

The Key

Oxfordshire's sustainability newsletter



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Welcome...

Welcome to the *The Key*, your fortnightly guide to the news, events, funding and jobs from Oxfordshire's environmental community.

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News

Hub community strategy day on March 17

The **Low Carbon Hub** is organising a free collective planning day for all low-carbon groups in Oxfordshire on Saturday 17 March. The event will ask how the Hub needs to support Oxfordshire low-carbon communities, give groups useful new information in which to ground their own plans, and continue to build a strong support network.

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Fair Green Deal pilot

Two hundred households in Oxfordshire will have the opportunity to take part in a Fair Green Deal 'go early' pilot, following The **Energy Saving Co-op** and the **Low Carbon Hub**'s successful bid to the Government's Local Energy Assessment Fund (LEAF).

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Free composting training for local food growers

The **Community Composting Network** have been granted £264,000 from Local Food to help local communities grow their own food crops and to make and use their own high quality compost by offering a free accredited training course to local food growers.

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Solar panel feed-in tariff update

DECC has announced the outcome of its public consultation on its proposed amendments to the solar photovoltaic (PV) Feed in Tariff (FIT) scheme.

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Funding

PURE Trust: up to 50% of project costs to a maximum of £50,000, as a 4% interest 5 year loan, to meet the costs of installing renewable energy equipment.

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Jobs

Research Assistant - Earthwatch

Approx. 5 days a month for up to 6 months, £7 per hour, Oxford.

[Full details here](#) - Closing date 11 March

Head of Conservation and Education - Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust

Full time, permanent, £32,300-£35,000 pa, Oxford.

[Full details here](#) - Closing date 16 March

Affordable Warmth Projects Assistant – United Sustainable Energy Agency

Part time, permanent, £16,560 - £18,363 pa pro rata, Witney, Oxfordshire.

[Full details here](#) - Closing date 16 March

Fundraising Manager - Earthwatch

£26,893 - £31,451 per annum plus benefits, Oxford.

[Full details here](#) - Closing date 19 March

Bioinformatician - Centre for Ecology and Hydrology

Full time, permanent, £26,180 progressing to £29,410, Wallingford.

[Full details here](#) - closing date 3 April

Love Nature Week Fundraising Internship - RSPB

Part time, temporary, voluntary, Banbury.

[Full details here](#) - Closing date 4 April

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Upcoming

March

3rd [Seed swap and Barracks Lane Community Garden opening @ Oxford](#)

3rd [Litter pick @ Dean Court](#)

3rd [Swap shop @ Barton](#)

3rd [Upcycling workshop @ Oxford](#)

4th [Garden maintenance day @ Oxford](#)

4th [OxGrow work party @ Oxford](#)

6th [What's your Foodprint? Public Meeting @ Oxford](#)

9th [The Economics of Happiness screening and local food talk @ Wantage](#)

9th [Meet Anton Bowman: Windward Island Fairtrade Banana Farmer @ Oxford](#)

10th [Swap shop @ Eynsham](#)

10th [Swap shop @ Didcot](#)

10th [Family Nature Club @ Oxford](#)

10th [Open farm day @ Little Wittenham](#)

11th [Poetry workshop @ Oxford](#)

11th [OxGrow work party @ Oxford](#)

11th [Spring litter pick @ Longworth](#)

12th [Cherwell School solar opening celebration @ Oxford](#)

12th [Turl St Kitchen Tree planting session @ Oxford](#)

13th [What happens when we run out of oil? @ Oxford](#)

15th [Upcycling workshop @ Oxford](#)

17th [Swap shop @ Aston](#)

Future

March

17th [Low Carbon Hub strategy day @ Oxford](#)

24th [Transitions and Transformations for a Low Carbon Future in the UK @ Oxford](#)

27th [Eco-innovation event @ Bicester](#)

Oxfordshire residents are invited to become volunteer Master Composters

A message from the Oxfordshire Waste Partnership:

Do you want to find out more about composting and help pass on the message to others? We will train you to encourage your friends and neighbours to compost at home by attending events, writing articles and talking to local groups and schools. Volunteers are asked to give 30 hours of their time in order to qualify as a Master Composter. You will join our existing volunteer group, who have been working in the community since 2008 to help keep biodegradable waste out of landfill.

Training is free, and covers the basic elements of home composting and related environmental issues. It takes place over two consecutive days, in Oxford city centre and the Garden Organic site at Ryton (near Coventry). Refreshments and transport to Ryton from Oxford city are provided. The training will take place on Friday 20th and Saturday 21st April 2012, and attendance at both days is required.

The Master Composter scheme is open to everyone – you don't have to be a composting expert. All we ask is that you are willing to contribute your time and enthusiasm as a volunteer.

There are a limited number of spaces available on the 2012 programme, and applications are invited by 28th March. For an application form or more information, please contact:

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