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Welcome to our Newsletter.

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People's Emergency Briefing

On Saturday 12th September 2026 80+ people attended a showing of The People's Emergency Briefing held at Dronfield Baptist Church.

This was a very thought provoking film presented by Chris Packham alongside some famous faces and members of the public. The facts were presented by leading UK scientists and experts giving an update on the latest in the climate and nature crisis and its impacts on everyday life. Subjects covered included extreme weather, food security, health, cost of living and national security.

There followed a short session of open discussion before splitting into groups to discuss what can be done locally in the Dronfield area. Groups looked at subjects like energy, waste, food and farming, fast fashion, pollution (especially the River Drone). Excellent discussions took place and all the suggestions made will be considered at a follow-up meeting on 26th September at Dronfield Baptist Church at 7.00 pm. All who came to the showing are invited to attend this follow-up meeting.

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Some Suggestions to Save Energy

Free Ideas:

Unplug tvs, computers, etc that use power even when off,
Lower your thermostat. 5 degrees when away or asleep saves 10%
Bleed radiators and ensure furniture isn't blocking them.

Use a cooler clothes wash
Use lids on pots and cook with residual heat
Dry clothes on the line rather than the tumble drier
Batch cook meals to cut energy use
Use curtains and blinds to trap heat in winter and block it in summer
Defrost your freezer to increase its efficiency
Don't boil more water than you need in the kettle
Switch off lights in empty rooms

Low Cost Ideas:

Switch to LED light bulbs
Use draught excluders around doors and windows
Put reflectors behind radiators on external walls
Use thermal or blackout curtains to improve insulation
Insulate your loft to 270-300mm deep
Use a programmable thermostat to better control heating
Service boilers etc to maintain their efficiency
Use time and motion sensors to cut unnecessary lighting
Go for the most energy efficient option when buying appliances.

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Eco Friendly Christmas Tips

Christmas is not that far away and I am sure you are already well into your planning. Try to make this Christmas a Green Christmas.

Search the charity shops for quality Christmas presents.

Make your own Christmas presents – the library have a good range of books for Christmas crafts.

Ensure your Christmas cards are made from materials that can be recycled – no glitter!

Ensure the wrapping paper you use is recyclable.

Source as much as possible of your Christmas dinner from local suppliers.

Ensure your Christmas decorations are Eco Friendly and your lights are LED lights to save on energy.

If you have a real tree find a local supplier who plants a new tree for every tree sold. One local one is Sheffield Christmas Tree Farm on Whitelow Lane, Dore S17 3AG

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Dronfield Baptist Freecycle

Offered:

4 Dining chairs.

Contact Jon Ball – 07527 248937
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Don't forget to make use of the Freecycle system. If you have something you no longer need and wish to give away let me have the details and if possible a photo and I will include it in the next Newsletter. Remember to let me have your preferred contact details.

Remember – One person's trash is another man's treasure.