

Wycombe Friends of the Earth

Minutes of Monthly Zoom Meeting on Wednesday 4th February 2026

7.30pm

Present: 7 **Apologies:** 2

Names in **bold** indicate action by that person.

1. Finance

£1010 in the bank. All bills paid so we are up to date but outgoings for the film and speaker event are coming up.

2. Ecotips

1. Get ready for Spring. Sow some seeds indoors, watch them grow.

[Gardening in February - jobs to do this month / RHS](#)

2. The **Refresh Store** in High Wycombe has just moved!

Refresh The Marketplace is a wonderful scrap store now based in Church Street, right here in the heart of High Wycombe. The aim is to encourage you to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Create. There is a huge selection of surplus and unwanted stock all donated by local businesses and individuals.

You may be a crafter, a teacher, an artist or a maker. We have fantastic fabrics, textiles, haberdashery items, cards, papers, foils, and shelves full of materials just waiting for you to give them a second life and use them on your next project. Low prices.

More at: [Refresh Wycombe](#)

3. Social media for January

74 posts (2.41 av per day). (Dec = 52)

Members 73 posts

Visitors 1 post

28 comments (Dec = 13)

27 comments by members and 1 comment by visitor

134 reactions (Dec = 113) -

129 Reactions by members. (*)not visitors)**

5 Reactions by visitors

One week in January: 22-28 January - 11 posts (5 by us)

Others - Wycombe Food Hub, Bucks Climate Action Alliance, Bucks Community Energy, Save Energy Coop, Dave Lindsay, Eco Action Hub Windsor and Maidenhead.

Comparison - Bucks Climate Action Alliance:

22-28 Jan - 21 posts.

Most viewed posts: Pride of Place activities, Volunteers for Grow Together Bucks, FOE petition - Make the Polluters Pay (this was a duplication from earlier months)

Least Viewed (less than 20 views)

Eco Hub Windsor and Maidenhead - smart energy show, Cookham, Save Energy Coop, Emergency Network webinars.

- A member will monitor the figures for the blog and Twitter.
- Members are encouraged to comment on the blog so that interest is generated for future events.
- A member will send a link to the blog to the Google group.

4. Events coming up

- WFoE 20th anniversary 2026 (Nov)

A member will contact Hannah Richie again for this Autumn.

- Steve Morton Memorial walk 1st Feb.

Enjoyable to meet others and WFoE friends.

A member's local insights were interesting and a valuable addition.

Members are invited to comment on the blog so that interest is generated for future events.

- Library Stall 7th Feb.

Cancelled due to other commitments. Maybe March.

A member will check whether the library is happy to have us in March.

- Pann Mill - 10th May.

It was decided we would attend, pending getting helpers. Will book.

5. Speaker event/Matt Winning - Friday 5th June (confirmed)

After discussion, it was decided:

- to be ambitious and go with the big hall at the Wycombe Arts Centre. The treasurer has worked out that we would need to sell 80 tickets at £10 to break even.
- Sub-group to ask about food - what is the arrangement, if any? It was thought that pre-ordering of food could be problematic and put people off attending. Can we/should we scale it down?
- Ideally have a warm up act. A pub-type quiz on environmental matters perhaps?
- A member will check that we can have stalls and food in the small hall and seating in the big hall.
- Ticket price to be £10-12, more 'on the door'. Student discount £2 less.
- The planning group will firm up the details and inform the wider group.
- £10 for a stall. Perhaps 4 or 5 stalls - not too many.

6. Meeting with Emma Reynolds

- Two members have discussed this but they haven't heard back from Emma about a likely date.

7. Glyphosate.

- Glyphosate is used on pavements and highways by Bucks Council but not parks.
- Marlow Council doesn't use glyphosate
- A member will contact Marlow and Red Kite again to ask more about their use.

8. Film - 6 Inches of Soil. March 4th, 7pm-9.30pm. In collaboration with Grow Together.

- A member of Grow Together has put the event on Eventbrite and paid the licence fee.
- A member will put the time and date and place details on the poster
- Publicity - local horticultural groups, School 6th forms, Bucks New Uni. Wycombe Young Farmers are on Instagram. A member has already shared it with 15/16 groups.
- There might be some funding available from the Community Board through the Pride of Place project that we could ask to be released for some of this.
- The event is free but a donation box could be available.
- A member will find out the cost of hiring Wrights Meadow with a view to WFoE sharing half the cost of the venue (?) and film (just over £100) with Grow Together.
- There will need to be someone to introduce the event and mention donations. There is a video introduction to the film with the package.
- We will have a further meeting about all this soon.
- A member will contact the Bucksum farmers at Long Crendon to ask if they will attend the film Q&A session.
- A member will ask the film organisers what the process is if we had their books available for people to buy - sale or return?

9. AOB - none

10. The Next meeting

will be on **April 1st and will be an in-person meeting** at the Friends Meeting House. The above film night will replace our **March** meeting.

The meeting ended at 8.50pm.