



At the last E&GS we had just had the hottest week recorded. Overall, the heat went on and on and there were unusually high temperatures well into September. We also experienced a drought, with very little rain throughout and requiring the first hose pipe ban for 50 years in this area. Climate and ecological emergency are real and the effects of it are already upon us. Our efforts towards resilience and carbon reduction are more important than ever.

1. **Wessex Water real-time testing in River Avon** update: upstream-downstream measurement from the water treatment outlet, for both recreational and ecological purposes. Councillor Kay and the green Spaces Officer met with Wessex Water in September to finalise locations for monitors. Could be installed this year, weather depending. Sites and contract approved by Town Council 02/10/26.
2. **Watermark Town:** Community meeting with several other Watermark communities including Calne, Winsley and Chippenham sharing ideas and experiences. Re-scheduled 'Taking Water for Granted' 22nd October from 6.30pm in St Margaret's Hall.
3. **Wessex Water Rainwater Management grants:** applications prepared for several community projects potentially at St Margaret's Hall, St Laurence School, BOA Youth Centre, Poulton Meadow, tbc.
4. **St Margaret's Hall decarbonisation and resilience project with BOA Climate Friendly and BOA Town Council.** In agenda
5. **Beehive Field planning and Green (NOT GREY!) Belt:** planning application for over 200 houses, care home, etc. BOATC are requesting extension for response, as this is a large and impactful potential development. No decision yet. The green belt to the north of town around St Laurence school is also under threat, but not plan in yet.
<https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000LPXeG>
6. **Wiltshire Council scoping for a revised Local Plan consultation completed 30th September.** BOATown Council submitted a statement. Statement based on our Neighbourhood Plan draft.
7. **Climate Community Plan** with Vicky, Chair of CFBOA. Project launched with a year of community evaluation and engagement.
8. **CFBOA 20th Anniversary celebration 20/10/26** in St Margaret's Hall from 7pm.
<https://climatefriendlybradfordonavon.co.uk/fri-30-october-7-pm/>



9. **People's Emergency Briefing in BOA:** Join us at St Margaret's Hall from 6.15pm on Wednesday 18 November for a free screening of the [People's Emergency Briefing](#).
10. **Wessex Water labs at Salford visit:** 28th Sept. Engaging and interesting presentation.
11. **GROW BoA** and other Phoney Boxes at last beginning refurbishment with the right colour red! The one on Church Street is awaiting climate project info; already been very useful with BoA maps for Tourist Information Centre.
12. **Biodiversity at Christchurch with year 5:** Preparing a plan, with costings and artwork and applying for grant to support.
13. **Community energy workshop: 30/09/26** fairly well-attended session.