December 2026 – January 2027

Welcome to our Newsletter.

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People's Emergency Briefing

As a result of the follow up meeting held on 26th September it was decided to screen another showing of the People's Emergency Briefing film. This was held on Thursday 19th November at Gosforth Lodge, Cliffe Park. Approximately 35 people attended, some who had been unable to get tickets to the first showing.

Following these discussions and people's specific interests it was decided to set up some specific themed groups. One will be set up around Food and Farming looking at how to encourage people to grow their own, even in very small spaces, and to focus on sourcing food locally.

Phoenix Energy North Derbyshire, a Community Benefit Society, has been set up to deliver clean energy that we control.

IMAGINE:

Renewable energy, with battery storage, on industrial land and large buildings owned by YOU and your neighbours.

Working together in our community to make sure homes are well insulated and can access affordable renewable technology;

And there's help to make it happen.

FROM DREAM TO REALITY

Great British Energy Community Fund now has an extra £5 million for expert feasibility studies.

Community Energy England, Energy Local, Sheffield Energy Works and projects in Derbyshire are already developing community energy schemes.

YOU CAN HELP

Let us know you are interested by contacting us by email – nigel@enventures.com or phone – 07989 251333

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Some Facts about Fashion

Making clothes is the second-biggest global consumer of water.

Making clothes is responsible for 10% of global CO2 emissions,

A third of the clothing made today for the UK market is written off in advance. More is produced than is needed so that 33% ends up unsold.

60% of clothing is being made using plastic fabrics including polyester, nylon and acrylic. The chemicals used to treat fabrics before they are sold are polluting to the environment.

Retailers in the UK market who are 'worst' for fast fashion: Zara, H&M,

Uniqlo, Shein, Mango, ASOS, Forever 21, Next, Primark.

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Single Use Plastics – Quick Facts

Includes shopping bags, drink bottles, straws, products bottles (toiletries, toothbrushes, cleaning products), food packaging.

8.3 Billion metric Tons of plastic has been produced since plastic was introduced in the 1950's.

Of all plastic that has ever been made 79% still exists today.

At least 14 million tons of plastic end up in our oceans every year.

When plastic breaks down, it doesn't go away. It contaminates waterways and soil, and ends up in the food chain.

Micro plastics are now being found in the human body. It is unlikely that the human body is capable of breaking down micro plastics. In February 2025 a group of scientists identified microplastics in the brains of human cadavers. Most notably, those who had been diagnosed with dementia prior to their death had up to 10 times as much plastic in their brains compared to those without the condition.

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Please ask me if you would like a copy of the Don Catchment Rivers Trust Water Gardening Booklet.

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Dronfield Baptist Freecycle

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 I the next Newsletter. Remember to let me have your preferred contact details.

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