

Welcome to the 2018 Green Gathering!

The day is designed to give insights into current issues with local relevance, and give opportunities to chat with like-minded people! The date and venue also gives people an opportunity to pop into the Eynsham GreenTEA festival which is happening next door (see below).

Agenda

10:00 - 10:30 Arrive, have tea or coffee and chat

10:30 - Welcome and start!

Morning: Short Talks

10:40 - "Addressing UK Food Poverty: Witney and West Oxfordshire Food Bank", by Erik Nielsen, Chair, WWOFB

11:05 - "Challenging housing growth in Oxfordshire: the case of Eynsham, by Angie Titchen, Eynsham Planning Improvement Campaign

11:30 - Tea break!

11:50 - "Sewage Pollution of rivers: the case of the River Windrush", by Ashley Smith, Windrush against Sewage Pollution

12:15 - "Making the party fit for the 21st century - the GP Holistic Review" by Liz Reason, Chair of the Green Party of England and Wales

Lunch

12.40 - 13:25 Please note that it is not possible for the organisers to provide lunch, so please bring your own, or purchase something from Eynsham's lovely shops. Or, as noted below, you are most welcome to join the Eynsham GreenTEA Festival's vegetarian bring and share lunch!

Afternoon: Did you know?!

13:25 - 13:50 We'll have a fun session exploring each other's passions and hobbies in 5 minute bursts! Do you have a story to tell or experience to share in 5 minutes? Please share on the day!

13:45 - 14:45 World Café discussions on topics suggested by you, in which you can join as many as you wish. The topics could be anything, from local news, climate change to Elvis!

Close

14:45 - 15:00 We'll close our gathering by celebrating any activities and deeds that have been nominated. You can make your suggestion here: <http://bit.ly/2oY7Ayh>

Do take the opportunity to pop into the Eynsham Green TEA Festival, happening right next door in the Village Hall, until 4pm!

The Eynsham GreenTEA Festival

Eynsham's local sustainability group is holding a Festival in Eynsham Village Hall on the same day as our Green Gathering: the organisers of both events have worked together to give people the opportunity to participate in both events if they wish! The Festival happens over 12-4pm. More information is available here: <https://bit.ly/2wT6fwP>

All Green Gathering attendees are welcome to check out the Festival, and particularly invited to join the Bring and Share vegetarian lunch - just bring a dish and a bottle if you wish! Our lunch break falls within their 12-2pm slot.

Directions to Eynsham

NB The Scout Hall is next door to Eynsham Village Hall

By bus: Stagecoach S1 service from Oxford and Witney (from every 15 mins) see: <https://bit.ly/2Ma2W9g>

If you get the bus, get off at the stop in Eynsham on Acre End Street, opposite the Swan Hotel / Pub. Then walk towards the Lloyds Chemist and a little bit further you will see a passageway between the houses, called Wasties Lane. Walk up this Lane and it will take you to the corner of Clover Place and Back Lane. Walk to the right, into Back Lane, and the Scout Hall is just a few meters away on the left.

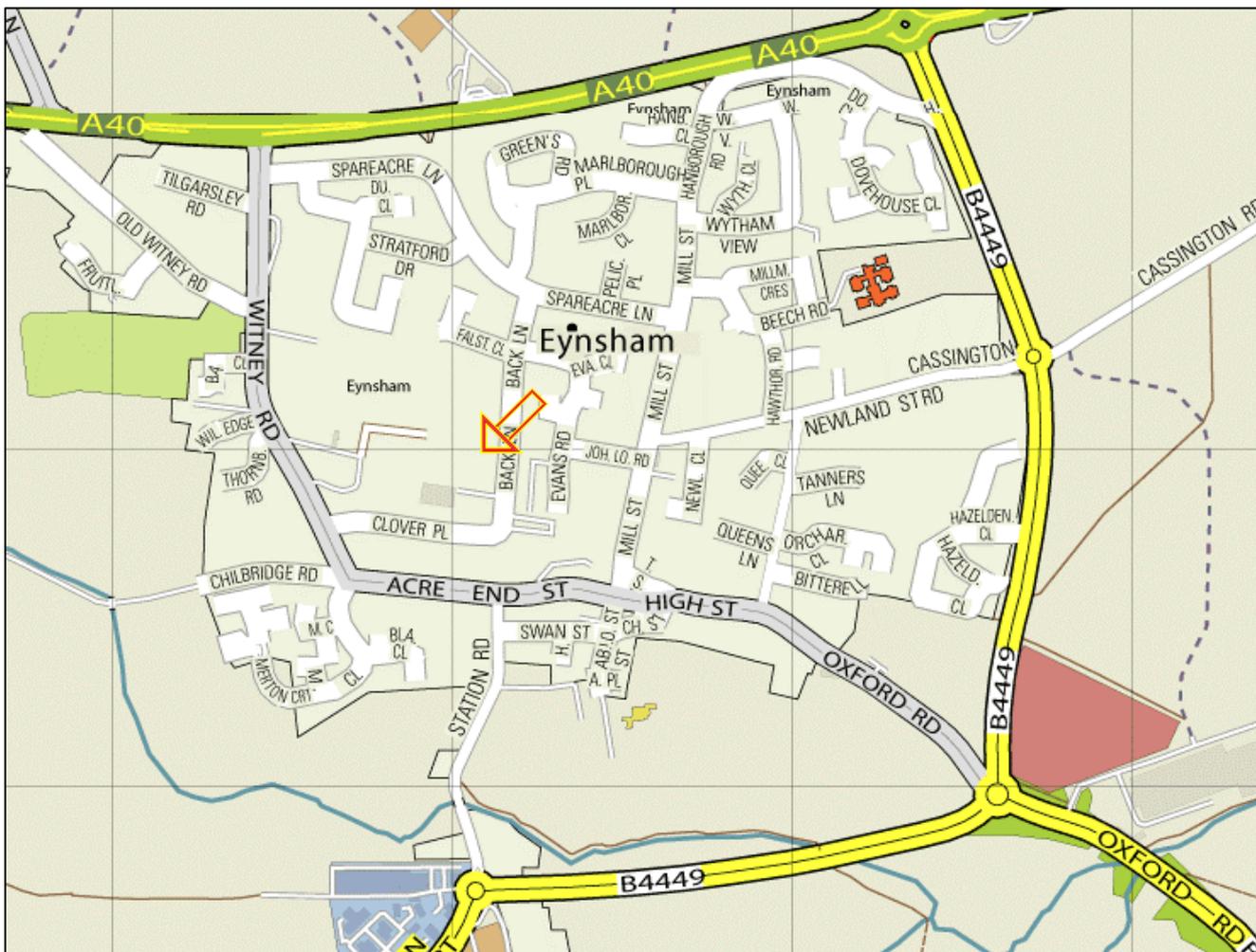
By cycle: There is a dedicated cycle lane running east and west from Eynsham along the A40. From other directions, cyclists must share the frequently winding and narrow roads with other users.

By road: There is a free central car park on Back Lane, just across the road from the Scout Hall venue: OX29 4QP. NB If you come from the east on the B4044 best to have 5p handy to pay the toll at Swinford Bridge!

By river: Eynsham is a short walk from Swinford Lock

By train: Hanborough station (3.5 miles) serves Oxford, London Paddington, Worcester and Hereford. This is an unattended station, with no waiting taxi rank but numbers are shown on the station noticeboard.

The arrow on the map below shows the location of the Scout Hall:



You can download another map here: <http://bit.ly/2wUpmXo>

Please note that the external groups coming to talk at the Green Gathering are not linked with the Green Party. In coming to talk, they are not expressing any political preference or affiliation.