



1. **BOATC traffic consultation closed:** 21/06/24 Town Councillors met with Wiltshire Council Cabinet Member for Highways to discuss way forward with traffic.
2. **River Detectives:** 6 months of testing at 5 sites; I have purchased a second Hanna hand-held digital phosphate tester. WE have worked with Bristol Avon Rivers Trust (BART) and checked the process and now continue to analyse the river using strips and verifying phosphate digitally. The river has been somewhat polluted over this time due to heavy rain. We will be creating an area for this project on the Bradford on Avon Town Council (BOATC) website and will include access to results and emergency contacts for the Environmental Agency and Wessex Water for reporting potential pollution events.
3. **Community litter** collection 25 May, along the river by Kayakers, Bradford on Avon Boat Club (BOABC) with support from BOATC and Paddle UK
4. **Wessex Citizen Science conference 5/06/24:** I attended this event held by the Natural History Consortium Bath, which is a collaboration between Avon Wildlife Trust, Bath and Northeast Somerset Council, BBC, Bristol City Council, Bristol Zoological Society, Defra, Forestry England, National Trust, Natural England, University of Bath, University of Bristol, University of the West of England, Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, and Woodland Trust.
5. **Running Out of Time (RoOT):** a celebration of community climate action will be coming through Bradford-on-Avon on Friday 28th June 2024; **Relay - Reuse- Rewear: The Race for Sustainable Fashion;** see our Mayor in not-so-new regalia: After the RoOT team visit Christchurch Primary School, they will be running/walking through the town to the Tithe Barn from Christchurch School at noon: <https://running-out-of-time.com/route/156> : Please join them! the Baton will be passed through our catwalk of sustainable fashion at the Tithe Barn from 12.30; there will be other stalls and activities; Come on by!
6. **Avonleigh organic farm visit** with respect to planning issue
7. **Barton Bridge** – missing pavers. Wiltshire Council are responsible for the bridge as it is a Right of Way. They have been contacted and are searching for the missing pavers or will source suitable replacements. It is on their task list to repair.



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8. **Screening of Old Golf Course rewilding film** at Town Gathering (28/5/24) and during GBGW.
9. **FairTrade Fortnight** in September, series of promotional and food events, including talk from Kenyan tea grower 16th Sept, at Wallington Hall from 7.30pm.
10. **GrowBOA:** continues to be a great way to pass on any of your excess seeds or seedlings.