

## CLIMATE ACTION WORKING PARTY



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**Agenda Item:** Climate Fair

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday 22 July 2025

**Contact Officer:** Compliance and Environment Officer

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The purpose of this report is to update the Climate Action Working Party on a proposed Climate Fair.

### Background

The Climate & Biodiversity Committee meet on 12 May 2025 and agreed to several recommendations detailed in the report provided by the Compliance and Environment Officer. One of these recommendations is to investigate a Climate Roadshow event. The Communications and Community Engagement Officer also reported on facilitating a Climate Awareness event through the Community Engagement Report that was discussed at the Stronger Communities Committee meeting on 2 June 2025. Members were unanimous in agreement that the Town Council facilitate a Climate event to highlight the work of local organisations and Council bodies.

### Current Situation

The details of the event are to be confirmed, and this will be part of the Climate Action Working Parties deliverables with support from officers.

Provisional dates (*subject to agreement*):

- Thursday, **25 September 2025** (Main Hall only)
- Thursday, **9 October 2025** (Main Hall & Gallery Room)  
(*Provisional bookings made for both dates at the Corn Exchange – availability from 08:30 – 15:30 hrs*)

### Key Discussion Points for Meeting:

- Confirm preferred date.
- Identify and invite relevant organisations and Council bodies. Advised that the Main Hall can accommodate 22 tables and the Gallery Room 10 tables for this type of event.
- Discuss potential themes and audience (e.g., homeowners, residents, businesses).
- Define success measures (e.g., number of attendees, partnerships formed).

## **Suggested Invitees** (open for discussion and additional suggestions welcomed):

- **Local environmental groups** (e.g. Wild Oxfordshire, Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust (BBOWT), Wychwood Forest Trust)
- **Local sustainable businesses** – showcase & promotions
- **Town Council** (e.g., biodiversity enhancements at Witney Lake and Country Park, Tiny Forest, Community Orchards, community litter picking initiatives)
- **West Oxfordshire District Council** (e.g. recycling, composting, zero carbon toolkit, various grant availability, energy advice, biodiversity, Greenlight Hub)
- **Community repair/reuse organisations** (e.g. Witney shed, Apollos Clothing)
- **Transport and energy transition advocates** (e.g. Windrush Bike Project, Witney EV Car Club, Community Transport)
- **Allotment Society**
- **Community Fridge**
- **Witney Food Revolution**
- **Witney Edible Gardens**
- **Witney Woodland Volunteers**
- **Witney Eco Forum**
- **Witney Flood Group**
- **WASP (Witney Against Sewage Pollution)**
- **Low Carbon Hub** (e.g. Thermal Imaging Camera, Grant Awareness, energy advice, warmer homes)

## **Financial Implications**

There is no specific budget for the event. A request for subsidised use of the Corn Exchange (£320) will be considered by The Policy, Governance & Finance Committee of Monday 21 July 2025.