



2014

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Tring in Transition Newsletter



TRANSITION TOWNS NETWORK

January 2014 - a new year, new energy !

We are pleased to bring you the first Tring in Transition update of 2014 - wishing you a sustainable New Year !

What's your New Year's resolution ?...

We would love to harness **your** energy for local activities throughout 2014 ! There are opportunities to help TinT with things we already are doing and need extra pairs of hands, and also some new initiatives we have in mind.....some are specific events, others are ongoing projects that would be enhanced and more effective with a little extra help of an hour or so now and then.

Existing initiatives/events where we need volunteers :

Spring : growing bee-friendly wildflowers on Duckmore allotment 32A for planting out around Tring

April : Help at TinT stall at Spring Fair

April/May : wildflower weeding

June or July : Open Gardens with sustainable themes linked with a charity eg IRHH

July : Help at TinT stall at Carnival, demonstrating bike-powered juicer/smoothie maker, solar-powered train set

July/August : wildflower seed collecting

October : Leaflet delivery locally for thermal imaging

October : Apple picking – Jeacocks Orchard

October : Open Day - Jeacocks Orchard – preparation and on day

Oct/Nov : planting out wildflowers eg Tring Memorial Gardens

Mid-Nov – end March : Building surveys using thermal imaging camera

We
need
you !



New ideas where we need your input/help

Would any of the following catch your interest? They are all projects that TinT would like to see happening but which need more help. Could it be you who helps TinT to start/run them?

- **Permaculture group**
- **Supporting Tring School Eco Council**
- **Play Streets** www.playingout.net as in Longfield Road
- **Car club** (professionally run scheme where people who don't have a car but would need one occasionally can join and benefit from

using a car when they need it). We could do a survey and see if there is any interest/need in Tring

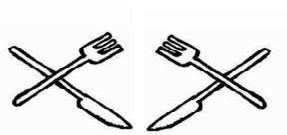
- **Parking club** – people charge for the use of their driveway as a parking space
- **Create a bee-friendly town**, eg suitable plants in High Street pots, keeping bees at the allotments or in your garden with sustainable gardening ideas
- **Open houses day of homes showing sustainable solutions**
- Liaising with **events re recycling**, eg Chilfest
- **Free bike clinic** monthly – keen biker looks at bikes, gives diagnosis and suggests where to get it mended
- **Plant a local orchard or community garden** – Tring Town Council have land available
- **DIY tool hire/swap club** in Tring
- Support zomph through town streets – **'20 is plenty'**
- **Street group project** where neighbours run self-help meetings re home energy use reduction
- Set up a **virtual plan of Tring** that can be added to as vision and dream for a future Tring

Can you spare some time this year ?

Email us!



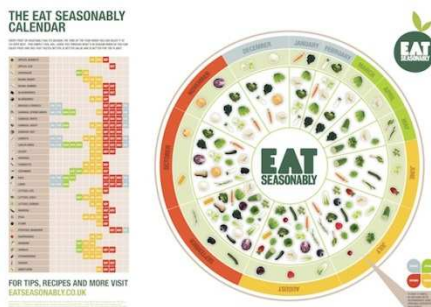
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Eat Sustainably, Eat Seasonably

As we start the year, thoughts naturally turn to the seasons, and we have come across an excellent resource to show what is best eaten when - <http://eatseasonably.co.uk/>

They produce a great calendar which can be downloaded, printed, and stuck to your fridge or kitchen pinboard. :



Too much of a good thing ??

An interesting initiative at <http://www.applesforeggs.com>: Food swaps!

Malmö in Sweden: "All-organic city"

Malmö has embarked on a journey to become an all-organic city. Malmö has set itself a target that all the food procured by the city and served in schools, hospitals and other City of Malmö institutions and venues will be organic by 2020. Malmö's commitment to being an all-organic city is part of its 100% sustainable purchasing policy, approved by the city assembly in 2010. The policy states "everyone in Malmö has the right to good food". This is turned into a practical objective by adopting Sweden's 'eat S.M.A.R.T.' model which combines health and environment goals "without increasing costs". (Soil Association)

Question : if a city in Sweden with 400,000 residents can do it, what about us in Tring ?!

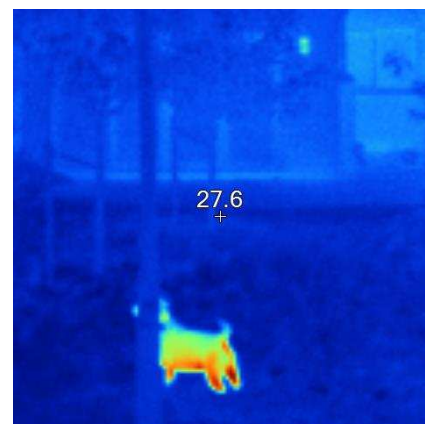
ENERGY & ENVIROMENT



Take a look at some local actions : local green initiatives <http://greenourherts.org.uk/>

What have we been doing ???

Since November, the Energy Action Group has been busy doing thermal imaging surveys on properties in and around Tring. We have already identified many potential improvements which homeowners could do to help heat loss and reduce energy bills. Usually surveys are quite straightforward, but occasionally we pick up some stranger heat-emitting objects – an example in the picture below – any guesses as to what this image shows ??



Got a roof ? why not use it !

Interested in finding out more about solar PV or solar thermal, in 2014 but not sure how to get started ? Have a look at this impartial website for homeowners - the "Your Roof" campaign : <http://www.yourroof.info>



2014 Programme

All meetings held at 8pm at High Street Baptist Church, Tring
Join our chat and free refreshments with each film



- 16 January film: Wasteland
- 13 March film: Incredible Edible Todmorden
- 15 May film: A Convenient Truth + AGM
- 3 July film on community and/or renewables
- 11 September open meeting on a garden theme
- 20 November film: The End of the Line

