



Community Board South West Chilterns

Action Group: Environment and Climate Change

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This year has seen the installation of solar panels at Spinfield School in Marlow which was funded in part by the Community Board. Although this was a challenge to ensure that no stone was left unturned, the school are delighted with the achievements not just with the obvious impact on their carbon footprint but also from an educational perspective for the attending pupils.

It has also spurred on another potential application for solar panels from another school in the Marlow area which we look forward to receiving.

Solar compacting waste bins have proved to be a topic of conversation within the Board for many months and we were delighted to secure a free trial in Higginson Park, Marlow for 2 months from the beginning of October. To date, it has been operated over 1100 times, has been compacted 80 times and is currently 83% full and due to be emptied for the first time this week. (photo below). It is situated just off the path from the main entrance towards the river.



The action group are also in discussions on how they might pilot a Car Club across the Board area and looking to explore options around this which have been adopted in other counties successfully.

There has been full support of a project to purchase a thermal image camera to look at heat loss in residential properties which was the idea of The Marlow Energy Group and already there has been a massive response from residents.

Chiltern Conservation have submitted a hedgerow project which would not only fulfil the criteria for the Boards priorities in terms of environment, but, will also have an impact on the rural economy as well. Following a site visit with a full explanation being given on the advantages of this project we are delighted that an application has been received and is progressing through the internal due diligence process.