



**Sustainable Energy** We encourage the use of alternative energy sources to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and consequential climate change

### Sustainable living involves:

**food** – growing and farming sustainably, eating local, healthy food

**energy** – conservation and renewable energy and heat

**transport** – better public transport, encouraging walking and cycling

**local economy** – supporting locally owned businesses, credit union, local currency

**housing** – affordable and rented housing, low carbon homes, alternative ways of living

**cutting waste** – reducing food waste, packaging and use of plastic, promoting reusing, recycling

**tree planting** – improving and greening our environment, planting trees for food

**skill sharing** – sewing, knitting, cooking, gardening

**environment** - cleaner air and water and resource conservation

**entertainment** - encouraging local talent and enjoying ourselves!

**reducing our impact** on and supporting people in the majority world



Since we began in 2007 we have already made considerable progress. We have:

Held film shows and talks

Developed links with the Town Council and MDCC

Held energy days [conservation and renewables]

Set up a garden share scheme

Held events to encourage cycling

Promoted the Crediton Bag as an alternative to plastic

Helped Kirtonians to plant fruit trees in their gardens

Held celebrations featuring local talent

Involved lots of other organisations in a '350' event in the Town Square

Held a seed swap event and seasonal suppers

Organised low carbon summer outings

Look out for our monthly newsletter in Crediton Library or Council Offices. To receive your own copy electronically email [info@sustainablecrediton.org.uk](mailto:info@sustainablecrediton.org.uk)



formerly **Crediton Climate Action**

a **transition** town

Local people working for an improved quality of life for all. Together we can prosper in a changing world - see inside.



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



**Crediton Counts** We staged a day in October 2009 in support of the international 350 campaign to reduce man-made greenhouse gases

# What is a Transition Town?

Transition towns such as Crediton are emerging across the world with community at the heart of the movement. It brings people of all ages and with many different skills, backgrounds and interests together to work for a positive future.

Our aim is to work with established local groups and to form new groups to work on projects that will make our community truly resilient and self sustaining.

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## We are a growing network of people from the Crediton area

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Our focus is upon changing minds, changing expectations and changing what we do in our day to day lives to help our community become truly self supporting and resilient in the face of the coming challenges of climate change, peak oil and food insecurity.

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**We recognise small local steps can combine to make a big difference! Join us:**  
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or by post:  
**Well Cottage, Cheriton Fitzpaine,  
Crediton, Devon EX17 4HG**

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## Climate Change

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This isn't something that will happen to future generations – it's happening right now.

Much of the world already suffers deeply and regularly with droughts, failed crops, dying livestock, floods, fires, destroyed homes and shattered lives.

We may think we'll be better off here with warmer weather, but droughts, floods and unpredictable weather could affect us too.

And how will we manage if, as the world's climate changes, we lose access to the 60% of our food we currently import?

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## Peak Oil

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When world oil reserves begin to run down and demand exceeds supply and the remaining reserves become more difficult to extract, oil becomes more expensive.

We are at or very close to this Peak Oil point now.

The very fabric of our lives is based on cheap oil. A shortage means that not only will fuel prices continue to rise, but so will the price of food and the vast number of oil based commodities we rely upon for day to day living.

It is essential we now begin to take a different path before it is too late.

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