



Green Ixworth Newsletter January 2026

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Green Ixworth wishes you all the best for the New Year.

What new challenges shall we meet? How shall we work with others to resolve the challenges. The solutions are obvious: working with friends and colleagues near and far.

Some of the challenges are detailed in this Newsletter. Many simply confirm what we already know: The Oceans are warming leading to rising sea levels, slowing of ocean currents bringing Western Europe warm water and warm weather; global food supply in crisis; pollution gases and particles driving Dementia.

Some very good news.

- The link between energy consumed and economic growth seems to have been broken. There was a time when economic success was measured by energy used. That method is no longer accurate and whilst there are other reasons to limit growth, energy use seems not to be one of them provided it comes from sustainable sources.

[Growth decoupled from emissions | 'U-turn' on EU car ban | China oil demand 'plateau' - Carbon Brief](#) - read the Guardian article within.

- Average economic Growth is increasing twice as fast as Carbon output. A success for active governments. If we continue along this path, we can approach growth with close to zero Carbon footprint. This is despite little cooperation from the USA and none from Russia.
- The world's biggest emitter, China, is sharply reducing its economic dependence on coal and other fossil fuels. Between 2015 and 2023, China's consumption-based emissions rose 24%, less than half the growth of its economy (more than 50%). For the past 18 months, its emissions have plateaued, and many analysts believe they may have peaked. If China can turn the corner, the rest of the world should follow.

Sizewell/Pakenham.

Some more good news is that when work starts to refurbish Pakenham Fen in the spring running through much of the summer, 2026, the HGV movements on the A143 and Thurston Road, will be significantly reduced as the soil which was being returned to Sizewell will now remain on site. The original estimate of 7,000 HGV movements will probably be halved. However, in spite of our previous recommendations, they are still planning to exit from Thurston Road turning Left or right and access the road by turning left or right depending on the direction they are coming from. Our

view is that turning across lanes is very dangerous as HGVs are slow to accelerate and the A143 traffic is fast in both directions. Any accidents could be extremely hazardous. We are working with County Councillor Joanna Spicer to try and resolve this.

A secondary problem concerns their proposal originally to restore the East/west footpath and make it dry. They are now not proposing to make it dry. We are arranging a teams meeting to discuss this issue.

Calling all Gardeners.

If you have wondered what plants you can work with to produce flowers, trees and veg. to counter Climate Change and the resulting extreme weather, Green Ixworth are holding a presentation by the Charity - **Climate Change Gardening (CCG)** to help with ideas of what varieties to use, how better to work with the new weather patterns and how to garden with both less water and floods plus higher temperatures. Easy, isn't it?

All are welcome to the Methodist Church, High Street at 7pm on Thursday 29th January to hear and contribute your ideas to Clive Boase a Trustee of the CCG. Refreshments will be available.



We have written before about the epidemiological evidence that PM2.5 particles are partly responsible for asthma, general ill health and Dementia. The legal system as already agreed that PM2.5's are capable of causing Asthma. We now have definitive direct evidence of the extent of damage caused by PM2.5s. As vehicle, particularly HGV, emissions have started dropping due to more EVs, low pollution areas and even more efficient Internal combustion engines (ICE) it is now emerging that the biggest single problem apart from industrial/farming pollutants, is that of wood burning: wild fires or burning rubbish or wood in the open or in "Environmentally sound wood burners".

[Air pollution link to higher dementia risk, study finds - BBC News](#)

[Wood-burning stoves could face partial ban in](#)

[Labour's updated environment plan | Environment | The Guardian](#)

This move by government below is very welcome but was drawn up before this new information became available and may have to be further tightened.

[More than 520 chemicals found in English soil, including long-banned medical substances | Farming | The Guardian](#)

[Scientists warn of severe climate-related risks to UK economy and security | Climate crisis | The Guardian](#)

[Revealed: Europe's water reserves drying up due to climate breakdown | Water | The Guardian](#)

[Sewage Map | The Rivers Trust](#)

[‘Borrowed time’: crop pests and food losses supercharged by climate crisis | Food security | The Guardian](#)

[‘Massive disruption’: UK’s worst-case climate crisis scenarios revealed by scientists | Climate crisis | The Guardian](#)

2025 was the UK’s warmest and sunniest year on record.

The Met Office has confirmed that the UK’s three hottest years on record have all been in this decade, which meteorologists say is proof of a rapidly changing climate. All of the top 10 warmest years have happened in the past two decades. 2025 now tops the list, with 2022 and 2023 the second and third warmest years since records began in 1884.

[2025 was UK’s hottest and sunniest year on record, says Met Office | UK weather | The Guardian](#)

“Global Food and fossil fuel production causing \$5bn of environmental damage an hour”.

Next time someone says we cannot afford green energy just point them to this article. The annual global cost is approximately \$44 trillion (£39 trillion - £39,000,000,000,000) quite lot when UK GDP financial value of all activity in the UK is approx. £2.8 trillion.

[‘Food and fossil fuel production causing \\$5bn of environmental damage an hour’ | Climate crisis | The Guardian](#)

[Food becoming more calorific but less nutritious due to rising carbon dioxide | Greenhouse gas emissions | The Guardian](#)

[Shooting hares in England to be banned for most of the year | Hunting | The Guardian](#)

[AI boom has caused same CO2 emissions in 2025 as New York City, report claims | Artificial intelligence \(AI\) | The Guardian](#)

EVs



- Royal Mail is rapidly expanding its electric HGV parcels fleet. The purchase of EHGVs by other major users is rapidly expanding.
- This is undoubtedly helped by the installation of up to a Megawatt commercial and in house HGV chargers, (Voltempo), equal to 14,000 home chargers. The government's Zero Emission HGV and Infrastructure Demonstrator (ZEHD) programme is also helping.
- Such massive chargers detailed above will be possible due to OFGEM approving investment

in a massive upgrade to the grid costing £28 billion.

- Electric car sales are growing helped by the Government grant of up to £3,750.
- Many recent models have a rapid charging capability, taking as little as 6 or 7 minutes. Note: Rapid DC charging tends to “wear” the battery more than by using the car's AC input. Commercial/domestic AC chargers are up normally between 7.4kW to 22kW (with a three-phase supply), which reduces charging time by two thirds.
- Planning changes are making it easier for domestic chargers being used across pavements in gulleys for street parking. The problem of others parking in “your” space has yet to be resolved.

We need your help!

We were very sad to hear of the loss of Warren Lakin. Well known to many, he died at the beginning of December from a long illness. Warren 's partner was Debra Reay known to many people in the village and an officer of Green Ixworth, and a Parish Councillor. A very warm and helpful man Warren also worked within Green Ixworth. He had a liking for the Ixworth Champion, a variety of walnut which produced very large fruits, writing a history of it in this Magazine, If we can find a location to plant in commemoration of Warren, we would like to find a young “Champion” Plant or walnuts which we could grow on and plant. We need your help to find a small tree or help to locate untreated “Champion” walnuts we could grow on. If you have any information, please contact us on ginocarbon@hotmail.com



Warm Homes Suffolk, is funded by the local councils and the Department for Energy, Security and Net Zero, can provide energy efficiency grant funding to eligible households to make them warmer and cheaper to run. The scheme arranges a home survey to see how your home could be made more energy efficient, after which they may suggest and provide grants for improvements like:

- Wall insulation
- Loft and roof insulation
- Solar panels
- Air source heat pumps
- High heat retention storage heaters

You can apply if you are a homeowner or private tenant, and your home has an EPC rating of D, E, F or G.

You must also **meet one** of the following criteria:

- Your gross (pre-tax) household income is under £36,000
- You live in a pre-eligible postcode - Use our [pre-qualified postcode search tool](#).
- You or someone in your household receive a means-tested benefit (e.g. Universal Credit, Pension Credit, Income based Job Seekers Allowance).
- You have a severe or long-term health condition, which is adversely affected by living in a cold home and is a cardiovascular condition, a respiratory disease, limited mobility or immunosuppression.

Once your eligibility is confirmed they will provide you with an information pack.

Visit Warmhomesuffolk.org to find out more and [apply today](#).

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