

## One Planet Bruton

### Update to Bruton Town Council / Bruton Annual Forum

12 May 2026



This update covers the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.

One Planet Bruton is a not-for-profit Community Group, run by volunteer directors (Jane Durney, Christine Kaltoft, Dee Mullis), that aims to bring people together to make Bruton more sustainable, by initiating projects that enhance our town, and that enable people to reduce their impact on the environment; building community resilience. In the past we have received a grant from Bruton Town Council which covered insurance and admin costs. In the past year, we have transferred our assets to Good Company Bruton, operating as a programme within Good Company Bruton, and benefitting from their support for insurance and banking. We are in the process of formally closing One Planet Bruton CIC as a separate legal entity.

We have adopted environmental charity and social enterprise BioRegional's One Planet Living Framework with a vision where everyone everywhere to lead happy healthy lives within a fair share of the earth's resources, leaving space for wildlife and nature. We initiate projects in line with the ten One Planet Living Principles\*

One Planet Bruton was set up in 2019 in response to Bruton Town Council's declaration of a Climate and Ecological Emergency. Bruton Town Council adopted One Planet Living as a sustainability vision for the town in September 2019. We are very pleased that Bruton Town Council has recently adopted a One Planet Action Plan for the Town. We helped run a workshop in July 2024 to contribute to the plan.

Over the past year as a group, we have focused on:

- Town-wide **Community Freecycle** events where people can gift unwanted stuff, reducing waste and consumption. We held four Freecycle events during the period but were hampered by the weather. We have noticed an increase in people offering and asking for things rather than just buying new, and there are active FB and WhatsApp groups for passing on 'stuff'
- **Stitch It Don't Ditch It** mending sessions at Bruton Library. We provide materials, advice and support to enable people to repair much-loved items of clothing. Our sessions in the period were attended by 67 people across 10 sessions.
- Providing a permanent **Seed Swap space** at Bruton library, and a seed swap event in early spring.
- **Bruton Hoedown, Wilder Allotments and Wilder Gardens.** In late 2023, we started Bruton Hoedown, tackling neglected areas of the town while leaving flowers for pollinators. In the past year we have worked with Somerset Wildlife Trust, Hauser & Wirth Somerset and Bruton Town Council, to achieve the accolade of Durslade Community Gardens being recognised as the first Wilder Allotment in Somerset. Half the plot-holders met the criteria and display plaques on their plots and we have held sessions there to create a rain garden, dead hedge, and tended the community orchard. Our Hoedown and planting sessions were attended by 100 people across 10 sessions during the year. As part of Hoedown, we still support **Planting for Pollinators**. In the coming year we are aiming for Bruton residents to

adopt more wildlife-friendly gardening measures and achieve recognition from Somerset Wildlife Trust for this.

We also

- Send a periodic email newsletter to our 300-strong mailing list sharing local initiatives and opportunities for people to take action to reduce their environmental impact (to be added to the mailing list, email [info@oneplanetbruton.org](mailto:info@oneplanetbruton.org))
- Share info relevant to the One Planet Living principles on One Planet Bruton Facebook page (@OnePlanetBruton) and Instagram
- Produce articles about sustainability issues and our activities for each issue of the Dove

In the next year, we will focus our efforts on encouraging people to adopt wildlife-friendly gardening practices, and gain recognition through Somerset Wildlife Trust's Wilder Gardens scheme. We will continue to organise Hoedowns, Freecycle events, Stitch It Don't Ditch It sessions and Seedswaps. We will continue to seek ways to bring people together to make Bruton more sustainable and build community resilience.

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#### \* One Planet Living Principles

- **Health and happiness** - Encouraging active, social, meaningful lives to promote good health and wellbeing
- **Equity and local economy** - Creating safe, equitable places to live and work which support local prosperity and international fair trade
- **Culture and community** - Nurturing local identity and heritage, empowering communities and promoting a culture of sustainable living
- **Land and nature** - Protecting and restoring land for the benefit of people and wildlife
- **Sustainable water** - Using water efficiently, protecting local water resources and reducing flooding and drought
- **Local and sustainable food** - Promoting sustainable humane farming and healthy diets high in local, seasonal organic food and vegetable protein
- **Travel and transport** - Reducing the need to travel, encouraging walking, cycling and low carbon transport
- **Materials and products** - Using materials from sustainable sources and promoting products which help people reduce consumption
- **Zero waste** - Reducing consumption, reusing and recycling to achieve zero waste and zero pollution
- **Zero carbon energy** - Making buildings and manufacturing energy efficient and supplying all energy with renewables