



Bollington Carbon Revolution Newsletter

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website <http://www.happy-valley.org.uk/revolution/>

Welcome to the first ever Bollington Carbon Revolution Newsletter. It will be published on a quarterly basis with the aim of keeping the residents of Bollington and stakeholders up to date with what we are doing and what we have planned. Suggestions for content are always welcome.

Schools Competition

The Bollington Carbon Revolution is a small group of local active volunteers who believe that their town can be a part of the new carbon revolution, driven by the voluntary sector at the local level. They have come together with the over-arching aim of reducing their town's carbon footprint



Our planet, our choice

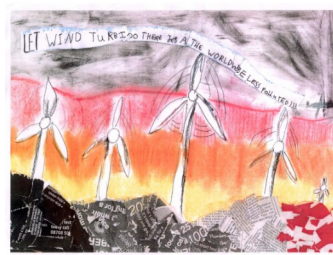
Foot print logo designed by Macclesfield Borough Council

During summer 2007 Bollington Carbon Revolution ran a competition for the local primary schools to come up with carbon reduction posters and poems. Children from two schools entered, Bollington Cross Primary School and Dean Valley Community Primary School.

The winning poem, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle, written by Rachel Hurd from Year 6 at Dean Valley Primary School, has been put to music by popular local singer song writer, Arthur Wakefield. The

world premiere was on Friday 26 October 2007, at the Dog & Partridge.

We had two highly commended entries, Gastly Bollington by Rose



The winning entry (above) from the Art Competition by Daniel Grout

Cahill from Class 4 at Bollington Cross Primary School, and Climate Change Rap by Lydia

McClusky from Year 6 at Dean Valley Primary School.

We decided to give special creative writing awards to recognise the excellence of two entries.

You can see more of the entries on the Bollington Carbon Revolution web site.

£200 Home Energy Improvement grants!

You could get a £200 Macclesfield Borough Council grant for energy improvements to your home!

The Bollington Carbon Revolution group have secured £50,000 from Macclesfield Borough Council for grants of a maximum of £200 per

home to Bollington residents.

To stake your claim please obtain an application form which defines the conditions - in short, the work must have been carried out since 1st September 2007 and before 31st March 2008, it must be approved types of insula-

tion or boiler replacement, the home must be in Bollington, the work must be carried out without a guarantee of getting a grant. (It can only be applied for after the work is complete and paid for).

The forms can be obtained from our website, or the Bridgend Centre.



Bollington Transport Extravaganza

We ran a highly successful stand at Bollington Transport Extravaganza.

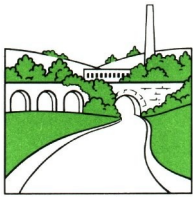
The Carbon project got a very popular outing with, for the first time, a stand

which included four energy efficient cars! Large numbers of visitors expressed their interest in saving energy and 'doing the right thing' by the planet.

We also showed the winning

entries in our schools competition for posters and poems.

Projects and events



Tree planting scheme

Developed in partnership with the Kerridge Ridge Ingersley Vale Countryside and Heritage Landscape Partnership Scheme (KRIV) project, the scheme enables residents to pay £10 to plant a tree in Bollington and so create a natural habitat and offset some carbon emissions.

You will be provided with a certificate and approximate location of the tree and even have a choice to come and plant the tree yourself on one of the tree planting days. An ideal present for friends and family.

An order form will be available in hard copy at the library, drop in centre and discovery centre, or printed from our website .

Arts Centre event a success!

Our presentation at the Bollington Arts Centre attracted over 30 people.

Those who attended took part in calculating their carbon footprint and a discussion of the results.

Presentations by the carbon revolution members highlighted case studies and set out the vision for the group.

The group will be back at the Arts Centre on Friday 22nd February when they will be screening the film "An inconvenient truth". (For more information contact Sonia Mysko on 01625 266018)



Some of the green foot pledges made at the Arts Centre event

Keep in touch

To receive the quarterly newsletter send an email to:

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We'd like to hear from you

Send us your ideas !

The Bollington Carbon Revolution group would like to hear from you.

We are always looking for new members, old or young. You don't necessarily need to have any background on

the topic area, just lots of enthusiasm.

Do you have any energy saving ideas you'd like to share with the residents of Bollington? Please send us any innovative ideas and details of ways to save energy in the home.

Would you and or your family be willing to be featured as a case study?

Contact us at : revolution@happy-valley.org.uk