

# **Report on Climate emergency/ Nature trail ideas**

In discussion with John T and Fiona W the following ideas came up in ways to enhance the village and environment.

1. Look at ways to stimulate local interest and awareness in what is currently available within the parish and what can/should be done. This might involve posters around the village of where footpaths are, access to leaflet maps of footpaths (possible through the village shop, pub), better seating throughout the village and wider parish to encourage walking, maybe a piece in the newsletter to stimulate discussion.
2. Essential to involve all those currently working in this field eg Jon Roseway, OVA, East Budleigh in Bloom, CDE. Eventually some discussion with neighbouring parishes might be worthwhile.
3. Parish council involvement with Village Hall and school could be beneficial eg moving school allotment to the village green (easier access for children, access to water allowing more success with growing, potential for more promotion of the environment through school projects, signage (possibly using eg David White photos if appropriate).
4. The Otter Restoration Project might allow for future environmental benefits - disabled access, more public information, cycle routes.
5. Perhaps the current government might be stimulated to develop leisure facilities which might lead to additional funding.  
Currently charging points are expensive to install and there are few electric cars in the village. This will change and will need to be looked into in the near future, particularly if the govt. needs to develop this charging network and offers scrappage funding for petrol/diesel vehicles.
6. Amenities in the parish could be enhanced to encourage outdoor participation - ensuring the bus service is maintained, toilets, dog bins, possibility of cafe, etc.

There is awareness that this will not be possible immediately - look at the problems immediately thrown up by the possible nature walk around the mast. Areas such as the green corridor mentioned in the Village Plan could be done more easily once agreement with tenants/landowners is obtained and this could encourage tree planting, wild flower corridors, etc. Possibly enhancing planting in the recreation grounds and long village verges could also be looked at.