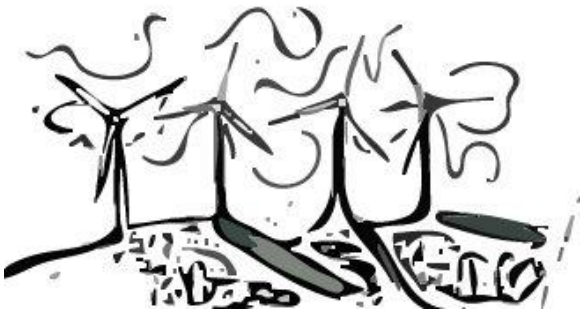


Projects update



What we're working on, at the moment...

European Energy Conference



'Switch to a Renewable Future' energy conference is taking place on the 5 March, which has an exciting array of speakers lined up. We have 90 visitors coming from our twinning partners to attend the conference. The conference will feature some of the pioneering initiatives that are happening in Europe to cut emissions, enable energy security, boost local economy and provide jobs and training. Alongside European partners speakers include Camille Dressler from the Isle of Eigg which reclaimed power as a community and produce all of their energy renewably. Professor Keith Barnham, author of the Solar Revolution, will also be presenting opportunities for renewable energy in Frome. Other topics include local hydro power, community energy and biogas. A range of stalls and lunches will also be on offer as part of the event and discounts are available for Frome residents. Updates can be found at the Switch event Facebook page [here](#).

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Fundraising Tips and Tricks

FUNDRAISING

Community Projects Officer Ruth Knagg and Steve Macarthur, of GreenStrand and the

Cheese and Grain are running a workshop for anyone who makes applications for grant funding for their organisation, whether large or small. Open to anyone, whether experienced or new to the world of fundraising, the workshop will focus on sharing tips, tricks and techniques. It will be an interactive session, where attendees can ask questions throughout and share their own experience with the rest of the group. Free to attend, 2 March 4 – 6pm Room 3 at the Cheese and Grain. [Community Projects Officer](#)

Tennis Courts update

Out with the old; in with the new...Work on the new tennis courts on Mary Baily is continuing on schedule. With the foundations in place the first two stages of the works have now been completed, inspected & signed off.

Next steps... the playing surface & the court fencing. 26/08/2015 Minute number 2015/68/FC [Environment Manager](#)

Upgrading Berkley & Rodden Road

Somerset County Council is planning improvements of the busy traffic light controlled junction of Berkley and Rodden Road.

The upgrade will include safer facilities for pedestrians and cyclists, and new traffic lights using extra low voltage equipment and LED lights to reduce energy usage and save money. The junction will also be fully resurfaced as part of the works.

Work will begin on Monday 29 February and take around 8-10 weeks to complete. To allow work to take place safely and as quickly as possible, temporary traffic lights will be required with a road closure on the northern end of Rodden Road.

The County Council has apologised for any inconvenience during this time.

For further information, please contact Somerset County Council on 0300 123 2224.

The Big Lunch



Frome Town Council is linking up with the Big Lunch initiative, created by the Eden project some years ago. We are inviting and encouraging local people to stage their own street party in order to get know their neighbours and have fun in their street! This year's event

coincides with the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations on 12 June. We are creating an online pack for residents to guide them through road closures, risk assessments, first aid, insurance etc. as well as ideas and resources including posters, how to decorate the street and what to eat! Please get in touch with for more information about how to support events in your street [Community Projects Officer](#)

Florals and Tree Works



We've got spring florals around the town centre – and these will be updated with summer displays in due course.

We've also got tree works and tree planting going on in Victoria Park & Mary Baily.

The majority of the new trees will be on Mary Baily – including a stunning Liquidambar (or Sweet Gum tree); three beautiful Birch trees; and some ornamental Pears. In combination these should add some quite striking colour & texture in spring and autumn. [Environment Manager](#)

The Frome Independent Market

The Frome Independent market is to delay the start of their 2016 season in order to ensure it has been able to fully address the traffic and congestion issues experienced at the end of last year, as a result of the market's popularity and growing visitor figures. The Frome Independent estimate that the market is bringing in the region of £2 million of revenue into Frome throughout a year, which is a marker of success and cause for celebration. However, the volume of visitors has created new challenges for the market's logistics and the town's infrastructure. In order to ensure the long-term viability and sustainability of the event, the market's management team is consulting and planning with all three tiers of local government, transport agencies and the emergency services. [Organisers](#) are working hard towards an April start and look forward to welcoming everyone back soon! [Economic Development & Regeneration](#)