

Appleby Environment

Newsletter

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Hi everybody

A little late getting this newsletter out following our meeting in November, but we have been waiting for news about our funding application for our Thermal Imaging project. This took much longer than we expected, but it is good news. We have been awarded the money we need to undertake a survey of the whole village, and this will start in mid January. Over a few nights, thermal images will be taken of all the houses in Appleby that are visible from the road. We can't tell you exactly which days yet as it depends on the weather.

We need to leaflet the whole village urgently to tell everyone this is happening – if you can do a street or two do let us know asap.

The aim is to analyse results based on the types of houses in the village, and the images will show where heat is escaping. This will be done anonymously, but if you want to see the results for your house these will be available to you at cost (which will be much cheaper than commissioning your own survey of your house). You will be able to see the spots where measures could be taken to conserve heat, saving money as well as energy.

After the imaging, the results will be analysed and a presentation and display held in the **Church Hall on Saturday 5th March**. This will compare different housing types within the village, and it will also be an opportunity to present solutions to particular causes of heat loss. The primary aim is to raise awareness generally about energy saving with the emphasis on the positive aspects of insulation and other energy saving measures, and how much money can be saved by relatively simple actions. So as well as showing the results of the survey we will have stands with people offering advice and guidance appropriate to different types of houses.

If you want a more comprehensive image of your house, or if your property is not easily visible from the road and you want the surveyors to bring the camera to a place where a good picture can be taken, then **please get in touch as soon as possible** (contact numbers are on the next page) so we can pass on this information.

This project is being done in partnership with Appleby Magna Parish Council, and is funded by the Climate Friendly Communities Grant from Leicestershire County Council, administered by the Rural Community Council.



AE on the Web

News and information about the group will be found at www.applebymagna.org.uk/appleby_environment.html

At the moment we do not have a Facebook presence but if anyone would like to administer a group on our behalf, get in touch with us.

Watch out for news of the Appleby Wildlife Photography Competition, coming soon. This will be run in conjunction with the village web site and will be a chance for all the amateur photographers in the village to show off their snaps, while promoting conservation and the protection of local habitats.



Appleby Environment is a member of North West Leicestershire Green Footprints Community Network



The Village Questionnaire

The presentation of results of the village questionnaire is available on our web site (see side panel on page 1) and there was a brief report in the December Parish News.

At the meeting on 18th November we discussed these results and the implications for the village, in particular the need for better transport options to Tamworth and more information about local food.

We would like to progress this and we have ideas we would like to implement in the coming months. It would be helpful if we had an additional team member to help follow these up, so if you want to make a difference and have a little spare time, please contact us.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 7th February, 7.30pm at 14 Top Street.

This will include planning for the exhibition in March. We will need helpers to do things in advance as well as on the day. If you are able to help in any way do get in touch even if you can't make this meeting.

Hope to see you on February 7th and March 5th.

In the meantime, best wishes for 2011 and a very Happy New Year.

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