



KINGS CAPLE ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Tuesday 19th November 2025 at The Old School, Kings Caple

Present: Cllr Janice Gardiner (Chair), Cllr Pam Apperley, Judy Berry, Jill Fisher

1. Apologies: Chris Bucknell (Parish Clerk)

2. To Agree Minutes of the September Meeting

It was agreed these were an accurate record of the meeting. All minutes of the Environment Group would be put on the website.

3. To Consider any Outstanding Issues

There were no outstanding issues

4. Update on Activities/Events Programme

It was noted that the variety of recent events had been very successful, attracting new people, some from outside of the Parish.

Foraging Walk - 4th October

This had been very successful with 15 people attending, some from Hoarwithy.

Warm Homes Team from Herefordshire Council – 23rd October

Again, very successful with around 12 people attending

Dreda Darling from Caradoc Estate - 13th November

This event attracted several people from different Parishes including Hoarwithy, Sellack & Little Birch. There was very positive feedback from those who attended.

Litter Pick – 15th November

This had been very successful considering the weather! The group had met with the Hoarwithy Group at The Harp afterwards, where they paid for tea & cakes. It was seen to be a positive event, in that there was not too much litter about.

Future Events

Wreath Making Workshop - 13th December

This was to be held at Plantation Villa, who would also provide refreshments with food for children being brought by the Kings Caple Group, who would also offer mulled wine (JB) & cider (JG). The group said they would like to buy large thermos flasks as there was no electricity at the venue.

Action: JG

2026 Onwards

No progress had yet been made regarding the joint event with Hoarwithy

Saturday 17th January 2026 – A Day in the Life of a Vet with Elliot Goodwin

Sunday 8th February 2026 – Seed Swap

Film Night – possibly in February – date to be agreed.

It was decided to look into what films may be available on the Internet with a “watery” theme to elicit discussion and to attract younger people to attend. PA to contact Ania Siddle with regard to the possible use of her projector and to gain further information on how to access films etc on the Internet. **Action:** PA

Possible Spring Event in March – to consider asking Lucinda Lewis from Wye & Usk Foundation to come to give a talk on ponds/water features followed by a walk in April looking at various ponds & possibly helping build a pond somewhere.

Plant Swap in May

Possible Summer Event – walk on Caradoc Estate with Dreda Darling.

Tree Planting Project – As noted at the September meeting, Ishara was keen to establish whether local people were interested in helping with the tree re-planting, probably a Saturday in February 2026. This would involve volunteers working with the Plantation Team to plant a number of trees across the site. An update was awaited.

5. Any Other Issues or Comments

It was intended to start work on the next Newsletter after the Wreath Making Workshop

6. Agreed Report to Parish Council with any Required Decisions

The next Parish Council meeting would be on Thursday 27th November 2025. Cllr Gardiner would give a brief update.

7. Date and Time of Next Environment Meeting

Tuesday 13th January 2026 at 7.00 pm. Venue to be agreed