

Sustainable South Brent

Autumn 2011

Real Things you can do to make a Real Difference

- Try out the Devon Car Share scheme (page 2)
- Help at the Community Compost Centre (page 2)
- Recycle (see page 3)
- Help with the School Garden (back page)
- Encourage a friend or neighbour to join SSB

Low Energy Light Bulb Recycling

SSB has just set up a used low energy bulb disposal facility.

Wakeleys, in Station Yard, have very kindly agreed to display the special container and one of our members has agreed to be the volunteer transporting the bulbs onwards to a main collection point in Plymouth.

The overall scheme is run by not-for-profit company CoBRA/Recolight - (CoBRA stands for Community Bulb Recycling Alliance).



Low energy bulbs do contain a very small amount of mercury and are therefore hazardous in landfill. During recycling the mercury can be safely removed and reused. Rare earth phosphors can also be recovered.

Successful Summer Party



The summer party held at the Village Hall and hosted by Sustainable South Brent was a resounding success: a wonderful evening of food, music and dance. The event was sold out and we have

had very positive feedback from people who attended. Big thanks to everyone who made it happen and contributed so generously.



Late Notice: Volunteers needed for School Garden Working Party - Sat 17th Sept - 2pm onwards

Details on back page ...

Notice of Annual General Meeting

All members are invited to attend the Sustainable South Brent Annual General meeting.

Wednesday 9th November 2011 at 7.30pm

Methodist Church Hall, South Brent

To consider the annual report, accounts, election of directors and any other business

This is the first AGM of the new Sustainable South Brent company and all members are invited to make nominations for directors which they wish to have considered. Nominations can be made to The Secretary in advance or at the AGM.

Each member has a right to vote at the AGM or to appoint a proxy to vote on their behalf.

Further details from The Secretary:

Ross Kennerley 01364 73665 or ross@devon.entadsl.com
or c/o The Old School House, Totnes Road, South Brent TQ10 9BP

Community Energy

EnergyShare Fund

Work continues on the application for funding from the British Gas "EnergyShare" fund. The deadline for applications is now the end of September, after which EnergyShare will choose which community projects go forward to the final round of public voting.

Improving the energy efficiency of South Brent's community buildings

As well as seeking start-up funding for our wind turbine project, we're working with the Village Hall, Recreation Association and Old School Centre to explore how an EnergyShare grant could improve the energy efficiency of South Brent's community buildings, for the benefit of all.

Planning permission for anemometer mast

South Hams District Council has approved our planning application for a 30m high anemometer mast for the Marley Wind Turbine Scheme. We're now waiting to hear whether or not we've obtained funding for this important exercise from the Naturesave Trust. If all goes to plan we hope to install the mast in the next month and verify (or not!) the average wind speeds at hub height. This will determine whether the project is viable. Many thanks to those who've contributed to the costs involved.

Pulling all this together, we're holding an open meeting on Tuesday 18th October at 7.30pm to discuss how a "South Brent Community Energy Partnership" might work (see box on page 2). Please make a note in your diary and keep an eye out for further information nearer the time.

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Car Share Devon



We have always promoted this scheme on our 'Guide to Local Transport' notices around the village.

08700 11 11 99
carsharedevon.com

Advantages of the scheme are that it:

- Is free to use, you simply share the travel costs
- Saves you money
- Links drivers and passengers together online
- Reduces the pollution and congestion on our roads

Just recently we've been asked about take-up and have obtained statistics relating to South Brent and South Devon generally.

Journey 'start locations' since the scheme began in 2003 are:

South Brent	124
Buckfastleigh	280
Ivybridge	176
Totnes	261
Plymouth	509

Uptake here is not great, but respectable compared with other places. The scheme is an excellent one and easy to use via the internet or telephone. Should you have any problems registering on-line, they can be sorted out by telephone. www.carsharedevon.com and 08700 111199

PV panels?

Wood-chip heating systems?

What sort of savings can these make?

How much do they cost?

How will they be paid for?

What is a 'revolving investment fund'?

SSB, together with the Village Hall, Recreation Association and Old School Centre, are investigating the options for South Brent's community buildings.

Come to an open meeting

**Tuesday 18th October at 7.30pm
in the Old School Centre**

to hear about and discuss ideas on how we can best use the opportunities presented by the Feed-in-Tariff, Renewable Heat Incentive and the resources available within the parish to benefit the community.

Recycling in and around South Brent



The bad news

The UK wastes £650 million worth of recyclable material each year. In Devon we throw away over 300,000 tonnes of rubbish every year – a pile that would be bigger than the largest tor on Dartmoor.

The good news

South Hams recycles and composts around 58% of its waste (top is Staffordshire Moorlands at 61.5%) and sends the least waste to landfill per household in the UK. Flanders in Belgium and San Francisco manage 72% - so there's more we can do.

More news

The next page has an overview of local recycling available.

If you would like to know more about any of these schemes, links to recycling web sites etc go to the SSB web site and click on the **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle** page.

Marsh Moves On

After the successful opening of the Marsh Community Compost and Reuse Centre back in March, we've gone from strength to strength. The Centre has been open every Sunday between 10am and 1pm with the assistance of a group of volunteers.

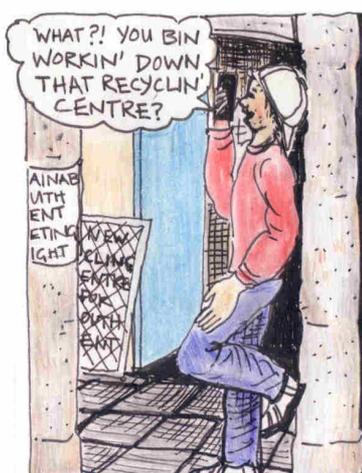
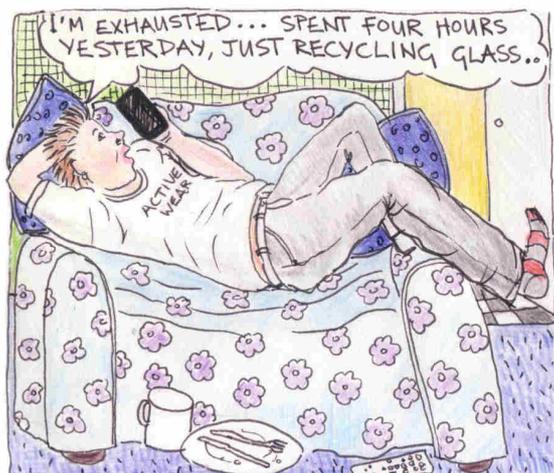
Garden waste is being brought down in many ways - walking, wheelbarrows and cars - and we now have 5 bays of compost cooking away. The maximum number of deliveries for a week has been 52 car visits which represents a lot of compost material being created and a lot of miles being saved – nearly 700 on the day, if you assume that otherwise people would need to take a 14 mile round trip to Totnes or Ivybridge.

We are being assisted by South Hams Council who are shredding the material and moving it between the bays. The first of the compost has gone to the School Garden and when we get our compost tumbler we'll be bagging the compost and making it available - watch out for further information.

The support and assistance has been great – with 18 regular volunteers and Martin Duckworth taking on volunteer coordination – but we could always do with more help, particularly as we start to bag up the compost. Offers of help or comments on how this is going to Ross on 73665.

Like to Learn More?

We are looking at whether we can put on, or support, training events around sustainability. We've some early ideas – bike maintenance, energy conservation, food preservation – and would like suggestions and offers of help from the members. Please contact Ross on 73665.



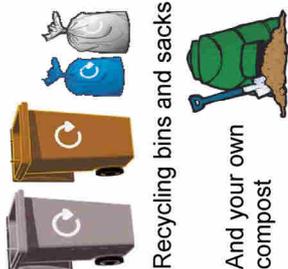
Artwork by Jane Wellens

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Want to know more?

Go to the SSB web site and click on the **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle** page.

AT HOME



Recycling bins and sacks
And your own compost

ONLINE

Freecycle
Offers and requests for local goods online – all for free.
The South Brent group includes Ivybridge and Totnes and has over 4000 members.



Recycling skips Station Car Park
Textiles & Shoes
Bottles & Glass Jars
Newspapers & Magazines

Wakeleys
Batteries & Low Energy Light Bulbs

Recycling Unit Co-op car park
Clothing & Shoes



Moortek
Batteries (if purchasing)

Charity Shops
Mare & Foal Sanctuary & St Luke's Hospice
They take various materials for recycling. Materials are sent to sorting depots and the charity gets money for them:

- Video tapes (made into children's playgrounds' surfaces)
- Electrical equipment * (not breadmakers)
- Books (any condition)
- Plastics (including broken toys)
- Metal *
- Mobile phones (not St Luke's)
- Printer cartridges

* If you have heavy items or large quantities please give them a call first.

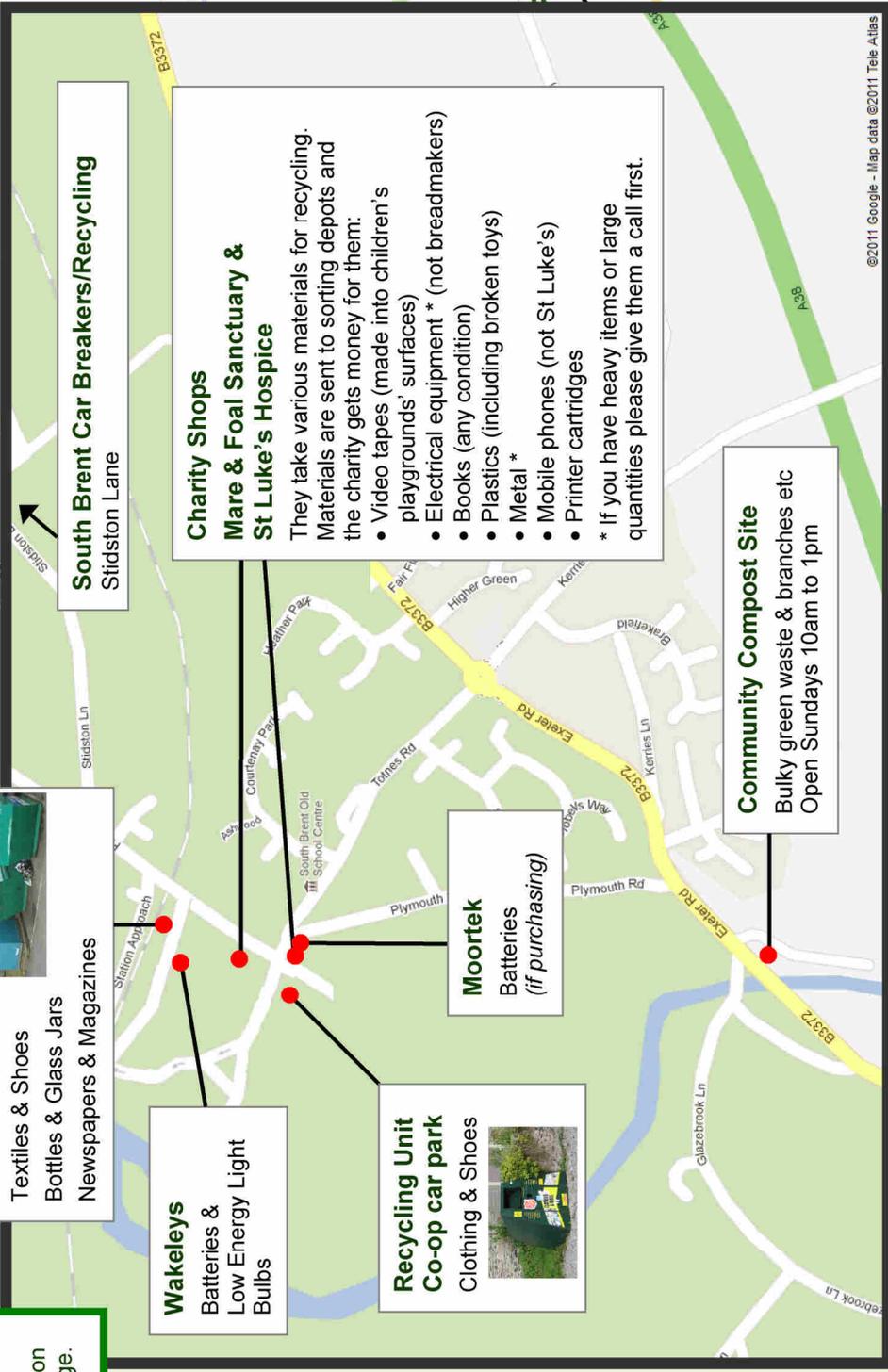
South Brent Car Breakers/Recycling
Stidston Lane

Community Compost Site
Bulky green waste & branches etc
Open Sundays 10am to 1pm

ReFurnish Devon
Bittaford, Buckfastleigh & Totnes
They collect large furniture items & white goods for reconditioning

Tetrapak cartons
Heath's Nursery car park, Totnes
Tesco Lee Mill car park, Ivybridge

RECYCLING CENTRES
Ivybridge & Totnes
They recycle many items not recyclable locally. For example, Ivybridge accepts washed plastic plant pots, yogurt pots etc (not suitable for home collection); Totnes accepts regular light bulbs and fluorescent strips. Go to South Hams District Council web site and click on R (for Recycling) in their A-Z of Services.



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Events Listings

Sat 17th Sept School Garden Working Party

From 2pm – see article on right

Tues 18th Oct SSB Open meeting

How a “South Brent Community Energy Partnership” might work. See box on page 2 for further details

Open to everyone. 7.30pm. Venue Old School Centre

Wed 2nd Nov SSB Trustees’ meeting

Open to all members. 7.30pm. Venue Royal Oak

Wed 9th Nov SSB AGM

Open to all members. See front page box for details.

7.30pm. Venue Methodist Church Hall

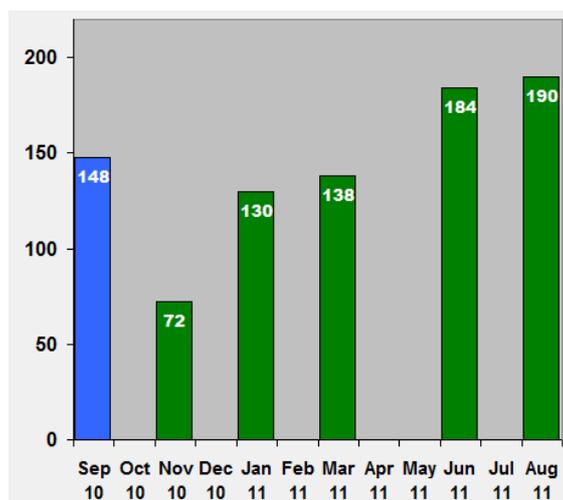
SSB Membership

We’re hoping to reach 200 members by our AGM in November.

Would any of your friends like to join? Why not ask them? Especially if they use the Marsh or their children enjoy the School Garden.

Have you got young children? They can join for free.

Membership Numbers since Sep 2010



Note: in Oct 2010 the old SSB association closed down and everyone was encouraged to then join the new SSB limited company (part of the process of becoming a charity).

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School Garden Working Party

Autumn has arrived and it's time to tidy up and do some digging in the garden!

We have some timber ready to construct another raised bed, and several other jobs that we would love to get done, so we are getting together on:



Saturday 17th Sept - 2.00 pm onwards

at the Primary School Garden (to the right of the main Hall).

All volunteers (new or "old", experienced or not) are warmly welcomed to come along for any length of time during the afternoon.

If you are able to bring spades/forks/gloves etc. please do, but we can also provide some tools. Come along with a drink or Thermos and we'll make sure you get some cake or biscuits to keep your strength up.

If you are unable to work, but would like to spend time with us in the garden on that day, please feel free to drop in.

If you need more information contact Helen on 01364 72141 or helenhall276@btinternet.com or Frank on 01364 649192.

In the event of bad weather please use one of the contacts above before 1.30 pm to check if we are venturing out or not.

Other News

Fund for Renewable Energy for Farmers

Farmers in the UK will be able to access a new £100 million fund from Barclays Bank to support the costs of installing renewable energy systems. Barclays drew on NFU expertise before launching the initiative, which will provide loans for solar panels, wind turbines and hydro-electricity projects on farmland. More details from the NFU website: www.nfonline.com/our-work/environment/renewable-energy/

Free seminar for Farmers/Landowners planning Renewable Energy Projects

The Renewable Energy Exchange are holding a “FiT-for-Farming” seminar at the Sandy Park Conference Centre on 20th October. If you are a farmer or landowner planning to develop a renewable energy project you can apply for a complementary ticket to this networking event: www.fitforfarming.com for details.

Funding for Home Owners Renewable Heat Premium Payment Scheme

This scheme is designed to encourage the take up of green heating technologies by home owners by providing funding. Anyone, no matter how you currently heat your home, can apply for solar thermal panels. If you currently use oil, liquid gas, solid fuel or electricity, then you also have the chance to apply for air, ground, or water source heat pumps and biomass boilers. To check the criteria, get more information and apply online: visit the Energy Saving Trust website, or call free on 0800 512 012 to talk to an advisor.

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