## Environment and Green Spaces Committee 19 November 2024 Agenda item 6 – Chair's Update Written by Councillor Alex Kay





- 1. River Detectives and Citizen Science presented to Climate Friendly Bradford on Avon, 18
  November 2024
- 2. Sustainable Food and Drink Group and Wiltshire Council: <a href="https://www.wiltshiremarque.co.uk/join-us/">https://www.wiltshiremarque.co.uk/join-us/</a> separate report
- 3. **FairTrade:** steering group has gained new members and we are making progress towards achieving FairTrade Community status. This launched with the unanimous support for a resolution at the Full Council meeting on 5 November 2024. Planned engagement with the Hub, Bradford on Avon churches, schools, businesses and support from our MP Brian Mathew.
- 4. Wild River Festival first half of June 2025, with around 13 Parishes and community groups signed up; Wiltshire Music Centre have a water-themed concert on 13 June 2025, ongoing meetings and discussions to engage with biodiversity groups, schools, farming community ... intent to raise awareness and celebrate our River Avon and its tributaries with a range of activities, both art and science.
- 5. **Great Big Green Week:** https://greatbiggreenweek.com/ 7th-15th June 2025 in part to focus on river and biodiversity events combining forces with the River Festival.
- 6. **Running Out of Time:** will NOT be returning to BoA in 2025 as they are focusing on other priorities.