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Tollesbury Climate Crisis Partnership: 'Think global, Act local'

"Climate action simply cannot wait – it is the responsibility of every organisation and resident in Essex to do our part to help ensure the County has a bright and green future". Essex Climate Action Commission Interim Report.

As we think about how the climate crisis will affect those of us living in coastal communities, there is a growing understanding that we are all affected. Reducing CO2 emissions is the chief priority globally, but what else must be done locally in the short and medium term?

Action is needed, acting together for the good of all. Tollesbury Parish Council are considering setting up a local Partnership to come up with ideas and organise for measures we can adopt individually and as a community; and to plan for the future of the village in the light of the predicted changes and impacts.

Everyone can help to secure a sustainable future – especially for our children and grandchildren: whether we go out on the water, use the sea wall to walk, want to encourage biodiversity, care for the birds and other wildlife whose natural environment is being affected by weather and tidal changes, want to reduce our personal carbon footprint and encourage businesses to reduce theirs, or live or work within a potential flood plain.

Strategic issues (such as neighbourhood planning, drainage, sewage, sustainability, sea defences, marine assets and wildlife conservation) already benefit from collaboration between councils, agencies, expert bodies and local landowners. That work is ongoing – the

Parish Council will continue to be involved in various ways.

Meanwhile, can we do more about: decarbonising; green energy; insulation grants; transport efficiency; electric vehicles; coordinated deliveries, counting food miles; local trading and up-cycling; and recycle – reuse – reduce? And develop our collective awareness about some big picture choices and consequences: nourishment and diet; water quality and marine life; soil quality and sustainable land use?

What steps can we take in the village on these and other priorities? What can we learn from each other? What good examples from elsewhere can we adopt? What do our young people want to see done? What new plans should we be considering? What messages should the Parish Council take onboard from residents? What outcomes can we influence?

We would like to hold a gathering of everyone interested. It will be an opportunity to hear ideas, pool knowledge and exchange views. We would also like to hear from residents willing to volunteer to contribute their experience, expertise or skills and especially from those (of all ages) prepared to give their time and energy to help to lead the Partnership. 'Think Global, Act local'.

For background see ECC Essex Climate Action Interim Report: www.essex.gov.uk/climate-action

Please let us know if you would like to hear more at an initial evening meeting on Zoom: 01621 869 039, tollesburypc@btinternet.com or Tollesbury Parish Council website - contact page.

Tolls Vols News

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COVID-19 UPDATE AND ADVICE FOR TOLLESBURY RESIDENTS

WELCOME TO ANOTHER EDITION OF TOLLS VOLS NEWS

When we started a year ago, not many of us imagined that Tolls Vols would still be here!

We are deeply grateful to the more than 120 volunteer residents who have remained loyal to Tolls Vols.

These volunteers have helped people in the village in so many ways throughout the past year.

Numerous tasks are still being tackled every single week - many people have expressed their gratitude.

Even those who have not needed help have told us how reassuring it has been to have us on hand.

We're only a phone call away on the Helplines.

Thank you, everyone! Our intention is to remain available for as long as there is a need.

ROBERT TAILLER CHARITY (No: 211742)

Robert Tailler's bequest in 1652 continues to support families in Tollesbury, through loans and grants.

In addition, for March only, the charity has a small fund from ECC, to assist needy residents with winter fuel costs. Residents may apply for a one-off grant of £50. Applications are handled in confidence by the trustees and decided on merit. General donations to the trust are also warmly welcome and can be increased by Gift Aid.

Please email via taillercharity@gmail.com or contact the Parish Clerk.

TollsIPH (Information, Participation, Help)

A new resource is available via Facebook or www.tollesburyvolunteers.com

Head over to TollsIPH for family-centred things to do, creative ideas and links for information.

For those of you who don't use Facebook, we will be posting some of the content from the TollsIPH group on the Tolls Vols website - tollesburyvolunteers.com

It's just for Tollesbury residents, join up free and upload your own videos and other creative projects - an exciting way to connect with each other and share skills - especially in lockdown.

Essex Befriends is a free befriending service and is for anyone over the age of 18 with learning disabilities, mental health conditions, family carers and older people. Call on 0300 770 1263 or essexbefriends@affc.org.uk www.essexbefriends.org.uk

CONTACTS & RESOURCES

Helplines: 07716 955 338 / 07934 723 187 / 07934 716 351 (8.30am–5.30pm daily)

Tolls Vols: tollesburyvolunteers@gmail.com – requests, suggestions and information

Tolls Vols website: www.tollesburyvolunteers.com

Parish Nurse (Jo Lacey): 07368 498 908 or nurse@blackwaterparishnursing.org.uk

Samaritans: 116 123 – whatever you're going through call anytime

MIND: 01206 764 600 – info on local mental health services (9am-5pm Mon-Fri)

Age UK: 0800 678 1602 – UK's leading charity helping older people

SHOUT: text 85258 – struggling to cope, only a text away

Kooth.com – free safe and anonymous support

CalmHarm App – free app for those worried about self-harm

Tollesbury Surgery: 01621 869 204

NHS111: dial 111 or www.111.nhs.uk
