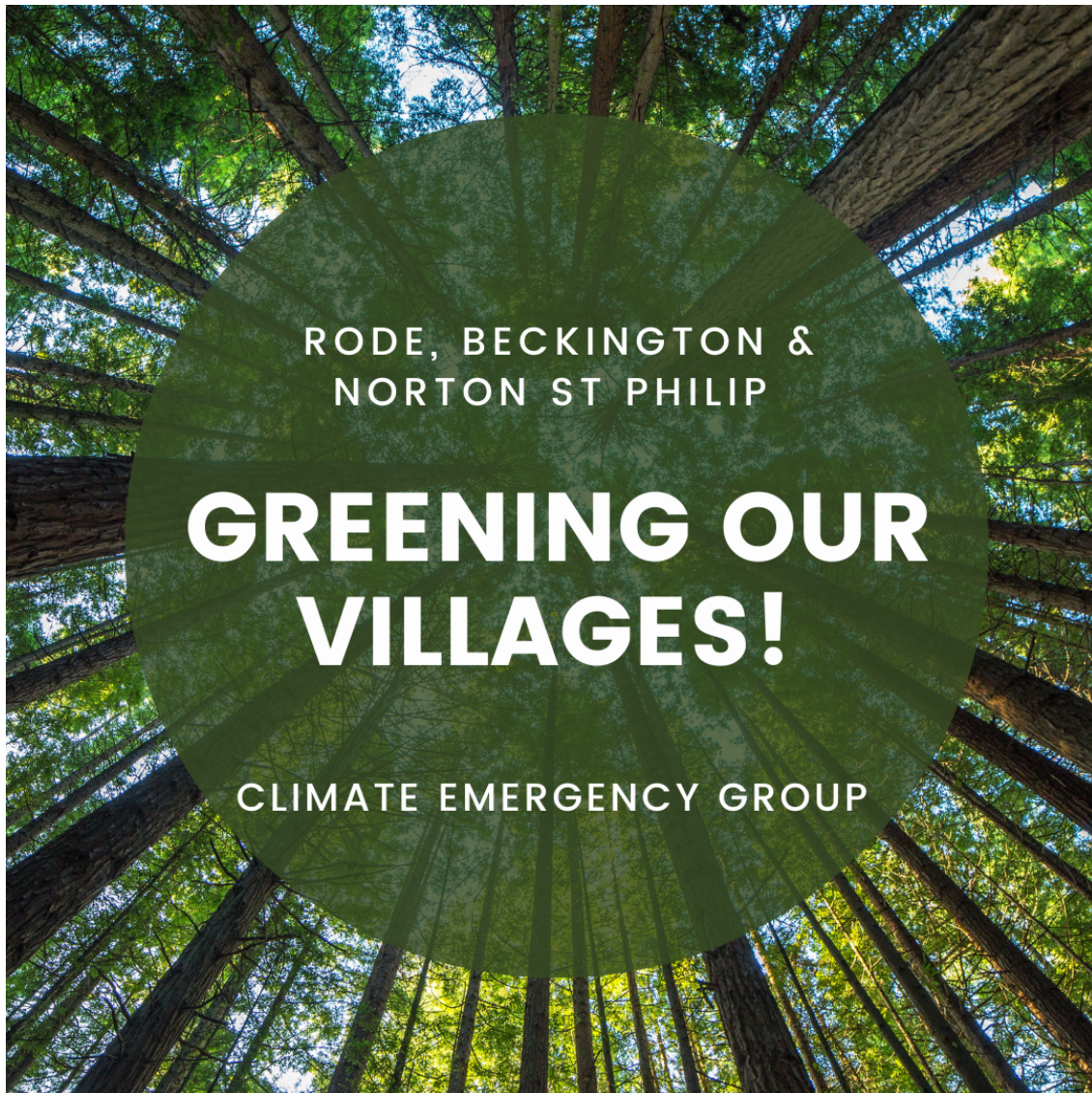


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## **Welcome to the June Climate Emergency Group Newsletter**

Hi everyone!

Great Big Green Week is rapidly approaching - and much of this newsletter is dedicated to events which are part of this excellent initiative....including those that are taking place in and around Rode, Beckington and Norton St Philip. In particular, I very much hope you are able to attend the events on Saturday & Sunday 17th & 18th June - they are FREE. And don't forget to seek out the various vegetarian & vegan options at our local pubs, five of which are running a "Veggie Week" from 12th - 18th June (details in the downloadable leaflet - links below).

But more globally, you may remember from the April newsletter that I reported

specific campaign I participated in was seeking to influence Glencore to cease coal mining, and properly explain how its activities align with the Paris Climate Agreement (for which the company has declared its support). Members of Share Action bought small numbers of Glencore shares to gain the right to attend their AGM and put resolutions to the company.

Glencore's AGM was held last week, and despite holding only a very small number of shares, the resolution proposed by Share Action won the support of nearly 30% of all shareholders. Whilst this wasn't a majority, it will have sent a very clear message to management, and demonstrates what can be achieved by well-targeted campaigns.

It's worth considering becoming a member of Share Action - you have the opportunity to get involved in future campaigns focussed on tackling climate change. Find out more here: <https://shareaction.org>

Jim



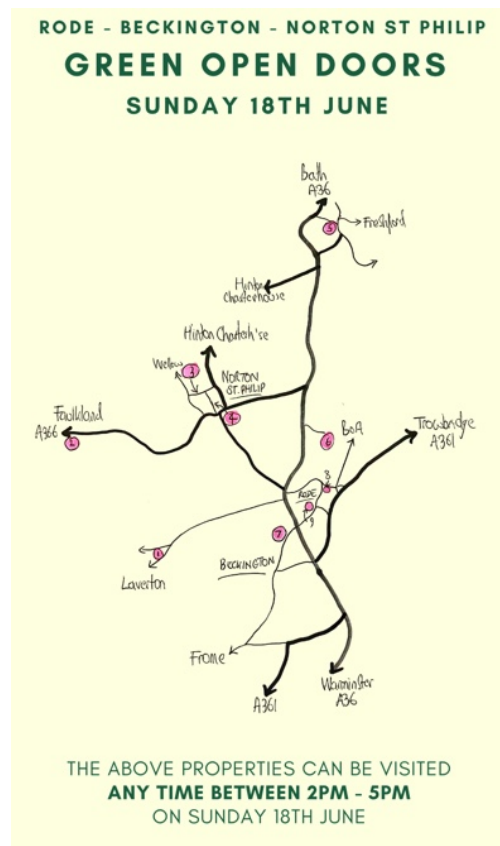
### **Great Big Green Week (10th - 18th June 2023)**

Frome Town Council recently published full details of local listings, which includes four events in our local villages, described in more detail below. A hard copy brochure should be available in various local pubs, shops and cafés, together with numerous locations around Frome, and you can download

<https://www.frometowncouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Great-Big-Green-Week-2023-interactive-programme.pdf>

A brochure specifically detailing the events in and around Rode, Beckington and Norton St Philip is available to download here:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/14yzAkSsHkrU8Bcnm\\_P8tSgnIb-RbFzv4/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/14yzAkSsHkrU8Bcnm_P8tSgnIb-RbFzv4/view?usp=sharing)



## Green Open Doors

**Sunday 18th June [2pm - 5pm]**

**Various locations in Rode, Beckington, Norton St Philip and surrounding villages**

Visit nine homes and businesses to see at first hand environmental initiatives in action (heat pumps, solar PV, Tesla batteries, insulation, electric vehicles, water recycling....). Speak to the owners and hear about the pros and cons. A map showing all locations is above, with details of each property below...and leaflets containing the map, etc, will be delivered to many households in Rode,

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/14yzAkSsHkrU8Bcnm\\_P8tSgnIb-RbFzv4/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/14yzAkSsHkrU8Bcnm_P8tSgnIb-RbFzv4/view?usp=sharing)

**Green Open Doors - Details of Properties to visit, and the technologies on view at each location:**

1. The Old School House & School Barn, Laverton BA2 7QZ: solar panels (PV and hot water); roof insulation; air source heat pump; under-floor heating; electric aga
2. Lime Kiln Farm, Faulkland BA3 5XE: ground source heat pump; solar panels
3. Lyde Green Cottage, Lyde Green, Norton St Philip BA2 7ND: roof solar panels and tesla battery; electric vehicle; natural breathable construction
4. Brewery House, North Street, Norton St Philip BA2 7LE: garden/on-ground solar panels; electric vehicle
5. Tuckers Cottage, Park Corner, Freshford BA2 7UQ: Insulation of solid stone cottage & insulated timber-frame extension
6. Tellisford Mill, Tellisford BA2 7RL: hydro power from the river frome; closed loop ground source heat pump; electric boiler; electric vehicle; e-bike; limited mowing/biodiversity. opportunity to hear more about boosting biodiversity at tellisford churchyard [PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED\*]
7. Clifford Farm, Beckington BA11 6SH: solar panels; grey water recycling
8. Lilac Villa, 12 Marsh Road, Rode BA11 6PE: air source heat pump; electric vehicle; e-bike
9. 17 High Street, Rode, BA11 6NZ: Secondary Glazing in an 18th century property.

\*NB: Tellisford Mill - advance booking required. Go to [eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk) and search for "Visit to Tellisford Mill"

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## **How do we tackle the Climate Emergency?**

Saturday 17th June [2pm - 5pm]

Rode Memorial Hall, High Street, Rode BA11 6PB

A series of talks to inform and inspire!

### **2pm: Low Carbon Retrofit: A Whole House Approach**

Are you worried by how much it costs to heat your home? Did you spend too much time last winter trying to keep warm? Are you concerned about your carbon footprint? If so, this talk - given by Lorna Barraclough (Retrofit Assessor, Centre for Sustainable Energy) & Nikki Brain (Resilience Manager, Frome Town Council) - is for you!

### **3pm: Frome Architect's Eco-home - Practice What You Preach**

Terry Pinto (chartered eco-architect) will give a fascinating talk about the eco-refurbishment of his Victorian home in Frome...and the practical lessons we can all learn

### **4pm: Tackling the Climate Emergency in Somerset**

Sarah Dyke, lead member for the Environment  
& Climate Change on Somerset Council

There will be a short break between each talk - we'd love you to come along for all of them, but feel free to just pop in for one or two!

Light refreshments (teas, coffees, cakes, etc) available

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### **This Food is Rubbish!**

A third of all food produced globally is either lost or wasted. Though much of that occurs in our homes, the issue is more systemic than it is the fault of individuals.

Through "This Food is Rubbish", Cherry Truluck (based in Frome) and Annalee Levin (Huish Episcopi) explore food that is overlooked, misunderstood and

unique artist-led event, they seek out the roots of wastefulness in our food systems and celebrate the practices that are asking “how might we think, eat and farm differently if we took a zero waste approach to food and drink?”

This is the first collaborative event of the two artists, who met as residents of Delfina Foundation’s Politics of Food programme and have worked as professional chefs for major restaurants and arts organisations. Both make work which deals with climate transition and the way it is impacted by food’s role as a tangible, cultural and philosophical connection between the body and the land.

This Food is Rubbish is part of the Frome Great Big Green Week. It is hosted by sustainability-focused Rye Bakery in their beautiful converted chapel on Whittox Lane in Frome, and supported by Frome Food Network. To book tickets, follow this link:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/fromefoodnetwork/907160>



### **Frome Seed Library’s Garden Launch**

**10th June, 11am-1pm; Frome Library; free – no booking required**

Over 60% of our food-growing is controlled by four companies, but the Frome Seed Library offers a means of participation in growing from seed outside of the corporate realm.

a monthly gardeners club, called Sprouts, for under-5s. And, on 10th June, they are also launching a communal garden – outside Frome Library – featuring plants that the Sprouts grew from seed.

At the launch, expect a plant swap with Gardening Together; plenty of opportunities for little people to get their hands dirty; and a gallery of over 200 designs of a dream garden, as imagined by pupils from six Frome primary schools.

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## Single Bus Fares

**To be extended to 31 October 2023**

**and £2.50 until 30 November 2024**



To find out how the Government can help you

**Search 'Help for Households'**

### **£2 Single Bus Fare extended!**

Great news! The £2 single fare offer on local buses continues until 31st October. And, if you'd like to combine a cheap bus journey with a relaxing walk, why not try a "Bus Walk"... follow the link below for details of three walks starting or finishing with a bus journey from Beckington, Rode or Norton St Philip.

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## Somerset Wildlife Trust "Big Count"

Once a year SWT runs a project inviting everyone to keep their eyes peeled for a handful of species over an extended period of time for The Big Count. This year the project runs from **16th to 25th June**. If you'd like to participate in this fun activity, full details are here:

<https://www.somersetwildlife.org/bigcount2023>

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### Energy Advice Sessions

As a reminder, the Centre for Sustainable Energy run very useful energy advice sessions. The next one is on **Monday 12th June, 10-4, in Frome Library**....just pop in and seek them out - no appointment needed. Home Visits by trained advisers can also be arranged. More info here:

<https://www.frometowncouncil.gov.uk/your-community/sustainability-and-resilience/green-and-healthy-futures-programme/healthy-homes/energy-advice-sessions-home-visits/>

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