

# KEEP OUR VILLAGES GREEN

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## CLIMATE MATTERS

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**The COP26 climate summit takes place in Glasgow in November.** David Attenborough, ex-Governor of the Bank of England Mark Carney and scientists are telling us that COP26 probably represents our last chance to keep global warming to less than 2 degrees. Without that we will have flood, drought, desertification and mass migration far beyond what we are already seeing.

### **FIND OUT MORE**

**Green Councillor, Gregory Smith,** is inviting you to an afternoon event with key speakers on climate change at **Haddenham Village Hall on Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2.30 pm.** There is still time to prepare for COP26. Come along to find out what we can do and how we can influence our politicians. The event is free and you can turn up on the day.

## CLIMATE CHANGE — A LOCAL RESPONSE

Green MP, Caroline Lucas says “What comes next ... will touch directly on almost every aspect of people’s everyday lives: how we heat our homes and get around, the work many of us do, even the food we eat. Ministers are failing to show leadership on this, yet it’s clear that people want them to move faster”.

At a local level, Buckinghamshire Council has been slow in addressing the greatest issue of any time. If you share our view, and that of the scientific community, that there is no time to lose, please tell your elected representatives at national, constituency and local levels (parish and Buckinghamshire Council) of the necessity for real change now. Only when ordinary people raise their voice will the concerns of millions be acted upon with the necessary sense of urgency.

**Can you help deliver the Village Green?****Email:****[info@aylesburyvale.greenparty.org.uk](mailto:info@aylesburyvale.greenparty.org.uk)****TOGETHER WE CAN COOL THE EARTH**

# Callie's Solar Farm – the dilemma



The planned site is situated south east of Haddenham on mainly poor quality agricultural land with a small area of medium quality land. The installation would generate 50 MW of clean energy, making it a large-scale solar farm. Our MP has objected to the farm on the grounds of the beauty of the local landscape and the loss of agricultural land. These are valid points but does he know about the vital importance of local energy schemes in mitigating climate change. Here is a real dilemma, how do you prioritise the urgent need for local, clean energy, against the loss of farmland? The government has made it almost impossible to plan any more onshore wind farms which would be more efficient and take up less space. One solution seems to be switching more of our land from livestock to arable which will feed us more efficiently. It's time the government and their MPs stopped being part of the problem and led us to a green, carbon zero, future.

**You can contact Green Councillor,  
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## CLIMATE CHANGE – WHAT WE CAN DO NOW

Here are some important ways we can influence and reduce carbon output:

1. Write to your MP and ask him to make sure the government delivers their carbon targets for 2050 – they are off-track at present
2. Use public transport or cycle but use your car less
3. Reduce your flying and if you do fly do some carbon off-setting
4. Use a renewable energy tariff
5. Get your walls and loft insulated
6. Move towards a vegan diet
7. Generate your own energy with solar panels if you can
8. Adopt efficient recycling to reduce the waste that is burned which produces CO<sub>2</sub>
9. Support organisations like Friends of the Earth or the Green Party who are campaigning hard on this issue.

Can you start the journey towards any or all of these activities and see if your friends and family will join in too.

**Do you need to talk to Gregory?  
His Meet the Councillor sessions will be:**

**Haddenham, 9 am, October 16 &  
November 20 - Tickety Brew  
Long Crendon 9.30 am, October 23<sup>rd</sup>  
& November 27, - The Flower Pot**

**IT ISN'T THE PLANET THAT NEEDS SAVING, IT IS HUMANITY**