finally, we have a particularly moving instalment from **Making Space for Nature**, written by our Biodiversity Group Leader, Ronnie Reed.

Dates for our **regular activities** are listed below.

Best wishes,
Geoff & Vicci, Co-Chairs, Greening Steyning

Free Film Screening



A Sweltering Night in Steyning – and the Film That Made Sense of It

There was an unmistakable irony to fact that we chose the hottest night in recent memory to show the [People's Emergency Briefing](#) film at the Steyning Centre in June. Nethertheless the response was positive

“A very good film. Glad we saw it.”

“The film had no politicians, no, spin, just facts.”

You can read a full report of the evening, plus view the entry and exit polls here;

[Read the full report](#)



What next?

The evening wrapped up with a call to write to our local MP, Andrew Griffith, so he is aware of our feelings, and urge him to watch the film. There was enthusiasm for organising a further screening of the film and for organising a workshop to discuss potential follow-up actions in the community.

To cover the ‘What next’ question, a postcard was handed out with links to two different sets of suggestions:

The [Take Action](#) page on the National Environment Briefing website which encourages people to write to their MP, sign the petition to get the film shown on national TV, and organise other screenings.

The [How Can I Make a Difference](#) page on the Greening Steyning website, with a set of top tips including: simple actions that don’t cost much; investing in the future; use your voice and influence; and, get involved locally.

To make it easy for you, here are two links to direct action you can take today.

[Write to your MP](#)

[Sign the petition](#)



WHAT CAN I DO TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?



Take Action

Suggested next steps from the National Emergency Briefing team include:

1. Write to your MP
2. Organise another screening
3. Sign the petition to show the film on TV
4. Build support in your community
5. Spread the word



www.nebriefing.org/take-action

Joint Parish
Climate Action Group



Top Tips

Practical suggestions compiled by Greening Steyning and the Joint Parishes Climate Action Group grouped in five categories:

1. Simple actions that don't cost much
2. Investing in the future
3. Move your money
4. Use your voice and influence
5. Get involved locally



www.greeningsteyning.org/toptips

Info and diary dates

The follow up workshop will take place on the weekend of the 24th/25th Oct.
Details to be confirmed shortly.

Another screening for of the film for Upper Beeding is in the pipeline so follow

us on Facebook, look out for posters, or check our website soon for booking details.

You can also check out [where other screenings are happening here](#).

Create a Buzz Update



Thank you to Roger Brown for sharing photos of the magnificent blooms in his garden! Not all of our sunflowers might be quite this tall yet, but there is a fabulous community spirit growing. Awen are one of the first shops on the high street to display their pots - hopefully many more will follow soon.

Numbers are also growing on our dedicated Facebook group: [Create a Buzz -](#)

[Grow a Sunflower](#) If you haven't already, do join and keep us posted with your photos.

The project includes several more events to come:

The Big Sunflower Bug Watch in August

Citizen science project to gather insect data from our sunflowers. You will be able to take part in this online and the details will be in our August newsletter and our Facebook page.

Sunflower Celebration Photography Exhibition -

Photos of your sunflowers in any style you like - arty, funny, colourful or black & white! All ages and abilities welcome and all photos will be displayed.

To enter: email your photo to greeningsteyning@gmail.com

Deadline: Saturday 5th September

Visit the Exhibition: Saturday 12th September, 2-4pm, Beeding and Bramber Village Hall

Pollinator Green Drinks -

The Steyning Centre in September - (Details tbc)

Making Space for Nature Blog



In this month's edition of "Making Space for Nature" Ronnie Reed reflects on the particularly warm month of June just passed, and raises some pertinent questions about where we are heading.

Subscribe to the Blog on Substack

Read the Blog

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](#).



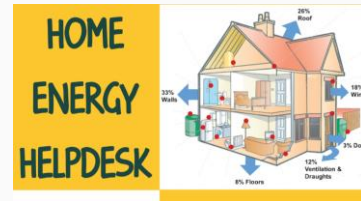
Sun 05 July - Give Your Stuff Away Day - Leave unwanted items in a neat pile outside your home from 1-4pm so others can wander round and pick them up. More details can be found on our [GYSAD webpage](#).



Sat 11 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 11 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 25 July - Climate Cafe at the Castle Inn - 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 to share our news with others in the local area. If you know 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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