

CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS

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GROUP SURVEY

CLIMATE CARE STICKERS IN SHOPS

Michael Fryer has carried out the survey on Climate Care stickers in local shop windows:

Blakeman's: A list of targets to support their window sticker. All cakes are made in house; soya oil comes from a sustainable source; coffee grounds are taken away by an allotment holder; 2 bins (private contractor) are for recyclables & waste; all are vegan or vegetarian ingredients where possible.

Bucks Head: The new people of three years did not know of the sticker. However, they do recycle.

Mr Bun the Baker. New LED lighting; recycle used paper; flower bags; honey jars are recyclable if returned; drink cartons are temporary.

Kaboodle; Uses recyclable paper for wrapping purchases; LED lighting; cardboard is reused by another manufacturer; sells recycled products – toy cars, wallets, rubbers, renewable wood toys, clothing made from other clothing.

Stretton Print Supplies; Pens are recycled plastic; ink cartridges – most are recycled; Some items are marked as recyclable; lady very interested in climate care.

Chocolate Heaven; Most shops are in contact with each other. On recycling, uses paper bags only. Spoons for ice cream are recyclable.

NUCLEAR ENERGY SKILL SHORTAGES

Barrie's survey headlines:

- **Skill shortages** are imminent. Serious problem if country is unable to resource its own industry.
- **Our power stations are old.** Hinckley Point in Somerset, Wylfa in Anglesey, Moorside in Cumbria are very old.
- **Ageing demographic.** 8,000 people to be required every year with 20% of recruits to replace retirees.
- **STEM graduates required** – Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics. Competition for these graduates is fierce.
- **Increase focus in schools** on STEM opportunities. Schools are not easy targets as many are playing catch-up after Covid 19.
- **Fall in migrant workers** experienced after Brexit. This problem has probably been under-estimated in volumes needed and with relevant skills.
- **Recruitment of women** is an opportunity. Currently, only 11% of recruits are female.
- Partnerships between nuclear industry and educational establishments needed.

EAT LESS MEAT SAY YOUNGSTERS

The above headline from 'Third Age Matters', Summer 2022 edition, page 43 of U3A's national magazine. The underpinning story features our ventures into the school and scout hut to listen to young people views on climate change.

I believe it is the first time U3A Church Stretton have had an article published in TAM.

CLIMATE CARE – CHILDREN LEAD THE WAY

Stretton Focus article in June 2022 edition, pages 18 & 19 by Christine Williams. A brilliant reflection of our time together in Church Stretton School.

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