

The background of the entire page is a close-up photograph of several bright yellow daffodils. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some showing their characteristic six-petaled shape and central stamens. The lighting is bright, highlighting the texture of the petals and the vibrant yellow color. The background is slightly blurred, creating a sense of depth.

**Stocklinch Parish  
Council**

**Residents**

**Climate**

**Survey**

**2021:**

**Results**

# Heating Our Homes

## Some of us already:

- Have increased the loft insulation in our homes
- Have installed double-glazing or secondary glazing
- Have installed a ground/air source heat pump to provide heating/hot water
- Have installed solar panels
- Have switched to a green electric provider
- Try to limit our electricity consumption
- Use energy saving light bulbs
- Have converted our home to electric heating and hot water
- Have installed more efficient boilers
- Have interlined curtains and blinds
- Use log burners

## Some of us are planning to:

- Determine additional insulation measures they can make
- Install solar panels
- May replace oil boiler with a more eco-friendly option in the future such as a ground source heat pump
- May invest in electric battery storage

## Recommended suppliers:

- Solar Sense for solar panels <https://www.solarsense-uk.com/>
- 1 World Solar for solar panels <https://www.1worldsolar.co.uk/>
- Octopus Energy <https://octopus.energy/>
- Woodland Tree and Garden Services for logs (01460259595)
- Tarby for Kindling

# Our Gardens

## Some of us already:

- **Grow some of our own fruit and veg**
- **Grow cottage flowers for pollinators**
- **Use organic fertilisers**
- **Have compost bins**
- **Avoid using pesticides through manual removal of pests**
- **Set aside a 'wild growth' or wood area for whole or parts of the year**
- **Maintain log piles**
- **Planted trees (native and fruit)**
- **Have a wildlife pond**
- **Put up nest boxes and bird feeders to encourage birds**
- **Install hedgehog boxes**
- **Put in a small bug hotel**
- **Use natural water sources (well/rainfall) to water the garden**
- **Are members of Somerset Wildlife Trust**
- **Buy 'pollinator friendly' plants**
- **Encourage wild colonies of mining bees and solitary bees in our banks and walls**

## Some of us are planning to:

- **Plant more trees**
- **Keep honey bees this year or in the future**

## Recommended suppliers:

- **Hopes Grove Nurseries**  
<https://www.hopesgrovenurseries.co.uk>
- **Ashridge Trees**  
<https://www.ashridgetrees.co.uk/>
- **Adams Apple Trees**  
<https://www.adamsappletrees.co.uk>

## Helpful Hints:

- **Keeping trees strong and otherwise healthy can help to lengthen the lifespan of trees infected with honey-fungus and honey-fungus resistant trees can replace those which sadly succumb to this fungus**

# When We Shop



## Some of us already:

- **Try to buy as much unpackaged food as possible**
- **Avoid buying products that contain palm oil (to help reduce demand for deforestation)**
- **Avoid processed foods**
- **Make our own food from scratch, including using leftovers to make more meals/soups etc.**
- **Use reusable bags/boxes**
- **Don't use carrier bags/reuse them as bin bags**
- **Shop locally, ethically and organically where possible**
- **Buy in season fruit and veg**
- **Buy from farmers and farm shops**
- **Try to buy British wherever possible (reduced air miles)**
- **Have cut down/cut out meat**

## Some of us are planning to:

- **Buy more from local suppliers**
- **Check ingredients more closely**

## Recommended suppliers:

- **Belinda for meat**
- **Bonnors**
- **The Trading Post**
- **The Green room**

# For Our Household and Personal Hygiene

## Some of us already:

- Use bars of soap (only those wrapped in cardboard/unwrapped) instead of plastic packaged soaps or gels
- Recycle waste using compost heaps or council recycling schemes
- Re-use wherever possible
- Make our own soap from British ingredients
- Don't buy new clothes
- Attempt to buy things used instead of new wherever possible
- Prefer natural products for clothing such as cotton and wool
- Use vinegar and lemon for household cleaning jobs
- Only buy ethical and cruelty free products
- Use washable cottonwool replacement instead of cotton wool balls
- Use beeswax wraps/silicon tops instead of clingfilm
- Make our own candles from natural plant-based waxes and wood wicks
- Give to charity shops anything that can't be re-used/recycled/sold on eBay or Facebook Marketplace
- Buy from charity shops and use freecycle
- Hang dry clothes or use an electric heated drying rail instead of tumble drying
- Use a slow cooker
- Use a large teapot and tea cosy to save boiling the kettle twice

## Some of us are planning to:

- Try to buy more things used instead of new
- Make beeswax wraps to use instead of clingfilm

## Recommended suppliers:

- Who Gives A Crap  
<https://uk.whogivesacrap.org/>
- Triodos Ethical Banking (current account fees apply <https://www.triodos.co.uk>)
- Ecotalk phone provider  
<https://www.ecotalk.co.uk/>

## Helpful Hints:

- 500ml yoghurt pots make great pots for growing on seedlings
- Make candles out of used jam jars and waste candle wax by (carefully) heating in the microwave to melt the wax and then adding a wood wick

# When We Travel

## Some of us already:

- **Enjoy taking breaks in the UK**
- **Are members of the National Trust (support nature and eco projects)**
- **Tour Europe in a car rather than flying, reducing air miles**
- **Buy only used cars, helping reduce the material consumption that goes into making a new vehicle**
- **Cycle where possible**
- **Use an eBike**
- **Explore local foot paths instead of driving to exercise**

## Some of us are planning to:

- **Consider travelling by rail for holidays**
- **Consider getting an electric car when we next need to replace one (but will be heavily influenced by reliability and access to charging points and are very conscious of the amount of materials manufacturing a new car takes)**
- **Will reduce a two car household to one car when it's time to change**
- **Will holiday more in the UK**
- **Get an electric bike for shorter trips**
- **Continue to buy used vehicles**
- **Use the community shuttle bus more**

## **Some other ideas we'd like to see:**

- **Participative creative events eg. Stocklinch Arts Week or workshops in garden and crafts eg. bird box making etc.**
- **Programmes to help farmers make sustainable choices and re-wilding eg. allowing our hedgerows to grow and then coppiced on rotation, re-planting old orchards**
- **Community renewables group with the aim to reduce electric usage/encourage change to renewable electric sources**
- **The ability to recycle more types of plastic through our collection service eg. some food packaging and plant pots are not currently taken and could be**

**Thank you to all residents who took part in the Survey!**