

Here is your Green Info for October.

### **CLIMATE FORUM THIS SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER:**

This will be held at 11 am (coffee at 10.30 am) in Room 3b on the top floor of Barnstaple Library. The focus will be on the Climate and Ecology Bill which Caroline Lucas is re-introducing into Parliament on November 24 th (three years after the first time). Especially with the Conservatives trashing the attempts to reduce carbon, this is a vital bill.

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### **SHAMFEST:**

Shamfest raised a remarkable £1,517 of which £800 has been given to the East-The-Water community food pantry, £517 to Pollyfield and £200 to Shamwickshire Rovers AFC. Congratulations to Huw, our Green Councillor there for all his work and the achievement of a successful weekend.

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### **NORTH DEVON GREEN PARTY AUTUMN LECTURES:**

It's that time of year again and North Devon have booked two more lectures, both in Barnstaple Library in room 3C on the top floor from 6.30 pm with the lecture starting at 7.00.

**Tuesday 17th October** : Chris Fuller, the Economic Development Manager for TDC will talk on "A Clean Maritime Vision for Torridge and North Devon".

**Wednesday 8th November**: Andy Gray will talk on "Can we have our cake and eat it? Food production as a solution to environmental degradation." An exploration and discussion around agricultural transition.

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**SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE – YOUR WATER YOUR SAY:** SW Water will be holding a series of meetings through November when they want to tell us their plans for investment the environment and our bills. It will be an opportunity to question them. We will give you the dates for the local meeting as soon as we have them. Meanwhile note that there were 1065 sewage pollution alerts in September monitored by the Safer Seas and Rivers Service app.

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## **MAKE VOTES MATTER:**

At the last election, the Conservatives needed 38,000 votes to win a seat in Parliament compared with over 860,000 for the Green Party. Under proportional representation, everyone would have an incentive to take part in elections and be confident that their votes would make a difference.

Make Votes Matter is a nationwide, cross-party and no-party campaign for voting reform and PR. A new MVM group is starting in our constituency and everyone is invited to a Zoom meeting on **Monday 30 th October from 7 to 8 pm** to find out more. Laurie Taylor from MVM Totnes in South Devon will be speaking and the meeting will be chaired by Torridge GP member, Tracey Beresford. Please email [MVM.TWD@gmail.com](mailto:MVM.TWD@gmail.com) for the Zoom link or see the Facebook page ([MVM Torridge and West Devon](#)).

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