

Environmental and Sustainability forum 11th Dec at 2pm

4 speakers.

1. Kevin Winchcombe on Home Energy Support schemes.

Two in particular. 'Flex scheme' aimed at low income households and funded by energy companies, and 'Warmer Homes' also aimed at low income households but funded by IOW council and Portsmouth City council, +30 other councils.

2. Laura Stitchbury : Footprint Trust

Reg Charity.

Set up to help islanders in fuel poverty reduce bills, save money, and thereby also reduce the island's carbon footprint.

Home visits, drop ins, Energy talks, phone calls. Also provide training.

So far Footprint Trust have helped 700 households (2/3rds in rental properties) and 60% with long term medical conditions.

700 tonnes carbon saved and £800,000 saved.

350 households identified for the 'Priority Services Register.

PCs can

Refer households, as long as consent given.

Invite FT to give talks and promote outreach.

Take on training.

3. Ian Lloyd : Island Poverty Reduction Strategy.

In collaboration with : Voluntary sector, statutory services and Town and Parish councils.

Aim to

Target support immediately

Help prevent falling into poverty

Longer term support

Resilience

NB

The IW has 12 areas in top 20% most deprived in the UK, plus 3 areas top 10% most deprived in UK

20,000 living in fuel poverty.

4. Tristan Harris

Energy for Tomorrow

"Together for Parish Futures"

This group is closely connected to the IW Biosphere and concentrates on Youth, Warm homes, Local growing solutions and Doughnut economy solutions.

They are currently working with IW Youth Trust, Green IW and Grow Gurnard, and funded by The Biosphere group and Centrica.

Their aim is to have greater connection with the Islands 33 parishes to drive more local

action.

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WCFA

The WCFA meeting is on Tuesday 13th at 7pm.

If required, I have offered to open up the club for their meeting, but have also sent my apologies.

WCFA have been given permission to meet at RVYC, so I guess we could also do so if desired, although it might be rather cold!!?

Southern Water

There was a major burst main yesterday in the early hours of the morning, along the footpath between Fishbourne Lane and Ashlake Copse Lane, adjacent to the Little Library.

I was alerted by a walker at approximately 0830, who saw the water and knocked on our door. I called Southern Water.

I was asked to follow a link they sent in order to video the leak which I did.

As it was major and flowing into a garden and property, as well as a torrent along the footpath, it was deemed urgent and the engineers arrived in a very short time and spent all day repairing the damage.

In order to do so they had to approach the site via the resident's property. This is not the first time. The staggered barriers across the footpath prevent getting large equipment (ie diggers) into the path.

The owner, though not in residence is understandably not happy about this.

Lastly

This morning's coffee morning held at the pub was well attended and a very happy gathering. One resident was discussing her plans for her 100th birthday later this year. She plans to drive a husky team in Scandinavia!!

Hope for us all.