Climate Friendly Bradford on Avon

SUSTAINABLE FOOD AND DRINK GROUP (SFADG)

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Read more:

1. **Invitation to contribute your thoughts and ideas on building Food Security and Resilience locally**

Please contact **climatechampions@gmail.com with any ideas you would like to contribute.**

The 19th October SFADG meeting aims to catalyse local focus and action on this topic, with a discussion facilitated by Rachel Berger, who says:

Food security has begun to be talked about a lot recently, especially in the context of the super El Niño that is moving around the planet. Refresh your awareness of the issues in this short article:

Stock up on food to prepare for extreme weather, Minister says (4th Sept 2026)

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cp931m8n3p5o

Various dimensions of the issue to consider include:

- **Local food production, and how we can support producers**
- **Pro-social food storage at the household level: what are the foods to store?**
- **Supporting those without space or funding to build up a food store: is a community food store a feasible and appropriate idea to explore?**
- **Water availability in a drought or a power cut: we can't manage without water for drinking, cooking, and for food production - finding more local water sources, and how best to access water if none comes out of the taps**
- **Food supply chains: what if a cyber-attack affects our local stores, or national food storage depots? how could local shops, and food producers cope?**
- **Impact of a power outage on producers and food shops: could they accept cash and manually note down receipts or would everywhere shut down? impact on stored food if fridges and freezers shut down**

How can we as individuals, families and communities become more resilient in emergencies? The suggestion is not to panic buy, but to buy some extra at each shop. What should we buy? Can we keep a focus, when stocking up, on food which is local and sustainably produced (thereby helping to mitigate climate change)? How can we, our farmers and producers, food and drink businesses, councils and government prepare for such challenges?
See the September newsletter here for more information.
This is the start of this discussion, so feel free to contribute your ideas at any time.

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3. '**Cows grazing in a meadow, sheep on a hillside – they don't look like conservation heroes. But they are!** These animals are some of our most important conservation partners.
Through their natural grazing behaviours, cows and sheep help maintain the delicate balance of our most species-rich grasslands. They create space for rare wildflowers, orchids, butterflies and other pollinators to thrive, while keeping coarse grasses and scrub from taking over.
As our summers grow hotter and drier, this matters more than ever. Dense, dry vegetation fuels wildfires; well-managed grassland is climate-resilient. It's a job machinery simply can't do.' (Wiltshire Wildlife Trust Appeal for funding here)
4. **'Welsh Government's recognition of Pasture for Life Certification in the Sustainable Farming Scheme:** a time-saving win for our certified producers; a signpost that certification has a role to play in delivering public policy objectives.' **More here**. (Pasture for Life newsletter 19.10.26)

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