

12 green days
of Christmas!

1. Hop on a bus or train—enjoy a car free day.
2. Or switch off the car at the level crossing.
3. Save paper—eg send an e-card.
4. Save on heating—eg woolly socks & hot water bottles
5. Or make your own warmth—fill your house with neighbours!
6. Buy less food and buy it locally.
7. Try local farm shops for happier turkeys.
8. Spend your time rather than your money on loved ones.
9. Avoid 'gift sets' - over-priced and overpackaged!
10. Give treats, eg film & theatre tickets instead of 'things'.
11. Shop online for life saving gifts—see <http://shop.wateraid.org/>
12. Check out www.presentai

Green Ovingham

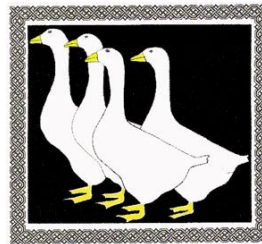
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Ovingham Goes Green!

What's Green Ovingham all about? We want to prepare for the future, when fossil fuels like oil & gas aren't available, and we have to lead a simpler, more environmentally-friendly life. If we don't start making changes now, the global temperatures will rise so much that the effects on all of us will be devastating – and the poorer parts of the world

who haven't contributed to the situation will feel



those effects first and worst. Changing our lifestyles won't be all bad - we'll probably find it's

great to be off the shopping treadmill and to ensure that today's youngsters have a future to look forward to. Please get involved with Green Ovingham yourself – you'll already be doing lots of energy-saving things you could pass on to other people.

Join us! Get involved

We're hoping to have a website up and running soon:

www.greenovingham.org.uk

But in the meantime email info@greenovingham.org.uk or ring 836793 to be put on our mailing list and join our group.

We meet at the Bridge End pub, so please come along and join in with our projects. The more we are the greater the difference we can all make

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Have you Freecycled yet?

Have you tried *freecycle* yet? It's amazing what people offer (or ask for). Go on to www.freecycle.org.uk and register on the Hexham branch. You will be able to pass on unwanted items that you wouldn't be able to take to a charity shop, and get some useful things for yourself..

REPAIR—REUSE –RECYCLE—REJECT

You will have seen the new leaflet from the council, with information about what you can recycle at home for the lorry to collect and what you need to take to West Wylam Disposal Site – and how everything that goes in our general rubbish bins now goes

to Teesside to be burned to generate electricity. Soon only a very little waste will go to landfill. *But* being reprocessed to become something new, or being burned for energy, isn't as good as *not buying so much stuff in the first place!* You can certainly

reject packaging. If you want to see how our recycling bin is sorted, there's a short film on www.northumberland.gov.uk showing how it's done. And on youtube there's a film explaining what kind of plastic bottles are acceptable etc.

Family Fun Day Spring 2010

We recently had a blindfold trail through the trees, getting to know your local environment in a slightly different and somewhat adventurous way!

This was a practice run for part of a Family Fun Day to be held in Spring. Your ideas are welcome! Events could have an environmental theme but don't have to.

You don't have to be an expert on climate change etc.

The following things will help an event to be 'green':

We don't drive to it (it's on the village green)

We don't use lots of energy running it.

We don't buy new, distantly produced

goods to run it.

It's good for our health, which having fun, especially being a bit active outdoors certainly is!

Ideas put forward so far have been:

toss the wellie and mask making.

Send your ideas to xxxxxx

Climate Change Demonstration

There's just time to join in with the Climate Change Demonstration in London on December 5th, a few days

prior to the Climate talks in Copenhagen. If you ring Classic Coaches you'll find what seats are still available—or you

could go down by train or standard coach. Details of the demonstration are on the Make Poverty History website www.mph-northeast.org.uk