



Nurturing the Environment



We all like to think we care about the village we live in. It's clear, though, that caring for a community like Wheathampstead cannot be confined to concern for the village itself. What happens generally to the environment will have a profound and unavoidable effect on life in the village, just as it will on life elsewhere on the planet.

WDPS is starting to look at what we can do locally to help protect the environment, and with it our own village. This will involve building on the interest that a number of people in the village are showing in energy conservation, and acting as a catalyst to encourage the village to work together and see what collectively we can achieve.

An important first step is to support the 10:10 campaign. This is a national campaign for a 10% reduction in carbon emissions in 2010. The idea is that everyone – individuals, businesses and the public sector – must cut their emissions by 10%, and the plan has widespread support from MPs, businesses and public figures. But how do we begin? What should we be doing in Wheathampstead?

To help those of us who live in Wheathampstead to gather and share our thoughts about energy conservation, WDPS put on a public showing of the film *The Age of Stupid* at the Memorial Hall on Friday, 30 April. This is a thought-provoking depiction of what the earth could become if we continue to ignore the current warning signs. The film was followed by a sharing of energy-saving experiences so far. There were also various displays, including one by the Energy Saving Trust.

Return to the website:

<http://www.wheathampsteadpreservation.org.uk/id6.html>

For more information on the 10:10 campaign:

<http://www.1010uk.org>

For more information on the Energy Saving Trust:

<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk>