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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

Free energy assessments still available

Kidlington vs Climate Change and **Sustainable Kirtlington** with the **Sustainable Home Survey Company** have spaces left to offer free home energy surveys for home owners or tenants living locally or beyond.

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Low Carbon Villages Project complete

Forum for the Future were commissioned to carry out some evaluation work of the National Trust project, including Coleshill, Oxfordshire. A report and short film are now available along with more information for any interested communities.

[Read more →](#)

Oxford University releases its first Environmental Sustainability Report

The report covers the academic year 2010/11 for carbon emissions, water consumption, travel, waste and recycling, biodiversity, sustainable buildings and sustainable purchasing. It is clear, simple and offers some interesting solutions to a difficult problem.

[Read more →](#)

New DECC Low Carbon Heat Plans launched

A second phase of the **Renewable Heat Premium Payment (RHPP)** scheme, which gives money off renewable technologies, will be launched on 2nd April this year, including an £8m competition for communities to apply for grants to encourage community groups to install renewable heating.

[Read more →](#)

Funding

Local authority funding: Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action have an extensive list of funding sources from the County and District Councils.

[Read more →](#)

Jobs

Fundraising Manager (Trusts & Foundations) - Earthwatch

Full time, permanent, £26,893 - £31,451 pa plus benefits, Oxford.

[Full details here](#) - closing date 31 March

Bioinformatician - Centre for Ecology and Hydrology

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

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

Senior Commodity Analyst - Forest Footprint Disclosure

Full time, permanent, Oxford.

[Full details here](#) - Closing date 5 April

Senior Project Manager (Forestry Supply Chains) - Proforest

Full time, fixed term, £30,000 - £40,000 commensurate with experience, Oxford.

[Full details here](#) - closing date 23 April

Project Manager (Conservation & Sustainable Land Management) - Proforest

Full time, fixed term, £25,000 - £30,000 commensurate with experience, Oxford.

[Full details here](#) - closing date 30 April

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29th [Hungry gap feast @ Oxford](#)

29th [Electric car club engagement event @ Oxford](#)

30th [Avoiding the Tragedy of the Commons amnesty lecture @ Oxford](#)

31st [Eco Bicester Day @ Bicester](#)

31st [Swap shop @ Wallingford](#)

31st [WWF Earth Hour @ Worldwide](#)

April

1st [DinnerTime community kitchen @ Oxford](#)

1st [OxGrow work party @ Oxford](#)

2nd-3rd and 5th [Eco-Creative course: Stone carving, wood fired pottery & outdoor cooking @ Oxford](#)

3rd [The Island President - special screening @ Oxford](#)

7th [Swap shop @ Barton](#)

7th [Oxford permaculture @ Oxford](#)

8th [Barracks Lane Garden's Easter Sunday @ Oxford](#)

8th [OxGrow work party @ Oxford](#)

10th and 12th-13th [Eco-Creative course: Felt making, upcycling and outdoor cooking @ Oxford](#)

14th [Swap shop @ Great Milton](#)

14th [Gardening group @ Oxford](#)

14th [Be the Change symposium @ Witney](#)

14th [Family bike day @ Dean Court](#)

Future

April

19th [CAG network social event @ Oxford](#)

21st-22nd [Introduction to Permaculture course @ Oxford](#)

May

26th [Wallingford Food Festival @ Wallingford](#)

A message from the Low Carbon Hub

Barbara Hammond is compiling a Hub response to the Phase 2 Review of the Solar PV FIT. Based on data for Oxfordshire, she has put together an evidence document to show how many, and how high, the barriers are to real community involvement in the Feed-in Tariff scheme.

Based on these findings, she has set out four key proposals to feed into the review. If you want to find out more log-on and read [Barbara's latest blog](#), the evidence document, and a draft of the Hub response. If you would like to feed in to the response, please email info@lowcarbonhub.org by Friday 30th March.

Information on Household Waste Recycling Centres

From April 1 Household Waste Recycling Centres in Oxfordshire will be open until 8pm every Thursday. For more information visit the [Oxfordshire County Council website](#).

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