



EVESHAM TOWN COUNCIL



TOWN PLAN COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the **TOWN PLAN COMMITTEE** will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Evesham, on **MONDAY 16 DECEMBER 2019** at 6.30 pm, to which you are hereby summoned for the transaction of the business specified below

Admission of the Public and Media

Members of the Public and Media are welcome to attend in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meeting) Act 1960 Section 1.

Public Participation

Public Participation is welcomed and will be in accordance with Standing Order 3(e) to 3(j) on a matter before the Committee. It would be helpful if anyone wishing to participate would contact the Town Council on 01386 565700, email townclerk@eveshamtowncouncil.gov.uk, or in person, prior to the meeting.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of pecuniary or other interest including requests for dispensation (if any)**
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting held 23 September 2019 including questions as to the progress of any items – minutes attached**
4. **Co-option of non Council member onto the Committee**
Report attached
5. **Financial Statement**
Report attached
6. **Inward Investment Manager's Report**
Mr S Riley's report attached
7. **Evesham Bat Care**
Report to follow
8. **Anti Litter Working Group**
Report attached
9. **Transport Report**
Report attached
10. **Evesham Fairtrade Town Status**
Report attached

11. **Evesham Green Fayre**
Review of the event attached
12. **Matters of urgency raised, for information only, at the discretion of the Chairman**
notice of which is to be given prior to the commencement of the meeting.

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Committee Circulation: Cllr S Amor (Ex-Officio – Deputy Mayor), Cllr G Bearcroft, Cllr A Booth, Cllr A Dyke, Cllr M Goodge (Ex-Officio – Town Mayor), Cllr G Hale, Cllr J Tucker

Co-opted member without voting rights: Mr R Walker, Mr B Taylor, Mr S Riley (Wychavon District Council)

Also circulated electronically to all other councillors for information

EVESHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the **TOWN PLAN 23 SEPTEMBER 2019** at the Council Chamber, Evesham Town Hall, Market Place, Evesham

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr J Tucker
Vice-Chairman: Cllr G Hale
Cllr Mrs S Amor (Deputy Mayor), Cllr G Bearcroft,
Cllr A P Booth, Cllr A Dyke

Non councillor co-opted committee members:
Mr B Taylor, Mr R Walker

Officers: Mr S D Carter (Town Clerk)
Mr S Riley (WDC Inward Investment Manager)

Also present was Mr A Ford (WDC) and Cllr B Timbrell

12. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Goodge submitted his apologies.

13. Declarations of pecuniary or other interest including requests for dispensation (if any)

Cllr G Hale declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute 20 as he is an employee of GWR.

14. Minutes of the meeting held 15 July 2019

The Town Clerk had circulated with the agenda the minutes of the previous meeting held 15 July 2019. It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2019 be adopted as a true record.

15. Co-option of non Council members onto the Committee

A report was circulated with the agenda regarding the co-option of non-council members to the committee.

It was explained that when the committee was set up, it detailed in the terms of reference that the committee had delegated authority to appoint 3 non councillor members; these members had no voting rights and they would be co-opted for the term of the Council. The reason for wanting non councillor members on the committee was that many of the main drivers of the Town Plan were not town councillors and it was important for continuity that they had a presence at committee level.

Mr Robin Walker had been co-opted at the meeting on 15 July and therefore there were 2 other vacancies. Since the meeting, there had been some interest and 2 applications were annexed to the report for members only. One of the applicants: Mr Bruce Taylor who was a very active member of the anti litter group addressed the committee with his reasons for wanting to be on the Town Plan Committee. Following a short Q and A session it was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Mr

Taylor onto the Town Plan Committee. The decision whether or not to co-opt the other applicant was deferred until the applicant was able to address the committee.

16. Neighbourhood Plans

Mr Andrew Ford from Wychavon District Council (WDC) was present to give a verbal report on Neighbourhood plans.

Mr Ford started by highlighting the difference between a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) and a Town Plan was that the neighbourhood plan had statutory weighting, meaning that once formulated and agreed, it became planning law. The Town Plan was merely advisory and whilst councils looked to abide by it, it had no legal weight.

It was explained that neighbourhood plans were planning led documents. They could not be used to stop development but could decide where this development was to go and what it would look like.

Many NPs had decided to look at the design and infrastructure of a development and put in place rules that meant that any development had to look a certain way.

NPs were process driven and required much consultation with residents. They had to go through a process with the planning authority who would assess it to ensure it was legally compliant and did not contradict any other local planning policy. Once it was through this stage there was a requirement for a referendum on whether it should be adopted. The referendum was voted on by the residents of the area affected and it required a majority vote to be approved, i.e. over 50%.

With regards to cost it was explained that it was very hard to estimate. A village NP may cost £13,000 - £15,000 to complete, a large town such as Evesham's could be £20,000 - £50,000, though it is really hard to estimate as it would depend on the scope of the NP. If the scope was wide then the cost would be more. Most towns had done town wide NPs rather than focusing on a specific area. There was funding to help with the cost of TPs both at a local level from WDC and nationally from the government if you met certain criteria.

Mr Ford confirmed that locally Stratford upon Avon had completed a town wide NP, and that Harvington had recently adopted theirs.

In response to a question Mr Ford stated that a NP could touch on transport but that it could not be the focus.

It was commented that there were a number of areas in the town plan around sustainability of developmental and design that could be the focus of a TP in Evesham. The town plan made a lot of reference to the built environment but it was difficult to action anything on this, and NP could help with this.

Members were broadly supportive of looking further into whether a NP was feasible and the Clerk was asked to seek further information from Stratford Town Council on the process and the cost. The Chairman would look into possible focuses of a NP.

Mr Ford was thanked for his report. Mr Ford left the meeting.

17. Finance Report

The Town Clerk had circulated with the agenda a report detailing the expenditure which had been spent or committed:

- £1,500 – Sustrans – Cycle Feasibility Study
- £231 – Greening Evesham publicity

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18. Inward Investment Manager's Report

The Town Clerk had circulated with the agenda a report by Mr Shawn Riley Inward Investment Manager (WDC). The report covered four topics:

- Evesham Bid to Future High Street fund. The report advised that despite WDC making a strong case for the bid, especially with engaging with public and private sectors, the bid was unsuccessful.
- Vale Park. The report advised that planning permission had been granted for the second phase of the commercial development on Vale Park. The mix of units would be suitable for business start ups and larger businesses.
- Events. The report advised of the many successful quirky, fun and unique events during the summer of 2019. Namely: The Asparagus Festival, which was celebrating its 10th year, Wartime in the Vale, Morris dancing, Festival of Words, Evesham Carnival, River Festival, Battle of Evesham and Evesham Angling Festival. A new event this year was the Evesham Walking Festival which had had tremendous attendance for its inaugural event. Evesham Cycle Fest held at Hampton Ferry presented options for three different length sportive rides. Also in the pipeline for 2020 is a new event organised by VECTA for a "Vale of Evesham Food and Drink Festival".
- Enlighten. The report advised that the planning permission had been granted for the Almonry Projection project which will involve historic photographs and images based on Evesham's history being projected onto the Almonry building. The launch of the project would be on Saturday 12 October and there would be free workshops at the Almonry Museum.

On the Future High Street bid, Mr Riley expressed his frustration that the government had provided no feedback on why their application had failed and where it differed to those that were successful. WDC planned to make another application in the next round of funding but obviously did not want to repeat the same errors, however, with only generic feedback it was hard to know what the assessors was good and not so good.

Mr Riley was thanked for his report.

19. Anti Litter Working Group

The Town Clerk had circulated with the agenda a report by Mr Bruce Taylor advising of actions undertaken to day by the Anti Litter Working Group. These being:

- 150 supporters/residents on direct e-mail
- 30 different businesses and organisations have supported work
 - Recently joined by Costa Coffee.
- 961 large bags picked
- 51 picks completed since November 2016
- 23 Grot Spots in focus
- 21 different locations picked
- 514 resident-picks, i.e. total of people at picks to date.

- >123 different individuals have supported picks
- 800 Councillors, residents, schools, businesses and organisations have picked man hours volunteered
- £8.0K Offset cost £8.0K (includes pension employer cont. est.)
- >70 est. Adopt A Street > 70 Evesham residents and businesses/organisations are registered
- c. 26 additional bins placed (focus at Grot Spots)
- 38 signs placed (focus at grot spots)
 - Removed fly-posts
- Painted out graffiti on buildings in town centre

The report then advised that for 2019/20 education had been designated as the main campaign. Schools, local businesses and residents were focused on the Keep it, Bin it message and Adopt a Street was also promoted. Partner activities have included Fixed Penalty Notices, Community Protection Orders for landowners responsible for long term mismanagement of waste.

The Six in Six initiative had been put in place; this targets 6 grot spots for 6 months for improvement. These areas were: Common Lane, Port Street, Avon Club, Crown Inn and Bengeworth Lake. The EALG were liaising with how WDC logs litter as it was felt that there were discrepancies with the figures reported by residents to WDC and those figures obtained by EALG.

The report continued that, unfortunately, when litter picks were taking place, lots of drug paraphernalia was being found in and around town and the EALG wanted to make the town council aware of this hazard.

Finally, the anti litter group requested that £500 be earmarked for them from the town plan budget to enable them to continue with their activities.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that £500 be allocated for anti litter activities from the Town Plan budget.

20. Transport Report

The Town Clerk had circulated with the agenda a report by Cllr Mrs Julie Tucker who submitted the report on behalf of the Vale Public Transport Group (VPTG).

The report highlighted that a lot of work had taken place regarding Worcestershire County Council's Public Transport Strategy Consultation. It had been suggested that the Hopper that runs from Evesham to Pershore was likely to be axed; therefore the VPTG had put together two suggestions for changing the service which may make them more attractive to potential users and increase more bus services to the villages.

Great Western Railway (GWR) had brought forward the new time table to begin in December. The VPTG have welcomed the changes which will see hourly trains from Evesham in both directions from Paddington. The report advised that Worcester Parkway was nearly complete and would open in December as scheduled. The report concluded that the group would like to hold public meetings in Evesham and Pershore to publicize the new timetables. Pershore would hold them in their town hall free of charge and would like a reciprocal arrangement with Evesham Town Council regarding the hall. It was agreed to **RECOMMEND** to Council that the town hall host a meeting free of charge.

Mr Walker spoke briefly about the cycling projects. Evesham Cycling Fest had had record numbers take part this year. Proceeds had gone to the Evesham Adventure Playground project. The cycle group were looking at benchmarking Evesham in order to see how it graded for cycling.

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21. Greening Evesham Activities

Mr R Walker updated members on the Greening Evesham activities.

He confirmed that the Evesham Green Fair was planned for 26 October. At the fair which was based on the Town Council's Green Plan, there were to be a number of stalls giving advice and information on everything from renewable energy sources to electric cars. It was likely that there would be an eclectic car on hand for people to look at. The fair was to be centred around the Market Place and in the Town Hall.

The fair would also have a number of organisations present each with information on how to get involved. offer information and assistance. Ant litter Evesham would be represented for example.

Wychavon District Council was assisting with publicity and Mr Walker asked that small budget be made available to them to meet any small costs. It was **RECOMMENDED** that £100 be allocated for the event and that the Town Hall be and available for use free of charge.

22. Town Plan Budget Request 2020/21

The Town Clerk had circulated with the agenda a report advising members that Evesham Town Council would soon be preparing the annual budget and was seeking members views on what it would like allocated to the town plan. This information would be fed back to the Finance Committee who would use it to draft the budget and present it to full council. It was highlighted that any views would be non-binding as the Council as a whole would make the final budget decision. In 2019/20 the Town Plan committee was responsible for 2 budget headings, Town Plan £6000 and Bins £500.

Committee members requested more time to consider this and it was **RESOLVED** to defer this, with the possibility of setting up a special meeting in due course.

23. Matters of urgency raised, for information only, at the discretion of the Chairman

There were no matters raised under this item.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm

COUNCILLOR MRS J TUCKER
CHAIRMAN

EVESHAM TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE: TOWN PLAN

DATE: 16 DECEMBER 2019

SUBJECT: CO-OPTION OF NON-COUNCIL MEMBERS ONTO THE COMMITTEE

REPORT BY: TOWN CLERK

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform members of the outstanding application to be co-opted onto the Town Plan Committee.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 Members should consider the attached and whether to co-opt them onto the committee.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 When the Town Plan committee was formed it was agreed to co-opt 3 non councillor members to the committee. The view was that these members would represent the community and provide invaluable input into the work of the Town Plan Committee.

3.2 Previously, Mr Robin Walker was again co-opted onto the committee after serving on it in the last term. It was then resolved to seek applicants by advertising on the Town Councils website and social media which subsequently led to Mr Bruce Taylor being co-opted. One other applicant had applied but was unable to attend the last meeting, therefore the committee deferred a decision on this.

3.3 The application is attached for members only and it is anticipated that the applicant will be present at the meeting.

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Terms of reference for the committee state that 3 non council members will be co-opted onto the committee, as well as a representative from WDC (Shawn Riley).

4.2 Legislation prevents them from having voting rights due to them not being elected councillors and this being a council committee.

4.3 Any discussions regarding each applicant should be undertaken in confidential session.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None.

EVESHAM TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE: TOWN PLAN
DATE: 16 DECEMBER 2019
SUBJECT: FINANCE REPORT
REPORT BY: TOWN CLERK

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To advise Members of expenditure by the committee.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the report be noted.

3.0 FINANCE

3.1 Members will be aware that the Committee has an allocated budget of £6,000.

3.2 In the current financial the following has been spent, or committed:

- £1,500 Sustrans – Cycle feasibility study
- £231 – relating to Greening Evesham event (Poster design and printing, logo design)
- £100 Green Fayre Banner
- £500 Anti Litter Evesham

3.3 Remaining budget is £3,669.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 These are explained in the report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Any expenditure recommendations will have to go to Council for approval.

Inward Investment Manager's Report

To

Evesham Town Council's Town Plan Committee 16 December 2019

Inward Investment

Argos Building

Contact has been made with the owner of the former Argos Building, a meeting has taken place on site about the future use of the building.

Canny Insights

WDC hosted a visit from Graham Soult of Canny Insights. Graham is a retail champion, digital marketing expert, respected media commentator, and Fellow of the Institute of Place Management (IPM). He works with independent and multiple retailers online and on the high street, as well as with related organisations such as landlords, local authorities, business associations and Business Improvement Districts (BIDs).

Events

Evesham's Christmas season was launched with a bang last week and Santa himself had a Christmas treat in the form of a brand new Grotto. This proved to be very popular with both Santa and the never-ending que of Children and parents excited to meet him.

This ends another events season for Evesham. The number of events supported in Evesham is way more than the Droitwich and Pershore combined thanks to the cooperation and joint funding by Evesham Town Council and Wychavon as can be seen by the table below.

I'm please to report that Evesham Town Council agreed to continue its joint funding of projects for another year at October's full Council meeting.

The contribution of £15,000 supports projects under the following three headings:

Inward Investment - £3,000

Small Business Grants - £3,000

Local Distinctiveness (Events) - £9,000

This contribution helps to lever in additional funds just shy of £1.4m and created a total value of c£5m to Evesham's economy.



Events and activities supported by the Local Distinctiveness project (including Evesham Town Council's £9,000 contribution)

Event	Location	Cont'n £	Money used for
National Morris Weekend	Evesham Town Centre	£1,767.40	Site security, Site toilets, Printing, Advertising, Road

			Closure, Programme (design and print)
Evesham Festival of Words	Evesham Town Centre	£1,478	Advertising, Marketing, Reverse Graffiti
Evesham River Festival	Workman Gardens	£1,049.57	Toilets, Litter Collection, Ads
Evesham Carnival	Evesham Town Centre	£999.83	Litter Collection, Programme (design and print), First Aid, Road Closure
Evesham Angling Festival	Crown Meadow	£10,815.11 net	Angling Costs, Toilets, First aid, Fencing, Litter Collection, Flowers, Programme (design and print); income received from programme
Cyclefest	Evesham Town Centre	£1,078	Advertising, contribution to Evesham Vale Rail Trail project
Wartime in the Vale	Ashdown Farm	£441.94	Advertising and Marketing
Battle of Evesham	Evesham Town	£1,891.98	Running costs, advertising
Dubs events	Ashdown Farm	£146	Posters
South Midlands Bike Nights	Evesham Town	£90	Road Closure
Evesham Walking Festival	Vale of Evesham	£78	Posters, programme (design)
Christmas activities	Evesham Town Centre	£5,000* *anticipated	Reindeer, PA, Performers, Licence, First Aid, Advertising, Road Closure
Equipment Storage	For Evesham	£500	Annual rent.
Preedy Trail	Literature	£250	Contribution to re-print
Replacement lamppost banners	Abbey Bridge	£1,060	Printing and installation. Design done internally.
General district-wide promotion (including Evesham)	Nation, regional and local	£8,000	Local newspaper adverts, regional magazines, national magazines, bedroom browsers, aerial photography, exhibition stands.
Virtual Reality 360 degree project – featuring Evesham	National, regional and local	£2,800	Production of a series of 360 degree virtual reality videos to help promote the area at exhibitions and online.
Total amount spent on project		£37,445.83	

Shawn Riley - Inward Investment Manager, Wychavon District Council

Evesham Town Plan Anti Litter Group

Activity Report to Evesham Town Council

Period: Since 11 Sept 2019 to 6 Dec 2019

Author: Bruce Taylor

Report Date: 5 Dec. 2019

Delivered to date

1st Meeting April 2016/1st Pick November 2016

- 1027 large (blue) bags picked
- 3 skips
- c. 300 local supporters
- Incl. c 30 local businesses, schools and organisations.
- 551 people-picks volunteered
- 859 man hours volunteered
- 54 Picks completed
- 23 Grot Spots in focus in town centre

Education: 2019/20 is designated the campaign's year of education in:

- Schools,
 - Schools: we have had picking support at St Egwins and The De Montfort School
 - At St Egwins we have made presentations to School Assembly
 - Also at Evesham College with their Eco-Group
 - There are 10 schools incl College in target for year.
 - Planned before end of this term is to present our education message at Swan Lane School and St Andrews School
 - With WDC we have access to a new learning package and resources.
- A meeting with WDC to coordinate has taken place
- local business
 - With local business and agencies
 - With Vecta we have leafleted business in Cowl Street and Port Street ahead of picks
 - In Cowl Street and Bridge Street we have gone back to businesses to tell them about action delivered.
 - Proposed is to convene small local business and local corporates in a meeting to promote the educational messages in the New Year. Also to recruit to Adopt a Street.
- and residents are in focus
 - This work is through online communication and at picks and where we have the opportunity to speak to local groups
 - E.g. with the Baptist Church
 - We attended the Green Fayre to promote our work to the public with good levels of visits to stall.

with Keep It Bin It message. WDC Adopt a Street is promoted to all.

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Partner activity/WDC, Morrison's, VECTA, Tesco's, McDonald's etc.

Rooftop

- Have recently reappointed Neighbourhood leaders
- They will further support picks in their neighbourhoods to promote community
- They are paying for resources to support the work

Vecta

- We have met 3 times recently and our relationship continues to develop
- We will present to their group
 - Subjects are 'the encouragement of local shop owner groups to approach landlords and encourage better regard for the space around their businesses.

WDC

- We continue our routine meetings to develop Six in Six, an initiative aimed at lifting the level of cleanliness in identified Grot Spots. The initiative focuses on 6 grot spots for 6 months.
 - In Focus
 - Lower Leys
 - Crown Inn
 - Avon Club, Waterside
 - Bengeworth Lake
 - Cowl Street
 - Common Lane

This is having an effect.

Drug Abuse

- Continues to be a problem most recently in a car park pick in Cowl Street
 - 5 needles recovered, this close to shopping and Rooftop housing, with attendant danger esp. to children and animals.
 - A neighbour here spoke about previous attempts to clear space; he has now given up due to the danger of needles.

Evesham Town Council Town Plan Committee
16th December 2019
Transport Report

The Vale Public Transport Group postponed 2 scheduled public meetings due to purdah. They are now planned for January, with the Evesham meeting due to take place on Tuesday 21st January at 7pm in the Town Hall. The change of date will, hopefully, mean that information on Worcestershire County Council's Public Transport Strategy Consultation will be available.

The official launch of the Worcestershire Community Rail Partnership was attended by the Chair of the Town Plan Committee on Friday 8th November. A speaker for the Association of Community Rail Partnerships (ACORP) explained that there are four themes to the group's activities: providing a voice for the community, promoting sustainable travel, especially regarding the last mile, together with better health, bringing communities together (social inclusion) and supporting social and economic development.

The spokesman also noted that there has been an overall increase in rail travel over the period 2008/9 to 2017/18 of 35%. However, in areas where a Community Rail Partnership exists the increase is 42%. It is suggested that the partnership is something that the Town Plan Committee should be involved in.

Cllr Mrs J Tucker

Evesham Town Council Town Plan Committee
16th December 2019
Report on Fair Trade Town Status

Evesham gained Fairtrade Town status in 2007 after Evesham Town Council passed a resolution supporting Fairtrade, nominating 2 councillors to join the Fairtrade Town steering group and agreeing to serve Fairtrade tea and coffee at meetings. This status has since lapsed as councillors and officers have moved on.

What is Fair Trade? Taken from the website: *Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world.*

By requiring companies to pay sustainable prices (which must never fall lower than the market price), Fairtrade addresses the injustices of conventional trade, which traditionally discriminates against the poorest, weakest producers. It enables them to improve their position and have more control over their lives.

With Fairtrade you have the power to change the world every day. With simple shopping choices you can get farmers a better deal. And that means they can make their own decisions, control their future and lead the dignified life everyone deserves

Towns can apply for Fairtrade Town status; they are required to meet the 5 goals to be eligible.

Goal 1: include a copy of the exact wording of the motion passed by your council.

Goal 2: include addresses of all shops, supermarkets and cafes that sell Fairtrade products and confirm that they sell at least four products with the FAIRTRADE Mark.

Goal 3: state the total number of schools, universities and faith communities in the area and indicate which of these support Fairtrade. Please include details of how those that are listed support Fairtrade e.g. whether schools and churches have achieved Fairtrade status and if not, what products they supply and Fairtrade activities they undertake. Also list workplaces and other community organisations that are using Fairtrade products for their staff. Include the number of employees for any flagship employer.

Goal 4: as your campaign progresses record all media coverage and keep copies where applicable. Send a full list of events and media coverage with dates achieved, along with any copies of press articles or details of social media with your application.

Goal 5: include a list of steering group members, their roles, membership of other groups and contact details so that we can keep in touch with the group.

The first requires the above actions by the Town Council. The second requires a number of retailers to stock at least 4 different types of Fairtrade goods. Goal three is similar, requiring a number of local workplaces and community organisations to use Fairtrade products. Support for the campaign amongst the community is the fourth goal. Finally, to ensure continued commitment to Fairtrade Town Status, a local steering group should be established.

The adopted Green Plan focuses a lot on sustainability as does the Town Plan which links in with the Fairtrade initiative.

Should it be felt that Fairtrade Town Status is something to be encouraged the Town Council would need to support formally move this at a Council meeting.

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Report on the Greening Evesham Green Fayre

Transition Evesham Vale and Evesham Town Council held a successful (but very wet) Green Fayre in Evesham Market Square and Evesham Town Hall on Saturday 26th October 2019. Those visitors who braved the rain and cold all seemed very motivated and one could hear animated discussions taking place all around.

The Town Hall was full of varied and interesting stalls showcasing how we can take practical action towards a greener Evesham. An estimated 250-300 visitors had the opportunity to talk to enthusiasts about recycling, waste and litter, home insulation, greener transport, food and trees and renewable energy.

Braving the torrential rain outside were transport related stalls from Cycle Evesham Vale, Evesham Adventure Playground (recycled bikes), Vale Cycles and a selection of electric cars including a Golf from Listers VW. Also on display was the Close Pass Mat provided by the Road Safety Partnership illustrating the safe distance for motor vehicles to pass cyclists.

The event was opened by the Mayor of Evesham - Mark Goodge - and engaged visitors included Councillors Bradley Thomas (Leader of Wychavon District Council) and Emma Stokes (WDC board member for Environment, Recycling and Street Scene).

The Greening Evesham organising committee was delighted with the event, and is already planning a similar event for next year.

Mr R Walker