

Yealm Environment Group

The aims of the group are to:

1. To learn by research and discussion about environmental issues within the group with the emphasis on how they might relate to our environment within the Parish.
2. To educate by informing the local residents about our conclusions and involving them in debate e.g. via public meetings
3. To evaluate by taking consensus opinion within the parish on how to protect our local environment while reducing our carbon footprint.
4. To encourage change based on the information gained above, either ourselves, or if this is not possible, to take proposals to our Parish Council (or higher if necessary) for them to take the necessary action.

How we work

We hold group meetings, led by a local expert, to refine a topic and then place the presentation on the Parish website for all to view

(<http://www.newtonandnoss-pc.gov.uk/>, then click on “University of the Third Age” in left hand margin, and then click “Environment Group” for listings). We also hold open public meetings on environmental topics by experts in their field to engage a wider audience in discussion.

What we have done

- Public meetings to discuss:
 - Al Gore’s “An Inconvenient Truth” with a panel of experts
 - The sceptics questions about climate change with an expert
- Presentations posted on the Parish Web from the group (see above)
 - An Evaluation of Wind Power
 - Recycling
 - Climate Change for Sceptics
 - How Green is your House?
 - An Evaluation of Solar Energy
 - Community Composting
 - Domestic Water Harvesting and Heat Recovery Ventilation
 - An investigation of Tidal Power

The future programme

See separate listing