

Climate Emergency and Environment Working Group Sustainability and Wellness Weekend

1. Background

For the last two years, Calne Without Parish Council has staged successful Energy Saving and Local Environment Days, on 3rd September 2022 and 16th September 2023.

These events have included exhibitions from a range of green energy and environmental organisations, accompanied by presentations and discussions on a range of topics. Both events have been well enough attended to be successful, with numbers somewhat lower in the second year. A provision of £1,000 was included in the budget for 2024/25 for a similar event.

In August, Council agreed that, this year, we would work with the Derry Hill and Studley Community Committee to organise a joint Sustainability and Wellness Weekend in October. This would retain similar elements to the previous event, as well as bringing in an additional wellbeing element, with taster sessions planned.

2. Format

The Sustainability and Wellness Weekend is being organised for the weekend of 19th and 20th October.

The following elements are planned:

- Exhibition. Stalls from renewable energy and energy-advice organisations, environmental and sustainability groups, and wellbeing organisations.
- Presentations and panel discussions. Examples of subjects include: deploying and living with heat pumps; gardening for climate change; energy advice/fuel poverty; wildflower meadow creation and management; renewable energy policy.
- Taster Sessions - examples include yoga, mindfulness and meditation, painting.
- Village Tidy Up & bulb planting.

To be family-friendly, Clare's Circus will be engaged to provide entertainment for young children (circus skills, games and face-painting) and the Wiltshire Scrapstore to provide craft activities such as making hot water bottles and draught excluders.

3. Budget

The following budget is proposed:

Venue Hire	£200
Community Clean-up Refreshments	£75
Claire's Circus	£160
Scrapstore	£300
Other Refreshments	£100
Printing Costs	£75
Total	£910

4. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Parish Council approves a budget of £910 to fund the Sustainability and Wellness Weekend on 19th and 20th October 2024.

Cllrs John Barnes and Sue Deedigan

On behalf of the Climate Emergency and Environment Working Group