

CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS

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CONVERSATION: 2nd LONGMYND SCOUTS

Yesterday's insightful and most enjoyable conversation in The Scout Hut, Church Walk & included the following information, delivered by World Scout Jamboree nominee, Alex Berry

COMMITMENTS FROM UK SCOUTS

UK contingent is already considering environmental impacts of the Jamboree and have committed to act on the following:

- Engage all Scouts in offsetting our carbon footprint.
- Travel, throughout the project, in the most sustainable way.
- Kit ecologically sourced & seek to ensure that it's not wrapped in single use plastic.
- Decision making by young people, is inclusive, includes how to be more sustainable.
- Engage with other Contingents on sharing best practice for lower carbon footprints.
- Support the Scouts campaign in 'Promise to the Planet' activities.
- Encourage all to consider the UN SDG on Climate Action in preparation for the 25th World Scout Jamboree.

COMMITMENTS FROM LOCAL SCOUTS

Last weekend's camp included a discussion, led by Alex and Freddie Westall (our other rep at the World Jamboree), with the rest of the scouts on what could be done to mitigate climate change at a local level. See following feature article.

LOCAL ACTIONS – SCOUTS SUGGESTIONS

- Consider the emissions that are produced by our own families.
- Lobby for buildings to commit to using a certain amount of renewable energy.
- Local fundraising for more electric car charging points.
- Encourage schools to promote zero packing for lunches.
- Encourage the scouts and their families to shop local.
- Tree planting
- Litter picking to show we are caring for the community.

WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE SLOGAN

"Think big; Dream wild; Act together". We will be trailblazers for getting young voices heard. We dream of a sustainable world, but Scouts want to see action!

THANKS TO GROUP SCOUT LEADER

Terry Davies, GSL deserves our most grateful thanks for conversation arrangements. Over a weekend that included a Scout camp and a Scout Explorers camp and some scouts going away for half-term holidays with parents, it was never going to be easy. However, it was brilliant. Scout Hut is a most impressive place.

MARCH CONVERSATION

On 21st March, we are back at The Yew Tree. The conversation will focus on **how** to make climate change happen in our community.

APRIL CONVERSATION

Thank you for agreeing to the change in date, time, and venue for the April conversation. It will now take place on **Monday, 4th April at 1.30 pm at Church Stretton School.**

Changes were needed because of School Easter holidays; end-of day, travel home bus transport times; and the choice of students.

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