

Launton Parish Council General Meeting (2025) Report from LES

LAUNTON ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIETY

Launton is a Great Place to live. According to the Domesday Book it was given to St. Peter's of Westminster and Baldwin by his godfather King Edward. It has been around for a long time, and that to me exemplifies Sustainability.

Sadly, today we no longer live in a sustainable Society! Quite frankly we are to blame. We've lost our way. And getting back on track is the primary goal of Launton Environmental Society... LES, for short. Simply put that is the solution. We must all learn to live with less.

The solution is not an easy one, but it is within our reach. We must renew our appreciation of Mother Nature, espouse biodiversity and reduce our Carbon Footprint. Which is huge. The Global average is 6.375+ tonnes of greenhouse gasses per person per year, every year. For most of us in the Global North it is in double figures. Reducing it is quite a challenge!

LES is here to help. We are a sympathetic, motivational, supportive, pragmatic and non-judgemental team. Specific help is available, not by traditional monthly meetings, but via Monthly Articles in Launton Lines and our very productive 'MOP' gatherings (more on that below) both of which are available to the general public.

Members receive Monthly Updates and Weekly Briefings via email; members will be given priority for our annual field trips. In 2024 we had a very interesting tour of Viridor Ardley ERF (Energy Recovery Facility) and this year we will be having a tour of GREENCORE (Zero Carbon) Home Construction facility (Date to be finalized).

Our 'MOP' gatherings have been very rewarding, 'MOP' stands for Meeting of the Parties. It is a local version of the United Nations 'COP' - Conference. Everyone is invited to attend, you do NOT have to be a member, if you want to pass on some valuable information, learn about some new innovations, need a little extra motivation or just want to exchange ideas with like-minded people do join us at MOP VII Friday, May 23 7:30 in The Parish Hall.

Membership is easy. There is no membership fee. If you would like to take that 'One small step...' and join us on our journey, just send your email address to us at launtonenvironmentalsociety@gmail.com

We are Not going to 'Save the Planet', the planet will long endure. Society as we know it will not!

**Submitted and Presented to Launton Parish Council, 17 April 2025 by
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