

THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT CHALLENGE FOR RADSTOCK AND THE SOMER VALLEY

A Radstock Action Group event on March 5

Radstock Action Group's event on March 5 is shaping up to be a really good day, with excellent speakers and plenty of opportunities to find out how individuals and organisations can get involved in championing renewable energy and looking after the natural environment. [Click here to see the full programme.](#)

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NOT JUST FOR RADSTOCK

This event is about far more than Radstock because no one community can work alone on these huge issues. And that's why we're hoping that people from the whole of the Somer Valley will get involved.

GETTING INVOLVED

If you've been wondering what you can do or are unclear about the different forms of renewable energy or the best way to develop a brownfield site for wildlife, these are some of the questions that you can explore on the day. Or just come along and get some new ideas to take home and think about.

If the programme looks busy, that's because it is! We will make sure there is plenty to snack on and the Working Men's Club has a bar too, so you can keep your own energy levels up throughout the day.

CAN I HELP BEFORE THE EVENT?

Yes you can:

- [Let us know you are coming by clicking here](#)
- [Print off a poster](#) and display it in your window or ask your library, shop, post office, church to display it
- Let us know if you can [help do a door-to-door delivery of our leaflets by clicking here](#)
- Tell your friends, family and colleagues about the event and encourage them to come along too
- Think about how you might be able to join in further activities later
- Tell us if you have particular suggestions about [what you would like to see happening on the day or if you can help on the day](#)
- Let us know if you [would like to have a table to display information about your group](#)

HOW MUCH DOES THE DAY COST?

Entry is free but, on the day, we will ask you to make voluntary contributions towards the costs, and, of course, we are always happy to accept donations for any amount large or small. Click here: www.radstockactiongroup.org.uk/funding.php to find out how to make a donation.

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

We would like to thank our many supporters for their financial and in-kind support. Our speakers and their organizations are really helping to ensure the success of the day. Thanks to Parish Councils for publicizing the event.

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TELL ME MORE ABOUT THE KEY SPEAKERS

Simon Lewin is Head of Technical Consultancy & Training at the Centre for Sustainable Energy (www.cse.org.uk/), the Bristol-based national charitable organisation, which was established in 1979 to help people and organisations from the public, private and voluntary sectors meet the twin challenges of rising energy costs and climate change. Simon has extensive technical expertise of renewable energy systems and over 20 years consultancy experience. He leads CSE's technical expertise and is responsible for maintaining CSE's national reputation for delivering technically robust sustainable energy initiatives, advice, training and consultancy services.

Deborah Porter is a leading member of the Cam Valley Wildlife Group (www.camvalleywildlifegroup.org.uk/). She was involved in the drawing up, with Transport 2000, of a costed cycling and walking network for Norton Radstock and Paulton, persuaded BANES to start Nitrogen Dioxide monitoring in central Radstock, has promoted debate on genetic engineering and many food issues. She has been active in her support of the traders of Radstock and the promotion of rail in the area. She is the co-ordinator of Somer Valley Friends of the Earth (www.somervalleyfoe.org.uk/).

Kathy Tate is the Bath and North East Somerset Council Community Sustainability Officer and is responsible for the Energy Champions programme for which Radstock Action Group was a pilot group. (www.bathnes.gov.uk/environmentandplanning/Sustainability).

Sue M. Walton began her career in the third sector as Chief Executive of the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust before moving to Groundwork as the Director for South London. Prior to this she spent more than twenty years in investment banking specialising in aviation financing.

Sue holds a First Class Honours Degree in Environmental Conservation, is a Trustee of Buglife (www.buglife.org.uk/), the Invertebrate Conservation Trust, a Trustee and Honorary Secretary of

Sussex Wildlife Trust (www.sussexwt.org.uk/index.htm) a member of the High Weald AONB Sustainable Development Fund panel, Chair of the South East Green Infrastructure Partnership and an Independent Director of Fly Leasing Limited a NYSE-quoted company. She is a keen scuba diver and amateur photographer often combining the two pursuits.

Matt Wood has an academic background in chemistry and physics, receiving a PhD in 2008. After a period with an environmental consultancy preparing energy certificates for public sector buildings he moved to The Converging World (www.theconvergingworld.org/) to work mainly on their UK Engagement Programme. He focuses on working with communities to take practical steps to help them become more sustainable.