

## Really useful ways of reducing waste



Nearly everyone recycles these days, so what more can we do to reduce waste and make good use of resources? That's the question Transition Stratford's *Really Re-Useful Show* will be addressing at Stratford Town Hall on the morning of Saturday 18 June.

In fact there are lots more things we can do – and plenty of ideas at *The Really Re-Useful Show*. Jenny Lanham, who ran a plastics-free week in Shipston-on-Stour earlier this year, will be talking about ways to reduce packaging. Grazyna Hominiec-Meek will

explain how The Loft, Stratford's furniture recycling service, is helping reuse household goods. Vikki Holroyd from WEAVE Recycle, one of a national network of Scrapstores, will talk about how scrap material, which businesses find difficult to use or dispose of, can be used to benefit children through education and play. And Chris Dobson from Stratford District Council will update us on things we can do through official recycling and waste reduction schemes.

Alongside the meeting, there will be stands showcasing ways in which we can reduce waste. Simon Pilling of Cartridge World will be there to tell you how you can save resources and money by having your printer cartridges refilled, while Ian Miller will be demonstrating some of his ideas on how things people throw away can be turned – with a bit of imagination and creative flair -into art and artefacts. And Liz Atkinson will be showing how kitchen and garden waste can be turned into compost, reducing the need for landfill and improving your soil at the same time.

But the main purpose of event is to get your ideas for things we can do locally to reduce waste. There will plenty of opportunities to put forward your ideas for new practical initiatives. So if you're interested in what we can do to reduce waste or have ideas of your own to put forward, *The Really Re-Useful Show* will be a really useful way to spend the morning! For more details, or to help publicise the event, please contact us on 01789 298503 or e-mail [admin@transitionstratford.com](mailto:admin@transitionstratford.com).

### Dates for your diary

**Mon 6 June, 7.30pm:**

Transition Stratford Steering Group. All welcome, for venue please contact Barbara on 01789 298503.

**Sat 18 June, 9.30 –**

**12.30am:** The Really Re-Useful Show – Open Space discussion and marketplace, Stratford Town Hall, Sheep Street, Stratford upon Avon CV37 6EF

**Mon 20 June, 7.30pm:**

Transition Stratford quarterly general meeting, The Buzz Café, St Gregory's Hall, Henley Street, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6QW

**Sat 25 June, 1 – 3pm:**

Transition Stratford stall at Thomas Joliffe Primary School family fun day, Clopton Road, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6TE

**Sat 2 – Sun 3 July:**

Transition Stratford stall at Stratford River Festival, Recreation Ground, Stratford-upon-Avon

**Mon 11 July, 7.30pm:**

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## Preparing for a fruit-full Autumn

Following on from the success of last year's pilot Harvest Share project, a bumper crop of local fruit is in prospect. As well as fruit from trees in private gardens, this year's project will also harvest fruit from the 200 trees in the orchard at Anne Hathaway's Cottage. At the invitation of the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, work is already in progress on mapping the orchard and recording the many unusual and historic varieties of fruit, which include cider apples and perry pears. If you'd like to get involved, please contact us on 01789 298503 or email [admin@transitionstratford.com](mailto:admin@transitionstratford.com).

We'd also like to hear from you if you, or your neighbours, have trees which produce more fruit than can be used, or if you would like to help with the harvest: as well as fruit picking, we are looking for people who could help for an hour or two once a week, between August and November, with sorting fruit for distribution and delivering it to local care homes, children's centres and churches. And, of course, if you know of a local organisation which could make good use of free fruit – please let us know!

## All the fun of the fair...



The summer season of fêtes and festivals will soon be here and we are already planning a busy programme of stalls to publicise our work. If you'd like to join us in the Transition Stratford gazebo – or if you know of an event where we could take a stall – please let us know on 01789 298503 or email [admin@transitionstratford.com](mailto:admin@transitionstratford.com).

## Garden Shares to let

There are now plots available in all areas of Stratford for would-be growers through Transition Stratford's Garden Share scheme. There's still time to catch the Spring sowing season, so if you know someone who wants to grow their own, please e-mail Joy at [malone.godwin@gmail.com](mailto:malone.godwin@gmail.com).

## Get knitting!

Many thanks to all who responded to last month's skills survey. We have an offer of help for anyone who would like to learn to knit or crochet – please contact us on 01789 298503 or email [admin@transitionstratford.com](mailto:admin@transitionstratford.com) and we'll put you in touch.

## Plant swap success



The green-fingered residents of Clopton enjoyed a couple of hours of lively bartering on Saturday 7 May at the plant swap organised by Transition Stratford in partnership with Clopton Community Forum. Plans are already in hand for an even bigger and better event next year – so watch this space!

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### Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a co-opted member of the steering group, which meets monthly. If you would be interested in joining the steering group, please contact Barbara Cooper on 01789 298503, e-mail [barbara.cooper@phonecoop.coop](mailto:barbara.cooper@phonecoop.coop) for details

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