

Spring into summer with Action 21!

## Manager's Message



Action 21 is in the process of launching some great new projects. Our second re-use shop, the Re-useful Centre is now open and this gives us a huge potential for growth. I extend a warm welcome to

the two new shop managers, Steve and Neil, and hope that the new shop will go from strength to strength. Many thanks go to Ben for all the hard work he's put in to get the shop where it is now.

Since the last Transaction we've made huge progress with our projects and volunteering, and I'm looking forward to what we can achieve in the coming months.

Rick Smith,

General Manager

## Innovate, Motivate and Activate!

Become a member of Action 21 and help us to make the world a better place, starting with Warwickshire. The financial support that our members give us helps to make our practical projects possible. Join with us in taking practical steps towards a greener future. Members also receive the full edition of Transaction!

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## Upcoming events

### 2009 and Beyond 10<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> June

Over this three day event, organised by a partnership of Action 21 and Rugby Borough Council, North Warwickshire Council, Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council, 1500 school children will experience a whole range of fun activities and workshops focusing on transport, recycling, environment and sustainability.

### Peace Festival, 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> June

Action 21 will again be running the recycling for Leamington's Peace Festival. We're making sure that as little as possible waste from the event ends up in landfill, as well as helping to keep the site safe and tidy. The Leamington Peace Festival is free to everyone, and aims to 'promote peace and equality between people and nations, whilst living in harmony with the environment'. It's also an opportunity for everyone in Leamington to come together for a couple of relaxing, fun days in the sunshine. Action 21 will have an information stall near the library, so come and visit us!



### Royal Show, 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> July

For the first, and, sadly, last time ever, Action 21 has been invited to have a display at the Royal Show, held at the National Agricultural Centre in Stoneleigh. This is the last show in its 160-year history, and we'll be showcasing some of our latest projects to over 100,000 visitors. For more information, go to <http://www.royalshow.org.uk/>.



For other events go to [www.action21.co.uk/diary](http://www.action21.co.uk/diary)

## Re-useful Centre opens in Ramsey Road

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May saw the grand opening of the long-awaited Re-useful Centre in Ramsey Road, Leamington Spa.

Just like the Recycle Warehouse, the idea of the Re-useful Centre is to repair and sell on those things that you know you no longer want - but someone else just might ...

*The Re-useful Centre will be open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am till 4 pm for acceptance and sale of large furniture and bikes. Ring 01926 426369 if you wish to deposit items. The*

*Centre is on Ramsey Road, off St Mary's Road, which is off Sydenham Drive. Come and have a look!*



## Solar 300 challenge

Now it's June and the sun is still shining. That's good news for our Solar 300 Challenge...

Action 21 wants to facilitate the installation of 300 affordable domestic solar water systems in Warwick District, effectively doubling the number of installations in the area.

Affordability is the key to this project. Through managing the project Action 21 have agreed a 20-25% discount with the installer, Eco2solar, and by working with the South Warwickshire Credit Union, householders' repayments can be as low as £60 per month over a four-year period.

For more information go to [www.action21.co.uk/solar\\_challenge](http://www.action21.co.uk/solar_challenge), or call 01926 45606

## Food focus

A fresh food co-op is coming soon to the Newburgh and Westgate areas of Warwick. For more information about our food co-ops email [judy@action21.co.uk](mailto:judy@action21.co.uk).



## A blast from the past – reinstalling a turbine in the Jephson Garden Weir



There's been a turbine of some kind on the River

Leam by Jephson Gardens (Leamington) for at least a thousand years.

Action 21 is working on a feasibility study looking at installing new turbines in Jephson Garden weir, to produce electricity. Hydro-electric turbines have been successful in other towns around the UK, and it'd be great for Leamington to join their ranks.

## Support organic growing and get 10% off great gardening benefits!

Garden Organic, the UK's largest organic growing charity and leading organic experts, are offering 10% off their full membership to all Action 21 members.

For more information on Garden Organic and its work around the globe visit [www.gardenorganic.org.uk](http://www.gardenorganic.org.uk) or call 024 7630 8210.

## You're our future! – Calling all Eco Rangers

Action 21 is proud to launch its very own Junior Membership, for youngsters aged 5-12. For just £5 a year, Junior Members get free entrance to educational events and fun days (including our popular Pumpkin day), a badge and certificate, a Green Passport, £2.50 book voucher to spend at the Recycle Warehouse and their very own newsletter once every three months.

Are you an Eco Ranger, or do you know someone who wants to be? Email [kate@action21.co.uk](mailto:kate@action21.co.uk)