



## Events Action Group

The Events group has been very active with Letham Nights, in collaboration with the Letham Hall Committee, and there are more events planned for the autumn including a screening of the film: The Age of Stupid. The group is open to working with other hall committees to run local events as well.

## Coming Soon to a Village Hall near you:

The Age of Stupid - An award winning film recognised by governments worldwide a significant contribution to the debate on Climate Change and Peak Oil

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**Transport Group 8pm Monday 26 Oct Giffordtown Hall**

**Energy Group 7.30pm Monday 9 Nov Collessie hall**

**Local Food Group 7.30pm Thursday 19 Nov Giffordtown Hall**

**Coordinating Group meeting 7.45 Monday 19th Oct Collessie Village Hall**

For More Information on the North Howe Transition Toun – visit our website:

[www.nhtt.org.uk](http://www.nhtt.org.uk) or Contact Louise Barron on 07879996845



## Community Apple Day:

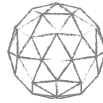
Sat 31 Oct 12 - 3pm.

In the Orchard at Monimail Tower Project. Come along to this family celebration of all things appley!



The North Howe Transition Toun is an Unincorporated Not-For-Profit Association that covers the community council areas of Collessie, Giffordtown and Monimail/Letham and aims to work on addressing the issues around Peak Oil and Climate Change at a local level.

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This month NHTT will be doing a  
**Community Survey**

(Set to Start 1 October)

What do you want to happen about carbon reduction in our area ?

To find out what will work best and benefit our community and the environment the most, we will be carrying out a survey during October and November. This survey will ask questions about your household and suggest opportunities you might be interested in to improve the energy efficiency of your home and reduce our community's impact on the environment. We now have a team of surveyors in place and the survey is due to start 1 October. Below are the dates we aim to be in each of the NHTT areas. If you would like to book a time or date in advance please get in touch with Louise. Surveys will be available to complete online at [www.nhtt.org.uk](http://www.nhtt.org.uk) from October 1.

### Timetable for Survey

Monimail	1 – 3 October
Bow of Fife	4 – 7 October
Collessie	8 – 15 October
Kinloch & Giffordtown	16 – 22 October
Charlottetown & Edentown	23 – 29 October
Letham	30 Oct. – 5 Nov.
Outlying Areas	5 – 19 November

# Another Successful Climate Challenge Award for the Energy Group.

Great news for the NHTT Energy Group's carbon Reduction in Building project which has just been awarded a grant of £114,361 by the Climate Challenge Fund. This particular project was developed with three strategic aims:

- to find the best ways to help people save energy, tailored to the kind of buildings we have in our area
- to help reduce fuel poverty, currently 24%
- to begin planning for long term changes in energy supply

We aim to reduce carbon emissions in households, community buildings and local businesses, engage the whole community and produce a sustained legacy through the application of the Toolkit which will be developed using the results of the community survey.

The CaRB project presents an opportunity to make a real difference to our carbon emissions and increase our resilience to increasing fuel costs.

This is an exciting and busy time for the energy group so if you would like to get involved or find out more about our Energy projects come along to the next meeting on **Monday 5 October at 7.30pm in Giffordtown Hall.**

## Energy Action Group Meetings

The Energy group will meet on every second Tuesday of each Month.

Next meeting: **7.30pm Monday 9 Nov Collessie hall.** Open to all interested parties.

The energy group is currently working on the next stage of the Building Carbon Reduction Programme for which we will submit another application to the Climate Challenge Fund.

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# Local Food Festival great success!

The Festival was an incredible success, a delightful and fun day was enjoyed by all! Our local food producers tempted festival goers' taste buds, Letham Hall was full to the brim for the puppet show and teas & coffees, the hay bales went down a treat with the kids and the drumming delighted young & old! The Local Food Group wish to thank our volunteers and participants for all their work in helping make the festival the amazing success that it was.

There will be an informal Local Food Festival get together on **Friday 2nd October at 7.30pm in Letham Hall** - BYOB & nibbles - we will be providing a keg of local ale for those who like a beer! We will have the opportunity to chat about the successes of the day, whether we will do one next year and things we could do better next time. We would like to extend an invite to ALL volunteers, participants & festival goers to come along to the meeting; we would be delighted to see you and plan to have an enjoyable Friday night!

## Updates on our Climate Challenge Fund Projects:

**Community Apple Presses:** Just about there! Monimail Tower Project has kindly agreed to allow NHTT to site a shed for storing the equipment - there will be a ground clearance day on 11th October to prepare for the siting. The presses, crushers & supporting equipment are available for booking now, please contact Louise Barron, NHTT Support Worker for information.

**Garden Supplies Pilot Project:** The research and drawings have been completed for the bays and the project is now moving to next stage which is getting construction quotes - quotes will be considered at the November meeting.

**Food Training/Allotments:** You have let us know about a variety of food workshops that you are interested in doing, as a result the Local Food Group are now beginning to work in partnership with Elmwood College & Monimail Tower Project to get a programme of workshops together for 2010. Details will be forthcoming.... In addition, we will be supporting the series of workshops with a food focussed library, whereby people within the NHTT area can join the mini library and access books on such things as curing, smoking, growing, permaculture, rearing and much more.....further details will be out soon.

**Community Bulk Buying/Food Storage:** Feedback from the community has said that you are interested in a pilot scheme for food storage of produce that you have grown or preserved yourselves combined with a store for community bulk buying of local produce and also more ethical products we can't source locally, ideas such as a food coop are also in the mix - if you feel you are interested in helping further this project please contact [hayley.mills@phonecoop.coop](mailto:hayley.mills@phonecoop.coop) 01337 810342

**Bake house Feasibility:** There has been interest in the community in a bake house/brewery site; in addition there has also been interest in building a small scale community bread oven. This project is still at discussion stage.

**Apple Day at Monimail Tower Project:** You will have a chance to have a go at making your own apple juice with the new North Howe Transition Town apple presses. There will be activities for kids run by Cathy Bache of the Secret Garden. And there will be information on tree care, examples of apple varieties with tastings and recipes. See overleaf for details.

**Local Food Group Email Group:** Along with the NHTT main 'e' Bulletin, there is also a Local Food Group email distribution list of 32 members. We email out regular food focussed info mails to the group. If you are interested in being added to it please contact [HYPERLINK "mailto:hayley.mills@phonecoop.coop"](mailto:HYPERLINK%20mailto%3Ahayley.mills@phonecoop.coop) [hayley.mills@phonecoop.coop](mailto:hayley.mills@phonecoop.coop)

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## Transport Action Group

The Transport Group's aim is to make it easier to get about in and around the NHTT area, stretching from Edentown to Letham, without increasing our impact on the environment. The projects we are focusing on are:

**Promotion of TripshareFife:** we will promote [www.TripshareFife.com](http://www.TripshareFife.com) car share site and aim to increase uptake within the NHTT area by up to 30%. The average car sharer saves £1000 a year, so sharing our journeys will help us all save money, as well as reduce our carbon emissions.

**Improve Cycle and Pathways in our area:** we will build on work already done to find out where people walk and cycle in the area and have feasibility money to specify path improvements that are a priority to the community both for leisure and travel to work and school. The idea then would be to look for further funds to build these paths.

**Provision of Bicycle Parking:** Getting a lift or a bus will be an option for some people, to make this easier we will carry out work to improve and increase cycle parking at key points throughout the NHTT area to encourage people to cycle to the bus or pick up point for a lift or use existing parking provided at train stations. This will mean we have more travel choices.

**Trip Stops:** we will carry out some feasibility work around whether the community is interested in informal car sharing from stops like bus stops, we've called them 'Trip-stops'. If this idea is one that is popular we would look for money to put such facilities in place.

**Get Involved!** We meet monthly, so if you would like to find out more about the transport group come along to our next meeting **Wednesday 26 Oct at 8pm in Gifordtown Hall.**

For more information about any of our projects please get in touch with Louise at [HYPERLINK "mailto:louise@nhtt.org.uk"](mailto:HYPERLINK%20mailto%3Alouise@nhtt.org.uk) [louise@nhtt.org.uk](mailto:louise@nhtt.org.uk) or call 07879996845