

How we work

All members are kept in touch by newsletters, setting out our activities and inviting members to join in.

Once a month we hold an informal discussion, or listen to a talk, on a sustainability topic; these are free and open to members and their guests.

Most of our projects and campaigns are run by informal working groups. We also have on-going sub-groups such as the Grow Your Own Food group. We get together most months, usually in the evenings, for the whole group to share ideas and coordinate their actions.

Several times a year we get together to think about what we want the future of our community to be, and about how we can help bring that about.



Who we work with

We work with the people, organisations and Councils in the area to make things happen. In this way we strengthen community bonds and gather diverse views.

We have worked with Thornbury traders and the Chamber of Commerce; we are respected and consulted by the Town and South Glos. Councils; we liaise with other environmental and community groups; and we have participated in projects in Marlwood, Castle School and local primary schools.

We have received support and funding from South Gloucestershire, Thornbury Town and Alveston Parish Councils, from the Co-operative Group and the Energy Saving Trust, for which we are very grateful. However, we are independent of these Councils and organisations.

Membership

Sustainable Thornbury has achieved much since it started in 2006, but there is always more to do, and we need your support. You can support us by becoming a member, making a donation, sharing your views and ideas or helping with what we do.

Membership of Sustainable Thornbury is free. Members get regular updates about what we are doing and planning, and news of relevant events happening in the area. Whilst some members choose to support us in a passive way, all are invited to participate in any of our activities.

To Join

To join, (or for more information about membership) please send your contact details (preferably name, address, telephone number and e-mail address, but normally you will only be contacted by e-mail) to: ST Membership Secretary, 60c Gloucester Road, Thornbury, BS35 1JQ, or e-mail membership@sustainablethornbury.org.



**Caring about the future of
our community
in Thornbury and the
surrounding villages**



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Who we are

Sustainable Thornbury is a group of people in Thornbury and the nearby villages in South Gloucestershire who are concerned about climate change, world oil shortages, the rising cost of oil and food and how these will affect our area. We want to help make our community ready for the changes we expect to see in the future.



We look for solutions that we ourselves can implement, either as individuals or as the local community. We run practical projects and campaigns on food, energy, waste and transport to encourage others to think about, and act in a way that respects finite resources.

The group was started in 2006 and in 2009 we secured Transition status for Thornbury and the surrounding villages.

To find out more about us and our recent activities, visit our website: www.sustainablethornbury.org or contact us at info@sustainablethornbury.org.



What we have done

We ran a Go MAD competition to help people make their homes more energy efficient, save money and reduce global warming.

In 2008, we campaigned for the reduction of plastic bags in the town and introduced the Thornbury shopping bag. In 2009 we ran a series of illustrated talks in the villages around Thornbury.

In 2010 almost nine hundred people came to our EcoFair, joining in activities and watching demonstrations, entertainments and 60 stalls showing how to be sustainable and still have fun. In 2012 the second EcoFair attracted nearly as many.



In 2011 we ran a series of workshops on practical skills that have an environmental impact. We also started a local food initiative called Thornbury Harvest Co-op, now run by the Sheiling School Camphill Community.



What we have done

For 3 years, we ran "Give-It-Away Take-It-Away" days in Thornbury car park, where local people gave away goods that they no longer had a use for, and others just collected, for free, anything they wanted. So far, around 1000 car-loads of goods have been re-used rather than going to landfill.



Our Grow Your Own Food group tends the Thornbury Community Orchard opposite The Anchor pub.



We campaigned for new allotments in Thornbury and Alveston, now producing food on land next to The Loans in Alveston and behind the Thornbury Leisure Centre.

In 2013 we have organised the first Energy-Smart Homes Trail in Thornbury and Alveston, showcasing 13 homes open over a weekend, where the owners have installed energy-saving and energy-efficiency measures.