

Swap It!

Swap Shop Beats Credit Crunch

Back in November SWYCH held their first Swap Shop at the Milton Baptist church hall. It went extremely well, and we were very pleased with the turn-out and the quality of items that were brought. However, many people seemed to feel uncomfortable with the idea of taking things without paying for them. Many of the things brought to a Swap Shop would otherwise be thrown away and put into landfill.

Take-away

By taking things away from a swap shop you are giving an item a new home and reducing the amount of rubbish sent to landfill sites. So don't feel awkward about taking things, it is important to keep reusing things, rather than buying new and throwing away what you don't want, but someone else may love to have.

Our next will be held on the **7th March at the New Beaconsfield Hall** and will be alongside a 'Green Fayre'.

So please bring along your unwanted items (household items, books, toys, small furniture items, clothes, etc) to let someone else give them a new lease of life! We cannot however accept electrical items.

No More Plastic Bags!

Please keep up the pressure on the shops to get rid of plastic bags. Unfortunately the few who feel it is a 'right' to have a plastic bag provided for them shout louder than those of us who feel it is an important step to get rid of them. We are hoping to have a 'free cloth bag giveaway' at some point over the next couple of months so please keep an eye out for details!

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday February 25th. February meeting- please contact Jenna for venue details.

Saturday March 7th - Countywide Swap Shop and 'Green Fayre', New Beaconsfield Hall, Shipton.

Tuesday, March 24th - Film showing *The Inconvenient Truth*, Milton Baptist Church Hall.

If you would like to join SWYCH or would like to know more about our projects, please contact Jenna on: 01993 831338 or Heather on: 01993 831909.

Alternatively you can go to our website www.swych.org.uk

Jenna Saunders

Crimestoppers

Among the reported crimes across the Wychwood area have been burglary, car thefts, criminal damage and suspected arson of a car in Shipton-under-Wychwood.

The burglaries have sometimes taken place during the day so please make sure you leave your property with all windows

and doors locked. Look out for suspicious vehicles and/or persons and report them to the police; and remember index numbers of vehicles are very important to help us track down offenders.

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