



Bakewell Poppy Fund Organiser Mark Wakeman with Cllrs David Hughes, Mayor and Steve Wain, Deputy Mayor, collecting for the Poppy Appeal'

Poppy Appeal

Fundraising events during the Poppy Appeal are all about bringing communities together to fundraise and enjoy themselves in the process. Many areas across the country dedicate time and effort to distribute poppies and engage with the public and Matlock is no exception.

Collections have already started and Lib Dem councillors are collecting at the Matlock Bath Illuminations, to be followed by more local collections and other events closer to Remembrance Sunday.

Cllr Steve Wain says "In line with this year's theme of 'Remember Together', local residents are invited to the service

of remembrance at 14.45 on Sunday 10 November at the Park Head, to remember those people who sacrificed so much to enable us to live the lives we enjoy today".

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Cllr David Hughes with Cllr Martin Burfoot

Matlock's Demo Against Climate Change

Like many towns and cities throughout the country, Matlock's Park Head hosted a Climate Change demonstration last month, organised by Highfields School students. Local Lib Dem councillors attended. The Government have declared a climate emergency and so has the District and Town Councils. Both have formed working parties to prioritise ways in which they can reduce their own carbon footprints, as well as trying to influence the behaviour of others.

One initiative already being investigated is the installation of charging points for electric vehicles in the District Council's

main car parks. **Cllr Martin Burfoot** says "If we want people to move towards buying and using electric powered vehicles, we will have to make it easier to charge their cars". Government grants are available for this purpose, as well as for electric cars, from the Government's Office for Low Emission Vehicles. The Council also obviously needs to buy electric cars and vans for its own use. Matlock Town Council is taking various initiatives, including a water refill scheme in local shops and is planning to make its container planting more sustainable. **Cllr Paul Cruise** says "A good example of simple, quick actions is the water refill scheme which we have launched in Matlock to avoid single use plastic". See the app '<https://refill.org.uk>'.

STOP PRESS - Sainsbury's have just announced they will reduce their plastic footprint by 50% by 2025, probably thanks to Greenpeace and their long campaign. This should set an example to other retailers, since UK supermarkets use a massive 800,000 tonnes of plastic packaging a year.

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Matlock Town Council has set up a Climate Action Working Group

launched at an event last month. About 50 people attended and offered ideas about what the Council, community and individuals can do to reduce carbon emissions and increase biodiversity. Those ideas will form part of an action plan to be put before the Council.

Cllr David Hughes, Mayor of Matlock, opened the event and said "Action to reduce CO₂ equivalent emissions is urgently needed to minimise the damage being done to the environment".

Speakers from Highfields School and local groups campaigning for climate action spoke about the need for action, including including members of the Matlock business community, who described the many actions taken to minimise its environmental impact. Lots of proposals were put forward, such as restoration of degraded peatlands, solar panels on all new buildings, provision of simple vegetarian recipes on the Council website and a 'zero waste' shop in Matlock.



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