



Report from the Working Group for climate and nature December 2023

Keeping Your Warmth In

The group have recently purchased a Flir One Pro iOS thermal imaging camera, which means heat loss surveys of private or rented houses can be carried out *free of charge* at any time over the winter period. We also provide tips on improving home insulation and can flag up organisations giving energy efficiency support.

Although this project is aimed at homes, we are happy for local businesses and community organisations to approach us for a free survey and can provide details of business energy efficiency support & information.

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New Library Group

A proposal to help broaden public engagement with environmental issues has been discussed. Sue Baker, Glemsford Library Manager, approached Greening Glemsford with her idea of starting a “green/nature/eco/earth group, something very broad covering all aspects of the environment, recycling, anything animal, vegetable, mineral. It will be a monthly group in the library on a Thursday morning, hopefully with speakers, activities and just conversations around all things green.”

The ‘Green Group’ will start on 1st February 2024 at 11am, with the first topic being ‘Make Your Garden a Nature Reserve!’

Tree Planting

The Woodland Trust has delivered 4 crab apple ‘treelets’ to group Chair Lesli Tunbridge; 3 will be planted in St Mary’s Churchyard and hopefully the remaining one might eventually find a home on Fair Green, following permission from Glemsford Parish Council.

The Working Group also ordered 100 free trees from the Woodland Trust to supplement a new woodland at a local smallholding. The trees are a mix of English Oak, Hornbeam, Wild Cherry, Field Maple and Crab Apple.

A tree canopy survey commissioned in 2021 identified that on average just over 10% of Babergh and 8% of Mid Suffolk is covered by trees. The councils are now liaising with the Woodland Trust in order to increase coverage in both districts to a minimum of 15%, which will support the councils’ climate change and biodiversity ambitions. Both councils are already actively planting more trees and changing the way they manage open spaces on the limited land they own, and in addition local private landowners such as farmers, community organisations, individuals, and businesses are being offered free packs of trees to help reach the areas’ target coverage.

Other projects.

Unfortunately the Repair Cafe project is currently on hold. Thank you to the people who kindly offered to help. There are regular Repair Cafes in Hadleigh and Bury St Edmunds.

Members of Greening Glemsford are decorating the Parish Council tree for the Christmas Tree Festival in St Mary’s Church on 15th - 17th December.

This term the Eco School Committee at Glemsford Primary Academy have focused on Litter and presented an assembly to the school on 4th December. Litter picking equipment is being used to keep the school grounds tidy, there are recycling bins in every room and the children’s posters remind us what can be recycled.

