

Sustainable Wallingford Events in March

Sustainable Wallingford will be holding three events in March. The first of these on 4 March is the ever-popular Swap Shop and Collection Day, which will take place at the Regal Centre in Wallingford between 10am – 12 noon. Anything that's genuinely re-usable—be it unwanted Christmas presents, clothes, books, household items – is welcome at the Swap Shop. All we ask is that it's non-electrical, non-toxic, non-hazardous—and clean! Items like furniture that are too large to bring along can be advertised on the message board. Just bring a photo of the item, with your name and telephone number. No cash changes hands at a Swap Shop and you don't need to bring something to take something – and vice versa. At the same event Sustainable Wallingford will be collecting the following items for safe disposal or recycling: ink cartridges, mobile phones, aluminium foil, spectacles, Tetra Paks, computers, batteries, re-usable old tools and CDs.

The 4 March Swap Shop in Wallingford will be one of many taking place throughout Oxfordshire on the same day, as part of an initiative to reduce, reuse and recycle waste at a community level. For more information, visit the Community Action Group website at www.cagoxfordshire.org.uk.

On Saturday 11 March there is an opportunity to find out more about Food, People and Place, a project which aims to involve more people locally in growing their own food. Between 10am and 1pm in Wallingford Market Place you can find out more about the project, get some tips on how to grow your own – and sample some delicious soup made from locally-grown ingredients.

Locally-grown resources are also the theme of our third event, on Monday 27 March, when David Rees of the Oxfordshire Woodland Project will be talking about Community Coppicing. This initiative, which has recently been established in Oxfordshire, offers the potential for local production of Hazel and other woods from which to make items that might otherwise be imported. For example bean poles as an alternative to bamboo imported from the other side of the globe. Coppices can be established on plots as small as 10 square metres. Interested to discover more? Come along to the Friends' Meeting House at 7.30pm.

For more information about these, and other Sustainable Wallingford events and activities, visit www.sustainablewallingford.org.