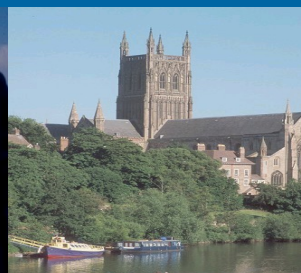


# Worcestershire Climate Change Newsletter



**STOP PRESS**  
**'SWITCH IT OFF' WEEK**  
**9TH-13TH NOV**  
**'THE BIG SWITCH OFF'**  
**4.30-6.30PM 13TH NOV**



## Events

### Age Of Stupid Film Screening

Monday 26 October,  
7.30pm, Worcester  
College of Technology  
*Free Public screening of  
this climate change  
blockbuster followed by  
discussion.*  
For more information  
contact  
[greengecko@phonecoop.coop](mailto:greengecko@phonecoop.coop)

### Transition Malvern Hills, Halloween Ceilidh

Saturday 31st October  
Food from 7pm, booking  
essential  
Ceilidh 8pm - 11pm  
*Come and celebrate Sam-  
hain by dancing the spirits  
away on this ancient festival  
night*  
*Ticket Price: £6 in advance  
£8 at the door*  
*Costumes Welcome!*  
*All profits in aid of Transi-  
tion Malvern Hills.*  
For more information visit  
[www.thefold.org.uk](http://www.thefold.org.uk)

### Switch It Off Week! 9th—13th November

### The Big Switch Off Friday 13th November 4.30pm—6.30pm

Welcome to the October 2009 issue of the Worcestershire Climate Change Newsletter, informing Worcestershire organisations wishing to, or already taking action to tackle the causes and effects of Climate Change.

### Switch It Off week is back! 9th—13th November

Switch it off week is a campaign run in partnership by Worcestershire, Warwickshire and Coventry Councils to encourage residents to save energy by switching off unnecessary lights and appliances in work and at home.

The week culminates in the **Big Switch Off on the Friday at 4.30pm—6.30pm**, during this time electricity use will be monitored by Central Networks. Last year **we saved enough energy to power over 13,000 homes for a whole year!** Just going to show much difference can be made when we all contribute just a little effort. This year we hope to do even better!

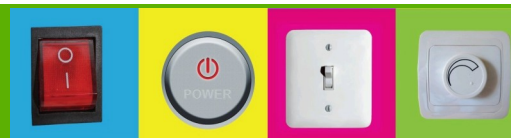
To see how you can join in please read on or get in touch with the council's sustainability team by emailing [sustainability@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:sustainability@worcestershire.gov.uk).

### Switch it Off...in your office

Everyone can be involved with Switch it Off week either at home or in the office. Here are a few tips for how your workplace can be part of the campaign:

- Contact us ([blammas@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:blammas@worcestershire.gov.uk)) for copies of the Switch it Off poster & stickers to display in your office
- Ask staff to switch off computers when out of the office. A computer left on 24 hours a day could cost £50 per year and reduce the life span of the machine.
- Monitor electricity use by taking meter readings and check whether your site can make a reduction

For more info [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/switchitoff](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/switchitoff)



### Switch Off and Dine by Candle Light



Romance and energy efficiency will be going hand-in-hand during a special County Council promotion in Worcestershire's restaurants next month.

All local restaurants, pubs and eateries are being encouraged to take part in 'Dine By Candlelight' during Switch It Off Week in November.

The energy-saving initiative urges restaurateurs to switch off the lights and use paraffin free candles for at least one night between Saturday, November 7 and Friday, November 13. Diners will be able to enjoy the romantic glow of candlelight, while businesses will benefit by cutting their electricity bills.

The County Council is running the candlelit scheme alongside Herefordshire & Worcestershire Chamber of Commerce, Gastro Card, Destination Worcestershire and the Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue service.

To find out which restaurants are taking part please log onto [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/dinebycandlelight](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/dinebycandlelight).

## Owl Energy Monitors Library Lending Scheme

From the 26th October Worcestershire residents will be able to borrow these brilliant little home electricity monitors from their local library.



The monitors will show how much money you are spending on electricity & equivalent CO<sub>2</sub> at any time of the day. By helping you to determine just how much energy each appliance uses, even when on standby, these monitors can help you significantly reduce your energy use and save you a fortune whilst also helping you to reduce your carbon footprint.

For a list of the libraries taking part as well as details of other electricity monitor models available please log onto [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/e-monitors](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/e-monitors)

## Did you know?

If every house in the UK (that was able to) installed cavity wall insulation it would cut CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by nearly **4 million tonnes**, enough to fill the new Wembley Stadium 500 times!! And would save around **690 million pounds a year!!**

## 10:10

**10:10** is a national carbon cutting campaign initiated by 'Age of Stupid' director Franny Armstrong.

The UK government has set CO<sub>2</sub> reduction targets for 2020 and 2050, but scientists have warned we need to act **now**, which is why the 10:10 campaign is aiming for a 10% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by the end of 2010.

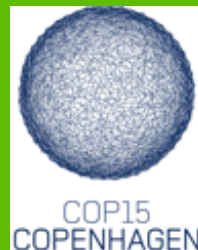
Individuals, businesses and other organisations are asked to sign up to reduce their emissions by 10% by the end of 2010. All three are supported in various ways by 10:10 and its partners.

To find out more please visit [www.1010uk.org](http://www.1010uk.org)



## The Road To Copenhagen

The UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen is now just a few months away (7th to the 18th December).



Hopes are high that an agreement will be reached following the recent summit in New York, but only if America can overcome its internal political problems says ex-World Bank Economist Nicholas Stern.

Speaking at the London School of Economics (LSE) this week, Stern said he was still optimistic a deal could be reached at Copenhagen.

'We've got an idea of the targets we need to achieve and the areas we need action on to achieve those. We can see the technologies coming through and we know enough about them to get started.

'The only thing missing is the political will to go to Copenhagen and collaborate.'

For a full review of his speech please use the following link [www.thecologist.org/news](http://www.thecologist.org/news)



## How Much Warmth are You Letting Escape?

You can now see how well your house retains heat by logging onto

[www.warmerworcestershire.com](http://www.warmerworcestershire.com) & typing in your postcode.

If your house shows up as below average it indicates that you may be losing a lot of heat through your roof. You might like to think about insulating your home to retain the warmth; saving you money, reducing your CO<sub>2</sub> emissions *and* helping to keep your home cosier this winter!

With the Government offering subsidies to all to improve their home insulation, it now costs about £250 to insulate cavity walls & loft of a detached home and in some cases there are grants that can cover the entire cost. To find further details & local, trusted contractors please log onto [www.actonenergy.co.uk](http://www.actonenergy.co.uk)

## Got something to shout about?

We welcome any enquiries or comments, and please get in touch to tell us about events, good practices or progress in tackling climate change.

Contact the sustainability team by email [hlammas@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:hlammas@worcestershire.gov.uk)  
Or phone us on 01905 766855

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