

We promote sustainable living by exploring and developing ways to reduce waste and greenhouse gas emissions, increase the uptake of renewable energy technologies, and enhance the natural environment.



If you're thinking of setting up a sustainability/environmental group, a Greening Campaign, or have agreed 'green' targets in your Parish Plan, then contact the Green Exchange for ideas, advice and, possibly, funding. Our members have a wide variety of skills, and someone's bound to be able to answer your pressing questions.



**Helping communities in West Berkshire fight climate change and promote a sustainable society by sharing knowledge, ideas and best practice. We also act as a collective voice for communication to, and support from, West Berkshire Council to implement and achieve 'green' targets.**

Please see our web site at [www.wbge.org.uk](http://www.wbge.org.uk) for the latest information on all our activities

The Green Exchange meets at least four times a year, including an annual conference and AGM. The meetings provide opportunities for groups to network, listen to stimulating presentations and enable the Exchange to function as a communication channel between community groups and statutory agencies. A number of interim workshops and site visits also take place.



Our web site is regularly updated with information from local

groups, news on grants, current and forthcoming environmental legislation and other useful tools to help you achieve your goals.

[www.wbge.org.uk](http://www.wbge.org.uk)

## Here's a list of all West Berkshire's groups that are currently represented at the Green Exchange (September 2013)

BBOWT	Hungerford Environmental Action Team
Bucklebury Cycling Forum	Kennet & Thames Co-housing
Cold Ash Parish Greening Group	Lambourn Valley Sustainability Forum
Community Council for Berkshire	Newbury & Thatcham Green Gym
Community Furniture Project	Padworth Environmental Group
Five A Day Market Garden	Pangbourne & Whitchurch Sustainability Group
George Goes Green	Renewal Project
Good Power	Sheepdrove Organic Farm
Goring & Streatley Sustainability Group	Sustainable Newbury
Greening Burghfield	Thames Valley Energy
Greening Hermitage	Thatcham Good Life
Greening Padworth	Theale's Future
Greening Thatcham	Tilehurst Globe
Greening Upper Bucklebury	Veolia Environmental Services
Greening Wash Common	West Berkshire Partnership's Greener Sub-partnership
Greening Welford Parish	West Berkshire Spokes
Greening West Fields	

That said, we'd love to have more on board!

The Green Exchange meets at various venues across West Berkshire.

You can contact us via the web site, or directly to our Secretary, Evangeline Wood, 01635 503267 (normal working hours) or [EWood@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:EWood@westberks.gov.uk)

### Getting started?

If nothing already exists, starting a climate change/sustainability group within your community may seem challenging. But one methodology that supports a simple process to engage your community is that of 'The Greening Campaign'. Many groups in West Berkshire have successfully followed that process.

For more information on The Greening Campaign, please see their web site at [www.greening-campaign.co.uk](http://www.greening-campaign.co.uk)

At the time of printing this leaflet, there is money available to fully fund a Greening Campaign in your community. For more information contact us at



[www.wbge.org.uk/about-uscontact-details.html](http://www.wbge.org.uk/about-uscontact-details.html)