



## COMMUNITY FUND VOTE PRODUCES DEAD HEAT



**Community Funded:** WREN treasurer Richard Alexander with PCSO Phil Chanter and leaders from each of the three winning groups.

**WREN announced its first community fund last year, with six local groups vying for funding.**

192 WREN members voted. At the count on Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, the Wadebridge Youth Project and the Wadebridge Foodbank

came joint first, with the District Guides a close third.

The Youth Project will use the money towards a new minibus, and the Foodbank need to refurbish their new premises at Bridgend. They both get a grant of £2,250. Wadebridge District Guides will put the money towards "the Dream Project" of building a new guide hut.

Commiserations to the other three groups who were not successful on this occasion – you're all doing great things in our community!

## WREN MAKES STARTING GRID FOR ELECTRIC CAR CLUB



**WREN has made the shortlist in a national search begun last December for four towns to host an electric car club this summer.**

There were over forty applications from across the UK to join

## ENERGY CLINIC

**WREN is teaming up with Community Energy Plus to deliver FREE energy clinics around Wadebridge.**

The next one will be held on Tuesday 20th March, 9-12.30 at the Children's Centre in Wadebridge.

There will be expert advice on:

- managing energy bills
- getting the best from your heating system
- insulation and heating support
- damp mould and condensation problems
- having a warm and healthy home.

Anyone can book a thirty-minute slot by dropping in to the Energy Shop and signing up.

## DROP THE FAMILY

**Family Drop in Day at the Energy Shop, 17th March 11am-3pm.**

Swansea-based artist Naomi Leake, who explores environmental and social concerns in her work, will be leading family friendly activities.

## SWITCH YOUR SUPPLIER

**Becky from the Liskeard Citizen's Advice Bureau is coming to Wadebridge to share information on the ways and means of switching Energy Suppliers at the Energy Shop on Saturday 31st March.**

To book a place at one of the three short talks available please pop in to the Energy Shop on the Platt and register your interest.

the E-Car Club; eight have now been shortlisted. WREN made the shortlist thanks mainly to the many responses to E-Car's first online survey – we had twice as many as any other town.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

To become one of the four electric car clubs starting this summer we all need to do two things:

1. Fill in the online survey at [www.e-carclub.org](http://www.e-carclub.org). It takes about ten minutes and is different from the first survey. We need as many people to do the survey as soon as possible (they don't have to be WREN members). It would be helpful if you can let us know that you have completed the survey by emailing [energy@wren.uk.com](mailto:energy@wren.uk.com).
2. Come to the E-Car Club presentation on Tuesday March 27th at 7pm in the Town Hall. It will be a chance to hear more about the scheme, to ask questions and to show our support for the idea in Wadebridge. There will be cakes!

### SEE HOW OTHERS SAVE ENERGY

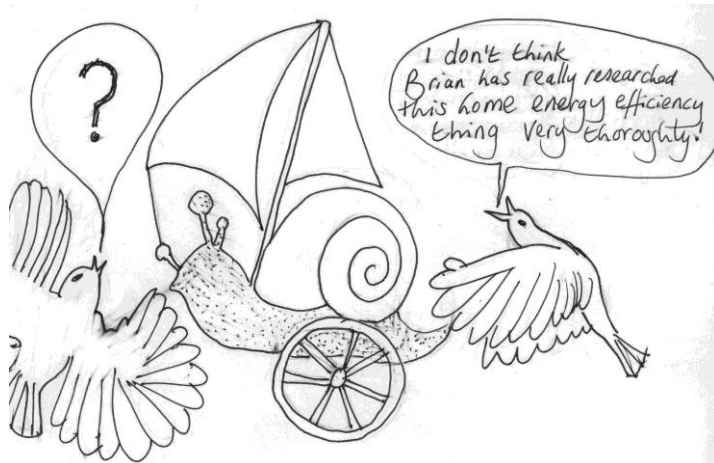
**Saturday 10th March 2012: Visit up to twelve homes and other venues in the Tamar Valley to see how they are producing their own power and saving energy.**

Organised by Transition Tavistock and the Tamar Valley Area Of Outstanding Natural Beauty, it starts with a talk on tips about energy saving and renewal technologies. Then you can visit the various homes across the Tamar, under your own steam, or via one of two minibus tours.

The day, based at the Tamar Valley Centre (TVC), Drakewalls, nr Gunnislake, PL18 9FE, ends with a discussion about developing community energy chaired by WRENS' own Professor Stephen Frankel.

For more details, visit [www.transitiontavistock.org.uk](http://www.transitiontavistock.org.uk).

To book a place (especially a seat on the minibus) contact Kate Royston on 01822-835819 (07969-569444) or email [kate.royston@robbeesmole.com](mailto:kate.royston@robbeesmole.com)



### FREE INSULATION ... INSTALLED

**Standard cavity wall and loft insulation, under a scheme managed by Community Energy Plus, is now free to all home owners and private tenants; not just to people of a certain age or on certain benefits.**

(There might be a small charge if you have an exceptionally large loft or no loft hatch.)

They will come and do a survey and then install the insulation for FREE!

This is, of course, a limited offer while stocks last. To access the scheme call 0800 954 1956 or visit [www.cep.org.uk](http://www.cep.org.uk)

### MARCH ENERGY DATES

- Sat 10<sup>th</sup>: Tamar Energy Day
- Sat 17<sup>th</sup>: Family Drop-In Day
- Tues 20<sup>th</sup>: Energy Clinic
- Tues 27<sup>th</sup>: E-Car Club Presentation
- Sat 31<sup>st</sup>: Switch Your Supplier

For more on all events, drop into the Energy Shop, the Platt, Wadebridge (between Artyfacts and Chase Art Gallery), or email [events@wren.uk.com](mailto:events@wren.uk.com).