



Welcome to the Summer 2007 edition of *Transaction*, your update on the work of Action 21 and its associates!

What can I do?

We'd like to draw your attention to the volunteering opportunities with our **Community Food Projects** which are all about growing, cooking and eating. Some of the opportunities include:

Children Centre Allotment Volunteer

Support activities for young children and their parents on the Children Centre's Allotment at Black Lane allotments.

Lillington Primary School Garden Volunteer

Work alongside our Community Food Project Officer at sessions with primary school aged children on their school garden.

Lillington Fresh Food Coop Volunteer

Help out with the food cooperative where members of the community get together to buy fresh fruit and vegetables in bulk.

There are also a variety of one-off Community Food events that we always need help at.

If you are interested in volunteering for these or any other schemes please **contact us**:

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Goodbye from Jenny

A message from our manager Jenny Sansom who will sadly be leaving us in September after 5 years of hard work with Action 21:

I've recently taken the decision to move on from my role as Action 21 Manager. Although I'll be sad to go, I feel it's the right time to handover to someone with a new outlook as Action 21 has come on such a long way and is now looking stronger as an organisation.

Thanks to all members for your moral, practical and financial support over the years and for helping make Action 21 the success that it is. I feel I know so many of you personally and hope to see you at my last AGM which will be on the 13th September. I feel very privileged to have been part of such inspiring work.

Jenny Sansom
Manager, Action 21



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July

26th

A21 Transport Group meeting

7.30pm, Baptist Church, Chandos Street, Leamington Spa. michelle@action21.co.uk
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August

9th-10th

'Countryside and Food Fair' at the Royal Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh. Interactive, fun and educational activities and displays.

September

10th

A21 Energy Group meeting

7.30pm, Chandos Room, Baptist Church, Chandos Street, Leamington Spa
Email Stevenc@eco-architects.org

13th

A21 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

6.45pm for 7pm start, Brunswick Healthy Living Centre, Shrubland Street, Leamington Spa.

Come and hear what we've been doing. Topical Speakers, free food and drink, ALL WELCOME!

19th & 26th **Meadow cutting work parties**

Ufton Fields and Leam Valley.
Warwickshire Wildlife Trust. 024 76308998



Fancy a stroll but you rather walk with others? **Walking** is a great way to improve your health in a safe and enjoyable way! South Warwickshire Health Walks in partnership with Action 21 run free guided walks weekly around a variety of short attractive routes. All walks are for less than an hour and are mostly on flat tarmac surfaces.

The Leamington walk meets at **Jephson Gardens, Parade Entrance** at **2.30pm** on **Fridays**.

The Leamington Peace Festival



The Action 21 tent at the peace festival

The Pump Room Gardens were again full of stalls, music and messages of peace and international understanding for the famous **Leamington Peace Festival** on 16th-17th June. The weather was kind even though it was a bit squelchy under foot. **Action 21** were again litter picking and recycling for the event with a fantastic crew of volunteers. Glass, cans and plastic bottles were collected for recycling, saving a significant amount of materials going to landfill and energy being wasted. Special thanks must be given to the litter pickers as it's not the most pleasant job and everyone worked extremely hard to sort through the waste and recycle. Other volunteers helped in our **Energy Lounge** where, with the help of some pieces of furniture from the Recycle Warehouse, messages about saving energy were imaginatively displayed. Volunteers spoke to the public about sustainability and all our projects including a new '**Leamington Car Club**' (more info: **01926 771751**, car.club@ntlworld.com), and some new members signed up. A **huge thanks** to everyone who gave their time to be part of Action 21 and make it a really successful event.

The Leamington Peace Festival aims to promote peace and equality between people and nations while living in harmony with the environment. And is an opportunity for local artists, campaigners,

community groups and Leamington people to come together to share two days of inspiration and celebration. The free festival featured over a hundred stalls representing charities, religious and philosophical groups, healers, pressure groups, craftspeople, and fair traders.

2007 and Beyond!

More than 1500 children descended on Coombe Country park on June 6th -8th to participate in '**2007 & Beyond**', an event to raise awareness of sustainability. 45 schools joined **Action 21** in interactive workshops encouraging children to think about the impact their everyday lives have on people and the planet, and to think of solutions. Momo Theatre's wacky comedy show "**The 3 R's**" spelled out the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling to help cut the amount of waste we all produce. Other activities looked at water use throughout the world, fairtrade, sustainable transport and energy use amongst other things.



Deciding how to deal with different waste materials

Jenny Sansom of Action 21 said: "*Young people are the decision makers of the future and this event supports the great work that is already going on in schools.*" The annual event is free and supports the National Curriculum, giving children a unique experience of sustainability in action.

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Environmental Footprint

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