



Tring in Transition Newsletter



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TRANSITION TOWNS NETWORK

We are pleased to bring you the third Tring in Transition update of 2014 – summer is upon us!

All volunteers welcome!

The areas for which we are particularly seeking volunteers at the moment are as follows :



- the organisation of the 2015 Eco Fair
- the Tring Community Energy project (TriCE)
- finding a local sustainable log supplier for next winter

To get involved, e-mail us at:
transition@tringintransition.org.uk

Tring Eco Fair, ECONomise and Save, is back in 2015!

Tring in Transition is holding its fourth Eco Fair on Sat 25th April 2015. On behalf of Tring In Transition, working with Tring Together, I would invite you to take the opportunity to showcase your Eco achievements or to sell your Eco-products at a stall at this Fair.

The Fair returns after a break of 5 years. The last Fair in 2010 demonstrated how it gained in stature with almost 40 stalls and attendance of about 600 people through the door, up from 400 in its first year in 2008.

The Eco-Fair is in The Victoria Hall, Akeman Street in the centre of Tring, Herts. The aim of the Tring Eco-Fair is to increase awareness of eco-products available particularly locally, to collectively support businesses who sell them and to offer a show place for ways of living sustainably.

The stalls will include energy saving examples, eco products, waste awareness, recycling, exhibitions from local schools' Eco Councils, sustainable land use, grow your own food...

Running from 10.00am to 4.00 pm, 'get in and set up' from 9 am and 'clear' by 5.00pm. There will be NO charge for stall holders or visitors, though donations will be appreciated. There is a lift in the building if your stall is on the first floor.

It would be great if there is any way in which you could share in the 2015 Fair and use it to promote your business or organisation. Are you able to offer goods for sale on a stall, to provide an exhibition, a display, information leaflets or an interactive activity?

If you would like to take up this opportunity please confirm to us and we will forward your details to the event co-ordinator. transition@tringintransition.org.uk



TinT motto : 'Use less, save money, live well!'

Climate Stewards

Carbon offsetting can, of course, just be a way for affluent people to save their consciences and carry on doing unsustainable things!

However, if you really do need to fly – or use offsetting for anything else – can we recommend that perhaps instead of using the airline’s own carbon offset scheme you might consider instead using Climate Stewards. They have just launched a new promotional video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qUgz18GmKBw>

and this scheme seems to have a real and beneficial effect - this video gives a greater sense of why and how this works.

Tring’s Renewable Energy Map

Local web guru Nigel Crawley has developed an online map of renewable energy installations in Tring. View the map : <http://ecoduino.org/tringmap/>. We hope to see the whole of Tring covered in red, yellow and blue dots in the not too



Dates for your diary

July 21st at Anusia in Tring 7.30pm.
Permaculture Cinema, film 'Best before - The London food revolution'.

October 5th
Jeacock’s Orchard open day
October 25th

Apple Day parade and special Farmers’ Market.

November 20th at High Street Baptist Church 8.00pm.
Film 'End of the line'

TriCE : Harnessing Tring’s energy in 2014



The Energy Action Group has been working hard on Tring’s first community energy project. We even have a shiny new logo....

Over the last couple of months, we have been getting to grips with the project and Following outline approval from the Tring School’s management team, we have been evaluating various roofs at the school where installing a solar PV system may be possible.



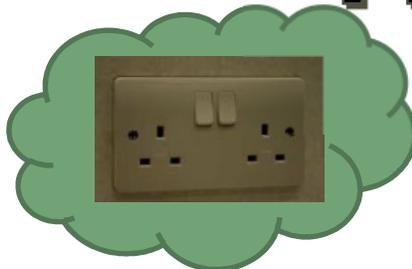
What the system might look like...

At the recent TinT open meeting, attendees gave an enthusiastic welcome to the idea of investing in the project.

We are hopeful that over the next couple of months, the project will progress and we will be in a position to open a share offering to Tring residents who would like to make an investment.

We anticipate individual investments being possible from £250 upwards, with a good rate of return, and we will be formalizing a share prospectus over the summer – look out for the next round of publicity activities over the summer !!

As well as the opportunity to invest, we would like to inspire Tring’s population to work together on a community project, and start a more active debate about where our energy currently comes from, and where it should come from in the future !



What is Transition ?

Have you ever wondered what the Transition Towns movement is in general? Or what sort of areas they get involved in? we found a great reminder in this infographic which provides an overview of the typical areas of activity for Transition groups – it’s well worth a look :

Click http://www.transitionnetwork.org/sites/www.transitionnetwork.org/files/TN_Infographic_FINAL.png for a link to the website

