



December 2023 – festive edition

Seasons Greetings to All Turn Lyme Green Supporters



We send our best wishes for a green Christmas and more environmental action in the new year. Do consider joining in our activities to help Lyme turn greener. We always welcome new energy and ideas on the Steering Committee which meets every couple of months. And we're hopeful we will get a new website in 2024 with the help of Jules Hughes – thanks to all involved. If you want to step up, please email us. Read on for loo roll research and the latest on plastic free Lyme Regis – plus what's going on for the Recycle Sewing Group (pictured).

Events coming up

NEXT LITTER PICK * SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

The next Litter Pick is on Sunday December 17 starting at the RNLI station at 2pm. Finish by 3.30. Litter pickers, bags and gloves provided. Santa hats optional. Please bring your own bucket if you can to collect litter. We will dispose of all rubbish.

FREE hot drink or ice cream from BABOO!

Email litterpicklyme@gmail.com for further information.

JANUARY 16 MEETING AND SOCIAL

TLG Steering Group meeting and social: 7pm. Tuesday, January 16. Come and hear about our projects and let us know your ideas. Bring some nibbles to share. At the Driftwood Cafe in the Baptist Church at the top of Broad Street. All welcome.



2024 SEED SWOP * Saturday, March 2

Amazing Seeds for All

Our Seed Savers met on Tuesday, 12 December for our last session before Christmas. Suzy Gallina writes, "We labelled and filled 193 seed envelopes! 2024 seeds include **Runner Bean** 'white emergo' **Rainbow Chard**, **Mustard** 'nine headed bird', **Wild Rocket**, **Coriander** 'cruiser', **Scabiosa Stellata** 'sternkugel', and **Sunflower** 'library tall' amongst others." All will be available for our Seed Swap on Saturday, March 2. Be sure to put this date in your diaries. You'll be able to cross some seeds off your 2024 seed

order! Especially as seed prices are increasing.

DID YOU KNOW? *Fresh, locally grown and well kept seed will give you better germination and growth. Locally grown seed will be better adapted to Lyme's climate. Commercially produced seed is often grown overseas in a hot climate with cheap labour.*

TLG TALKS

- **Tuesday, February 20 An Ocean Election?** Local resident **Giles Bristow** has recently become the CEO of Surfers Against Sewage. Giles will be talking about "Water quality – an election issue. How Surfers Against Sewage will be working both nationally with the three main political parties and locally with communities to ensure this is an Ocean Election".
- **Tuesday, March 19 Simon Williams** of Footprint Futures will brief us on '**The River Lim Path – past and future**'. Simon is a planning and regeneration consultant, living and working in the Lyme area, with experience in delivering a variety of environmental and regeneration projects. He was the Project Officer appointed by the Dorset Coast Forum to plan and manage the delivery of the River Lim Path Improvement Project,. This was one of 15 'Dorset Coastal Connections' *Projects funded by the Government's Coastal Communities Fund.*

Both talks will start at 7pm at the Driftwood Cafe in the Baptist Church at the top of Broad Street, Lyme Regis.

Our News

Thank you, Lyme Regis Town Council



Our thanks to Lyme Regis Town Council's Environment Committee for granting the River Lim Action group – part of TLG – funds for another year of monitoring and tackling invasive species. There are also funds for better signage about how to look after the river. Pictured are Town Council members and staff on a fact finding walk with RLA monitors. The group is looking for volunteers to pull out Himalayan Balsam next year. Get in touch if you'd like to help out: riverlimaction@gmail.com

Recycle Sewing Group

The Recycle Sewing Group crafts draught excluders, hot water bottle covers, Boomerang Bags and Big Bags. All items have been made from donated recycled or unwanted fabric. The draught excluders and hot water bottles fend off the winter chill.

The Boomerang Bags and Big Bags help the climate by reducing landfill waste and the use of plastic and paper bags.

The draught excluders and bottles are distributed through the Seaside Café, the Foodbank and the Welcome Café at the Football club as well as by Energy Champions (see below); and the bags through local independent shops and B&Bs.

Energy Champions



Now is the time to invite a local Energy Champion to visit your home with a thermal camera to find out where your energy losses are. Local champion Philip May (pictured left) has been visiting homes and handing out draught excluders from the sewing group where needed. If you'd like a visit from an energy champion, please [email: energychampslyme@gmail.com](mailto:energychampslyme@gmail.com)

Which Loo Rolls Are Most Sustainable?

Our thanks to Suzy Gallina for her dedicated research into finding out which loo rolls are the best buys for sustainability and cost. And the good news is that ethical rolls needn't cost more! [Please read her article which contains some surprises.](#)



Plastic Free Update



Grenville Barr writes that it has been another amazingly successful year maintaining Plastic Free accreditation for the town. Congratulations to all of us for what we've done to make our community better environmentally and influence others. [You can read Grenville's article on all TLG's achievements here.](#)

[If you're a local business and want to seek accreditation as a Plastic Free Champion, you can find out how on the Surfers Against Sewage \(SAS\) website.](#)



River Lim Action group is part of Turn Lyme Green.
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