

Summer 2021 MENHENIOT Green

Menheniot Green has been set up to help everyone do a little bit more to reduce their carbon emissions and tackle the challenge of climate change.

This newsletter will give you an idea of some of the good things already happening around the parish. Want to join-up? Easy. Just join-in to do your bit. Follow us on Facebook or call the Clerk's Office for more info.

DID YOU KNOW?

A mature tree can absorb up to 21kg of carbon dioxide every year? Back in 2013 when the Liskeard & Looe Cricket Club won Best Eco Award from Cornwall in Bloom for their Willow Garden, people weren't aware of the importance of managing their CO2 emissions. Forward to 2021, and the 2,000 plus trees growing there absorb something like 42,000kg of this greenhouse gas that traps heat close to the earth. Apart from creating a practical children's play area, that's enough gas absorbed to offset a year's mileage for 30 cars. Keith's latest project working with MG, is to create a community orchard. He looking for people to join in with the planning (and possible) planting. Contact the Clerk's Office for more info.

HOW GREEN IS YOUR PARISH COUNCIL?

The council has been consulting with its residents to get their views on a series of commitments to tackle climate change in the parish. Read them online (search for Menheniot Climate Change). The four points cover how the council will show leadership in managing its own estate, will work with other groups on climate change & environmental projects, make funding available for green projects and will continue to

scrutinise every planning application for its potential impact on the climate.

GRANTS & DONATIONS

If you have a local project that would support our work and needs a bit of money, contact the Clerk's Office to see how we might be able to help you.

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MENHENIOT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Looking after the natural environment is always important to the pupils and teaching staff. Their latest piece of work with Menheniot Green is designed to tackle the smelly (and sometimes sloppy) problem of dog waste. Most dog owners are responsible enough to pick-up-the-poop after an accident. The very small minority that make life unpleasant for the others might need a gentle reminder. Have a look around the parish to see one of these brightly coloured posters. Thank you, Lee and everyone in Year 6 down at East Rd.



WILDFLOWERS & HEDGEHOGS ON MINE HILL

Local resident Jaynene White moved into Menheniot village two years ago and soon after adopted the grassy bank along Mine Hill. Thanks to her work (and a small donation from the parish council to buy a wheelbarrow and wildflower seeds), the bank is blooming as a haven for both pollinators, slow worms and toads! When she's not busy on the bank, Jaynene also runs a hedgehog sanctuary. Best tips for safeguarding these prickly visitors? Leave food out for them (kitchen scraps are fine, but definitely no fish), and don't forget the drinking water. If you can sink a shallow bowl into the ground, keep it topped up especially during this hot weather. You can follow Jaynene's work on Facebook @wildflowermenheniot



JUNIOR PROJECT

Milk bottle planter – this is made simply by cutting into the side of a plastic milk bottle, filling it with soil and then planting seeds. The one in this picture has been filled with spinach seeds and as you can see, they are growing well. The planter can then be hung from a tree.



GROW LOCAL. BUY LOCAL.

If you haven't yet been to the farmers market in Menheniot, make a date for every second Saturday of the month. There you can find an array of fresh, local & sustainably grown (and preserved and pickled) fruit, vegetables fresh meat, cheese, eggs, bread, cakes, savoury bakes and pasties. You'll save food miles and the

trek into Liskeard, plus you can have a cup of coffee in the pop up cafe and have a friendly natter while you are doing it! The market has been running now for 10 years at the Old School. What's the most popular item they sell? Brian's ham and Jane's cheese scones and lemon drizzle cake vie for first place.

GROW IT YOURSELF

Feeling ambitious? Then grow-it-yourself. Brian Cade from Menheniot Allotments on suggests this easy tip for first time gardeners. It's not too late to buy in salad leaves, tomatoes or even strawberries from the garden centre. Use a bag-for-life with drainage holes in the side, and use a compost that doesn't contain peat (Peatlands store a third of the world's soil carbon, and their harvesting and use releases carbon dioxide, the major greenhouse gas driving climate change).



WOMBLING IN MENHENIOT

Recycling? Did you know that this parish recycles almost one-third of its kerbside waste – a good 15% more than the average for all others in this area. And did you know about our own Wombling Free group? An informal group of residents who take the time to carry out their own litter picks in and around the parish. Join-up via their Facebook page.

