

# Transition takes off in Dorset

Representatives of Transition Groups throughout Dorset came together over the Bank Holiday weekend to receive specialist training on how to start a group, and learn more about the grassroots movement which is spreading across the county.



Trainers from Transition Town Totnes, Sophy Banks and Naresh Giangrande guided participants from 10 groups including Bridport, Weymouth, Sherborne, Purbeck, Sturminster Newton, and Poole & Bournemouth through an intensive 2 day course focusing on understanding and applying the fundamentals of Transition Towns back into their communities. Participants learnt skills including how to set up, run, and maintain a successful transition initiative, and the training was packed with imaginative and inspiring ways to delve into both the theory and practice of Transition.

Steve Atkins from Transition Town Dorchester said; "The transition training was inspirational, and an important networking opportunity. This goes way beyond the concept of 'Business as Usual'. Throughout Dorset people are empowering themselves in making their own choices and I feel very proud to be a small part in this ticking clock".

The training was organised by da21 with the support of Transition Town Dorchester, and was free to participants, after Poole based ethical cosmetics company Lush agreed to fund the training together with a grant from the Energy Saving Trust café program. Paul McIntosh, Manager of da21 said: "Transition Towns in Dorset are already setting up Community Orchards and Farms, organising Renewable Energy Workshops, and raising awareness in their communities by showing films explaining the issues. We hope that the training will have given groups the skills and inspiration to do still more"

More information:  
<http://transitiontowns.org/TransitionNetwork/TransitionInitiative>  
a list of Transition Towns in Dorset is on the da21 website  
[www.da21.org.uk/sustainable](http://www.da21.org.uk/sustainable)

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## Resilience debate

The Sustainability Commission is seeking to open up a debate on resilience, but what is it, and what does it have to do with a more sustainable future? SDC's Engagement Commissioner Lindsey Colborne argues that resilience is the ability to adapt to change, in this case the ability of social-economic systems to adapt to sustainable development. She writes that sustainable development as a concept is often seen as irrelevant to everyday life, rapidly overtaken by events that are seen as more immediate concerns such as the credit crunch and rising food prices. Having resilience means having the practical skills, such as growing your own food, to cope with these big changes - not rocket science!

Join the debate <http://www.sd-commission.org.uk/pages/resilience.html>

## Community Carbon

The Energy Saving Trust has re-launched its Community Action for Energy programme as Green Communities, a new hub to help UK communities reduce their carbon footprint, <http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/community>.

Community groups are invited to register to access tools and advice, including an award-winning Carbon Footprint measurement Tool (developed by the East of England Development Agency) - although this doesn't seem to have been linked up at the time of press. <http://www.greencommunitiescc.org.uk>.

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# SUSTAINABLE ENERGY IN DORSET

**Dorset is yet to get its first wind farm ... and it seems that we may have to wait longer with the rejection by North Dorset DC of the proposed Silton Wind Farm..... and the news that Sherborne Wind Energy Project is winding up... but lets start with the good news!**

Mention wind farms to some people, and one of the biggest pieces of misinformation to come up is that turbines kill a lot of wild birds, and for that reason the RSPB is against wind farm developments. Well it's not, and the RSPB is now on record as calling for a significant increase in the number of onshore wind farms in the UK.

Ruth Davis, head of climate change policy at the RSPB, said it was in favour of such an expansion because of the 'truly terrifying' impact that global warming was increasingly having on birds. 'Left unchecked, climate change threatens many species with extinction,' she said.

She called for an end to the 'needless delays' that beset wind farm projects, after a report for the RSPB (by the Institute for European Environmental Policy) said that with an effective planning system, the UK could greatly increase onshore wind development without damaging nature conservation.

The RSPB called on the government to set firm regional and local targets for developing wind energy, and give more guidance to councils on how to deal with planning applications. Currently, many become bogged down in local politics at the expense of national efforts to tackle climate change, it said.

World wide last year was a busy one for the wind power industry, with new installations up by 29%. And for the first time, the USA overtook Germany to rank first in both cumulative capacity and electricity generation from wind. In Europe, new wind installations were the biggest source of new electric capacity, at 8,877 megawatts. That was ahead of gas (6,939 MW) and coal (763MW). Asia now accounts for one-third of wind power capacity, and China has already surpassed its 2010 target of 10,000 MW – it ended last year with 12,200MW in place.

## Concerns over planned Biofuel Plant for Portland

Energy Company W4B Renewable Energy Ltd to submit plans for a vegetable oil power station in Portland. The company states that the power station will primarily run on palm oil. The UN has identified palm oil as the main driver of rainforest destruction in Indonesia and Malaysia. Deforestation for palm oil is a reality in other tropical countries, too. Evidence has been published that making of the plantations involving peat and rainforest burning emits many thousands of times as much CO2 as we then are able to prevent by using palm oil.

Many oil palm plantations are established on land where communities have been evicted, often violently. Ever more people are losing their livelihoods. Regardless of where exactly W4B will source their palm oil from, more demand means more expansion, and, if not directly than indirectly, more deforestation and climate change, more families

**Sherborne Wind Energy Project** has decided to disband after facing some difficult issues including objections to sites from the MOD & landowners, the commitment / expertise involved and difficult economic conditions. Key members of the group have shown huge commitment to bring the project as far as they were unable, but after a meeting of the group on the 25th of June agreed that, while the project had served a valuable purpose in raising consciousness of the issues, it was now time to wind it up.

The issues involved with getting a community renewable energy project of the ground are complex and involve considerable commitment and this what a new sub-group of the Dorset Energy Group are committed to tackle.

The **Community Sustainable Energy Working Group** is made up of representatives from Local Authorities and the community sector. The community sector was represented by Dorset Energy Advice Centre, da21, Transition Town Dorchester, Bridport Renewable Energy Group, Dorset Climate Change Coalition and Stour and Vale Hydro Group.

The new group intends to work together to deliver renewable energy and energy saving projects in Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole, based on annual action plans delivered through a partnership approach. The group agreed to produce the first Community Sustainable Energy Action Plan by September and agreed to hold a conference for community energy groups in October.

In addition the group agreed to seek funding to employ a dedicated Dorset Community Sustainable Energy Officer. The post would include awareness raising and promotional activities, establishing and supporting a community sector energy network, energy surveys of community buildings and support for community scale renewable energy projects. For more information and to make comments on the proposed action plan email Emily Bullock - Chairperson - [emily@deac.co.uk](mailto:emily@deac.co.uk) or contact the da21 office.

Further Links; Say Yes to Wind Power <http://yestowind.synthasite.com>

## Community Energy Funding

The E.ON Sustainable Energy Fund offers grants of up to £20,000 to community groups and not for profit organisations who wish to consider and implement sustainable energy projects in their buildings.

To be eligible organisations must benefit specific community groups namely: Young people, Elderly people, or People in fuel poverty. The fund is available to community groups, charities and not for profit organisations. Examples of the types of organisations granted funds to in the past include schools, local and national charities and special education colleges. The next closing date for applications is the 16th October 2009.

Website: <http://www.eon-uk.com/about/sustainableenergyfund.aspx>

Community-based organisations also being invited to apply for funding to install renewable energy technologies (such as wind turbines and solar panels) and energy saving measures (such as roof and cavity wall insulation) in their buildings. The next application deadline is 7th August, <http://www.communitysustainable.org.uk>.

losing their land and livelihood and more hunger as food production, too, is displaced. The certification of 'sustainable palm oil' has been condemned as 'greenwash' by around 250 organisations worldwide - the debate if there is such a thing certainly ongoing.

For more information on the impacts of biofuels and on biofuel power stations see [www.biofuelwatch.org.uk](http://www.biofuelwatch.org.uk) and [www.foodnotfuel.org.uk](http://www.foodnotfuel.org.uk) and to find out more on what's happening in Portland regarding the application and to assist in raising awareness of the issues involved, you can email [food\\_not\\_fuel@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:food_not_fuel@yahoo.co.uk) or [info@biofuelwatch.org](mailto:info@biofuelwatch.org). uk, or of course the da21 office.

## Threshold Centre Comes Closer

The Threshold Centre in Gillingham has taken another step closer to reality. The remaining planning conditions have finally been discharged and builders are now on site. Completion is still on target for January 2010. Critical to the project was securing Housing Corporation funding to enable the Housing Association to pay for their properties. An application has been made for a grant towards PV panels, and for a biomass grant.

## STAND UP FOR 350!

This is an invitation to help build a movement—to take one day and use it to stop the climate crisis. 'Three-fifty' could well be the most crucial figure in the history of our planet. It's shorthand for a CO<sub>2</sub> level of 350PPM, which many scientists say is the maximum level of CO<sub>2</sub> concentration we can allow without radical changes to the climate. NASA's James Hansen and a team of other scientists recently published a series of papers showing that we need to cut the amount of carbon in the atmosphere from its current 387 parts per million to below 350 if we wish to "maintain a planet similar to that on which civilization developed." The message is that if we can get below 350PPM we can avoid the worst effects of climate change.

A movement is gathering speed to hold worldwide protests on 24th October – there will be an event at every iconic place on the planet, from America's Great Lakes to the Great Barrier Reef, and countless local venues. 24th October is just six weeks before national governments meet in Copenhagen to agree a new global limit on carbon emissions. It's a crucial time to influence those decisions.

Already, farmers in Cameroon, students in China, even World Cup skiers have helped spread the word about 350. Churches have rung their bells 350 times; Buddhist monks have formed a huge 350 with their bodies against the backdrop of Himalayas. 350 translates across every boundary of language and culture. It's clear and direct, cutting through the static and it lays down a firm scientific line.

So register an event in your community for 24th October, and then enlist the help of your friends.

This is like a final exam for human beings. Can we muster the courage, the commitment, and the creativity to set this earth on a steady course before it's too late? 24th October will be the joyful, powerful day when we prove it's possible.

<http://www.350.org/oct24>



## Low Impact Planning for West Dorset

"Localisation" and "eco-building" seem to be on everyone's lips these days, while the last ten years have seen unprecedented growth in the sales of organic foods. Yet where are the local producers of tomorrow going to live and work? Although younger people would love to meet the growing demand for local food, crafts and renewable fuels, the cost of land with existing accommodation is prohibitive to many. Those who buy land on which to build a low impact eco-home usually face a long planning struggle before they gain permission.

A group of smallholders are hoping that West Dorset District Council will introduce a low impact planning policy, when a Local Development Framework replaces the Local Plan next year. Such a policy, which specifies a number of criteria which a proposed considered low impact, was introduced in Pembrokeshire three years ago.

The Dorset Low Impact Policy Group have produced a report outlining the case for having such a policy in Dorset. They are also organising a series of meetings to open the debate about how the housing and land needs of smallholders and local food producers can be met.

In order to demonstrate that there is a strong case for low impact planning, development must meet in order to be the group are collecting details of people who are in genuine need of affordable accommodation in association with a land-based enterprise. If you fall into this category, or would like to learn more about the campaign, please contact

Jyoti Fernandes (01297 560755 or [jyoti@tlio.org](mailto:jyoti@tlio.org)) or Dan Newbury 01300 341262 or [greenandpleasant@googlemail.com](mailto:greenandpleasant@googlemail.com)

## Bridport Cohousing Scheme

Seeks New Members.

The residents' group is now working with a local eco-developer, Ecos Homes, and with Synergy, the largest housing association in Dorset, to create a 30-home scheme in or near Bridport. A site assessment and feasibility study is due to start soon.

We are now seeking a few more people with time and relevant skills to join the Residents' Steering Group to take this forward.

The time input needed is 2-6 days per month. For more information see

[www.dorscoh.org.uk](http://www.dorscoh.org.uk)

## Gardenshare Begins...

Lots of people in Dorchester and the surrounding villages have gardens that are underused, or that go unmanaged due to a lack of time, interest, or mobility. At the same time there are loads of local people living in flats, town houses and smaller houses who have no access to a garden, and who would love the chance to grow their own food, herbs and flowers

Gardenshare is a new project from Transition Town Dorchester and is based on the hugely successful schemes in Totnes, Bath, Cambridge, Exeter and many other Transition Towns across the UK. Gardenshare simply links garden owners who have an unused corner of their garden with local, committed gardeners who want a plot of ground to treat kindly as if it were their own.

Garden Owner benefits include: the demise of nettle-farming, a share of the produce, the chance to link with other Gardenshare Owners and the pleasure of seeing a developing vegetable plot emerging. Gardeners get a secure plot on which to grow whatever that they choose, lots of vegetables to eat (or flowers if you prefer) and the chance to reconnect with the soil, link with other Gardenshare Gardeners or learn new gardening skills.

### Frequently Asked Questions

• How much will it cost?  
Gardenshare costs just £10 per year for each Gardener or Garden Owner

• Will I be able to grow what I like?  
Yes, as long as it's legal and not invasive

• What happens if a gardener hurts themselves in my garden? Will I be liable?  
We expect all gardeners to join the South West Allotment Association Insurance scheme to cover accidental injury - that's already included in the £10.

• What if I don't get on with the gardener / garden owner I'm matched with?  
Gardenshare tries to match people whose expectations and habits will work together.

We help Gardenshare members to ask the right questions and agree the particular terms from the outset. The scheme is very simple and is working for hundreds of people across the UK. If you find later that it isn't working we suggest at least one month's notice is given by either party to help sort out alternative arrangement.

For more details on how it works or to join contact:  
[gardenshare@transitiontown-dorchester.org](mailto:gardenshare@transitiontown-dorchester.org) or ring Linda on 07967 366990

[www.transitiontowndorchester.org/Projects/Gardenshare/gardenshare.html](http://www.transitiontowndorchester.org/Projects/Gardenshare/gardenshare.html)



## Gardenshare Co-Ordinator Job Advertisement

- Initially a voluntary role 1day per week plus expenses
- Are you friendly, an excellent communicator and a good judge of character?
  - Do you have an enthusiasm for gardening and a positive approach to being part of Dorchester's Transition solutions?
  - Are you good at organising and promoting activities, simple administration, connecting and helping people?
  - Do you want to volunteer for up to one day per week and get involved in Gardenshare. Support and training will be provided.

If the answer is YES please contact Linda at [gardenshare@transitiontowndorchester.org](mailto:gardenshare@transitiontowndorchester.org) or go to [www.transitiontowndorchester.org](http://www.transitiontowndorchester.org) for more details.

### Closing date 30th July.

Gardenshare is led by Transition Town Dorchester in Partnership with Magna Housing, Dorchester Area Partnership, Age Concern, POPPs and da21



## Info overload!

There is much going on in Dorset, and we try and capture as much as we can in these modest four pages, so its a bit packed in this issue, great thought eh!?... a seperate events and contacts page is available to download on our website  
Any comments most welcome - [peter@da21.org.uk](mailto:peter@da21.org.uk)

## Projects... Roots to Growth

Are you invloved with a grass roots environmental group that would be interested in working with local companies, supporting them in making environmental improvements?

Are you invloved with a local company that is conscious of their environmental responsibilties but not sure of the steps to take and would love to have more involvement with the local community?

da21 are in the planning stages of a project called Roots to Growth. The aim of the project is to link local companies with local environmental groups and, with support and training, enable both groups to work together, share knowledge, skills and ideas.

da21 are wanting to hear from any grass roots environmental groups and local businesses in the Chalk and Cheese area that are interested in seeing what difference they could make. For more information please contact [Amanda Brown](mailto:Amanda.Brown@da21.org.uk) on 07796445775 or email [amanda@da21.org.uk](mailto:amanda@da21.org.uk)

## Sustainable Dorset Website

Thankyou to the CPEND - North Dorsets Strategic Partnership for supporting the Sustainable Dorset Website, we now are moving closer to our proposed budget for this project, and will be developing a prototype website over the coming months.

## BASIS

As we go to press we are hoping to welcome a new member of staff to the da21 team to assist in the delivery of support and capacity building for sustainability organisations in the County - they havent signed there life away yet so we cannot name names... but full bio in the next n!!

## Dorset Climate Change Coalition

The recently completed Dorset Climate Change Coalition project "Spreading the Message and Action in Dorset" reached 3084 people with the message that's "Dorset's climate is changing and you can make a difference". 1005 people pledged to save 1041 tonnes of carbon dioxide annually, and the Coalition's organisational membership increased from nine to fourteen members. Coalition members are seeking funding to further this work. Find out more at [www.dorsetclimate.org.uk](http://www.dorsetclimate.org.uk)  
The leaflets "Dorset's Climate is Changing" and "Why act on climate change?" are still available. Contact [Emily@dorsetclimate.org.uk](mailto:Emily@dorsetclimate.org.uk)

## Around the shows...

da21 will be at the Tolpuddle Martyrs Festival with some Transitioners, we are also still hoping to have a prescence at Dorset County Show, drop us a line if you want to join us.

**AGM 2009 Date - 3rd October - Stay tuned!**

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## Meeting held of the Sustainability and Environment Forum

As part of a 3rd Sector Networking Day organised by DCA a meeting of the S&E forum took place, with representatives meeting their constituents for the first time in over a year along with representatives of the DSP and County and District Councils. There was a varied discussion concerning the work of the forum, and how it could work with the DSP and lobby more effectively.

Comprehensive minutes of the meeting are available on the forum website <http://www.da21.org.uk/sustainable/forum> along with details of the representatives and their contact details.

## Sustainable Economics

The conundrum of living with environmental limits and maintaining economic growth has been a sticking point ever since somebody uttered the words sustainable and development in the same sentence. However the circle is perhaps starting to be squared with a number of inflential reports, the first of which commissioned in Dorset.....

## Envisioning a Green Knowledge Economy.

Commissioned by the Multi Area Agreement, the report has been signed off by Leaders and Chief Executives of Bournemouth, Poole and Dorset as the driver for the 3 sub-regions economies.

**Prosperity without Growth**  
<http://www.sd-commission.org.uk/pages/redefining-prosperity.html>

SDC's "Redefining Prosperity" project has looked into the connections and conflicts between

sustainability, growth, and wellbeing. As part of a two year programme of work the SDC commissioned thinkpieces, organised seminars, and

invited feedback. This project has now resulted in a major report: 'Prosperity without Growth?: the transition to a sustainable economy' by Professor Tim Jackson, SDC's Economics Commissioner.

**Environmental challenges in a warming world: consumption, costs and responsibilities, - Tanner Lecture by Helm Dieter.**  
We havent digested this one yet at the da21 office! But hear its good!

All these documents are available on the forum website  
<http://www.da21.org.uk/sustainable/forum/content/sustainable-economics-think-pieces>

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*Huge thank you to everyone for their contributions and please keep them coming - Peter.*

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**Newsletter Editor**

# Events Calender & Directory of Dorset Communities in Acton

More events to view online  
<http://www.da21.org.uk/events.html>

## JULY

**14 July** Sustainable Communities Conference, Exeter – Ecos Trust  
9-12.30, Looking at issues at creating sustainable communities  
**01458 259400 . liz@ecostrust.org.uk**

**14 July** Low Carbon Homes Conference  
13.30-17.00, Refurbishing existing house as low carbon  
**01458 259400 . liz@ecostrust.org.uk**

**14 July** Thorncombe Transition village meeting 7.30-9.30  
Thorncombe Sports & Social Club  
**01458 30418 . michael.dh@live.co.uk**

**15 July** Transition Poole Open Meeting – Branksome, Poole  
7.30-8.30 Branksome Chine, on prom by restaurant

**16 July** Transition Weymouth & Portland  
7.30-9.00 Steering Group Meeting, **07709 565283**

**17-19 July** Threshold Centre working/gardening weekend  
Threshold Centre, Cole St Lane, Gillingham  
Bed and board in exchange for your help.  
Email [info@thresholdcentre.org.uk](mailto:info@thresholdcentre.org.uk)

**18 July** Blandford Green Day  
Stour Meadows, Blandford  
The DT11 Forum Community Partnership is holding their first Big Green Day on Saturday, 18th July at Stour Meadows, Blandford. ITel: 01258 489998 or [jo@dt11forum.org.uk](mailto:jo@dt11forum.org.uk) for further information and stallholders booking rates.

**18-19 July** Transition at Tolpuddle Festival  
Transition stall to advise/help those interested. Various Transition areas will be represented.

**21 July** Casterbridge Food Coop Summer Barbecue  
7pm onwards. Tom Browns pub, Dorchester. Locally sourced food cooked (or burnt) on Dorset charcoal. Book tickets in advance  
<http://transitiontowndorchester.org>

**22 July** Film Screening "A Farm for the Future" - Broadstone, Poole 7pm.  
Email [Tony.tonyhamitn@aol.co.uk](mailto:Tony.tonyhamitn@aol.co.uk) for details.

**23 July**  
Film Screening "A Farm for the Future" - Oakdale, Poole. 7pm  
Oakdale Methodist Church, Oakdale but it is such an accessible and informative All welcome. For further information call Helen Davis 01202 741148 or Harriet Stewart-Jones 01202 735758

**25 July** Organic Garden Tour  
12.30-5.30, Deans Court, Wimborne. Talk and guided tour of garden run on organic principles.  
**01747 835985 . araounia1@tiscali.co.uk**

Transition bbq - Sturminster  
19:30

**25th Screening of 'Age of Stupid' - TTShaftesbury - Shaftesbury Arts Centre**  
7.30pm Shaftesbury Arts Centre, Box Office 01747 854321 or TIC 853514 [www.shaftesburyartscentre.org.uk](http://www.shaftesburyartscentre.org.uk) [www.gold-hilltickets.co.uk](http://www.gold-hilltickets.co.uk)

**26 July** Friends of Ourganics Volunteer Day – Litton Cheney  
10am-4pm. Lots of jobs to do, bring lunch to share.  
**01308 482455**

## AUGUST

**4 Aug** Green Drinks – Transition  
Dorchester  
Tom Brown's pub, High East St, 7-10.30

**15 Aug** Local Food Market – Transition  
Dorchester  
South St. 10am-4pm. Around 20 stalls of local producers, will also mark the launch of Transition Dorchester Food Group  
[www.ttd.org](http://www.ttd.org)

**19 Aug** Transition Christchurch Open Space Meeting  
Druitt Hall, High St, 7-9.30pm. Open space discussion on how Transition Christchurch can go forward. Tea, coffee, cake!

**29 Aug** Stock Gayland Oak Fair  
[www.stockgayland.com](http://www.stockgayland.com)

## SEPTEMBER

**1 Sept** Green Drinks – Transition  
Dorchester  
Tom Brown's pub, High East St, 7-10.30pm

**5-6 Sept** Dorset County Show  
da21 will be running the Sustainability Marquee.  
See story on page 3 for info

**8th Sept** Thorncombe Transition Village Meeting  
Thorncombe Sports & Social Club  
**01460 30418 . michael.dh@live.co.uk**

**11-13 Sept** Co-housing Workshop – Gillingham  
Threshold Centre, Fri eve – Sun pm.  
Residential course to experience life in a co-housing community for a weekend.  
[www.thresholdcentre.org.uk](http://www.thresholdcentre.org.uk)  
[info@thresholdcentre.org.uk](mailto:info@thresholdcentre.org.uk)

**12-13 Sept** Sturminster Cheese Festival – Sturminster Newton

**21 Sept** Transition Christchurch film showing (Transition theme).  
7-9.30pm, The Studio, Regent Centre, Christchurch

**4 Oct** Talk on English Wines – Motcombe  
2.30-7.00pm, Motcombe Memorial Hall, £3.50pp, booking essential, includes tasting.  
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**Dorchester Car Club**  
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**Turn Lyme Green**  
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**Purbeck Environmental Action Team**  
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This is not an exhaustive list (far from it!), more groups are listed on our directory of Sustainability Organisations in Dorset  
<http://www.da21.org.uk/sustainable>