



A step towards normality



As I write, all around me is activity as the Stiperstones Inn, along with pubs and restaurants across the country get ready for the cautious re-opening on July 4th.

As many of you know Phil, Lara, Greg and Tim have been busy re-furbishing the bar, and Sue and Rosa have been re-covering and staining the stools and benches. Outside Mike has been putting up new garden lights and with these and some patio heaters we should be able to maximise the seating capacity out of doors while maintaining social distancing.

For those wishing to eat booking is essential 01743 791327. For those just dropping in for a drink space permitting the bar will be open but outside seating may be the only option.

Phil and Lara stress that they are carefully following the guidelines and that the safety of their staff must be given the greatest priority. They would ask that customers be patient and considerate with everyone as we settle into a new routine..



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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR



Patrick has finally officially called it a day and I have taken over as editor until Christmas at the earliest. We have much to thank Patrick for but I will postpone his school report until our next issue in September. By then I hope we will back to good old paper and the SDN will return to your door mat.

We all seem to be creeping into the limelight after hiding away in the wings. I have ventured into the shop and have re-introduced my complaining knee to the joys of Ward’s Lane and the ‘Donkey track’.

We had the horses to stay for a fortnight and now I have the chance to play with my new toy, a motorised scythe, and cut down the docks, nettles and thistles of which they were non too partial.

Quite a thin newsletter this week before our August break. If you have Covid or other experiences to share, or friends or family who deserve a mention, please let me know. Emailed, typed or hand written we will try to find space. I will be contacting all our advertisers with some new ideas on layouts. All current advertising contracts will run through until December to compensate for advertising lost during lock down.

Have a good summer where ever you may stray to.

SNAILBEACH WI.

Half of our special year has passed us by and we have not been able to go ahead with any of the events we had planned, and, at this time of writing, we have no idea when we may be able to start again.

On the plus side, the NFWI have decided that we do not pay any subs until April 2021, which is some compensation, and one which will be welcomed by our members.

During these past few months, some members have been busy making a Snailbeach W.I. bunting, and are now making squares to make into a wallhanging or cloth. To keep our brains ticking over, 3 quizzes have been available. 2 were of local towns and villages, and the 3rd of local pubs and restaurants.

From all at our WI we wish Sheila and Jim our best wishes as they move down south to be nearer their families. We hope that the move is trouble free and that they settle into their new home soon.

We hope that everyone is well and have managed to keep occupied during this difficult time, perhaps finding skills you did not know you had!

Best wishes

Joyce.



*Its that sh**ty time of year again. As I write Karl's muck spreader is spreading the stuff in his field next door. I have been clearing up the stuff from John's horses - there is plenty here if you want some for your roses - and the smell of the stuff nicely ripening floats across the fields of Shropshire and beyond.*

Mention the stuff to children and some adults and they are reduced to convulsive fits of laughter. The dictionary has many variations on the stuff: cow pies, cow plop, dung guano, manure, meadow muffin, ordure or poop.

Elsie Rowson, if passing a particularly odious field would announce "It will be alright when the rain's put a skin on it" and we often repeat her lines with a laugh and a fond memory.

The stuff can be found in verse

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Bare across the winter months,
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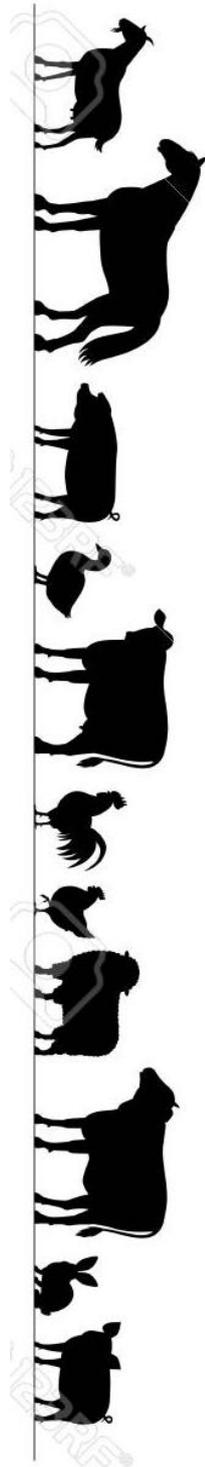
**Fortitude is rumbling 'mongst Manure
Giving character,
Bringing in the farm -
Fecundity in faeces!**

**We talk about consistency of shit -
We dig it in -
We love it -**

**Gives the element of pride,
For we are green
And dreaming evermore
Of yet another bulging plot.**

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You may find a few more references to the stuff as you read on.



Pontesbury Gardeners' News

It's been good to see everyone back on Saturday mornings, and it has been fortunate that the weather has been kind so that queuing outside hasn't been much of a hardship. Whilst the helpers can bring things out to your car (or wheelbarrow if that's your preferred mode of transport) we are able to allow one person, or small family group, into the building at one time.

It doesn't look as though we will be able to hold our annual show in August and comply with all the restrictions imposed on public gatherings. We have delayed making the decision as late as we could but now feel that we must cancel, so falling in line with all other shows that were scheduled to be held in August. We look forward to seeing everyone at the show next year, on the Saturday of the Bank Holiday weekend.

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Green Recovery from COVID19

Last month, the shocking impact of COVID19 on our economy was laid bare, with statistics showing the UK's GDP fell 20.4% in April - the largest monthly fall on record. This unsurprisingly coincided with a significant rise in people in South Shropshire claiming benefits to get by.



Every job lost is a tragedy, which is why it has been so critical for the government to put in place one of the most comprehensive packages of economic support anywhere in the world. In South Shropshire, figures up to the end of May show 9,500 jobs have been secured through the furlough scheme, and a further 4,400 people claimed for the Self Employment Income Support Scheme. This equates to over £12m of support for jobs here in South Shropshire alone.

On top of this, across the county, over £71m has been paid out to local businesses through the grant funding schemes, with further discretionary funding being allocated to some of those businesses that have fallen through the cracks.

So there has been significant intervention from the government so far, which has been crucial to sustaining jobs here in Shropshire. But the Chancellor will soon be outlining what further measures he will take to help the economy to bounce back from the effects of this wretched pandemic.

In anticipation, last month I joined colleagues from the Conservative Environment Network parliamentary caucus to write to the Prime Minister in support of a green economic recovery from COVID19, ahead of a further announcement expected from the Chancellor of the Exchequer this month. Our letter urged the Government to back the British green industries of the future and low-carbon infrastructure projects, such as electric vehicle manufacturing, renewable energy projects, and home energy efficiency retrofits, to bring jobs to all corners of the country while also putting the UK on track to meeting its world-leading net zero emissions target.

This in part reflects the work being undertaken by the Environmental Audit Committee, which I continue to Chair virtually while shielding. The Committee has recently taken evidence on the ability for the UK to raise its ambition for offshore wind even further - we already have the largest offshore wind sector in the world, and our geography and technical know-how puts us in a prime position to bring prosperity and jobs to areas across the country. We have also been pressing the government to make good its manifesto commitment to improve the energy efficiency of existing homes, which will be critical in meeting net zero by 2050, and could deliver many jobs at the same time.

The UK has had the fastest per capita falls in greenhouse gas emissions and the fastest per capita economic growth rate in the G7 since 1990, so we know that we do not have to choose between a strong economy and a healthy environment. The evidence from the last economic crisis shows green investments returned the most economic benefits. As we rebuild from this crisis, we should build back better, in a way that boosts our economy whilst delivering our commitment to leave our environment in a better state for future generations.

Faith's Story

Part 6

by
Deb Gallimore

I decided to make Faith some hock supports that would only allow her to extend her hocks to a healthy angle and not pop them forward. I used an old wetsuit and got my son to make me some removeable aluminium hinges for each side of the supports. After initial funny walking, Faith was soon used to these and they do seem to stabilise her joints.

In late 2018 at about 18 months old Faith injured herself again, slipping on the ice. Again, she cried out in pain, (this was always the difference for Faith, any chronic low-level pain she is in never causes her to cry out) and was immediately lame on her left hind leg. This improved and



she was able to bear weight after a rest and we visited the vets. Manipulation of the joint was difficult as Faith tensed. She did start to relax with our own vet though and we decided to x-ray under sedation. My vet was wonderful and worked with me, calling me to bring Faith down when they were ready instead of Faith having to wait in kennels all day. The X-rays were inconclusive and so was manipulation but Cruciate ligament damage was suspected, not wishing to rush back into surgery we decided ligaments may have been injured but not ruptured. More pain relief and rest with close monitoring was needed. It

seemed to improve to some degree, but Faith was still lame. It was impossible to say if it was from injury or chronic sporadic lameness due to her skeletal confirmation. But then she would not put it down at all. I took her straight to the vets and asked them to refer me back to the clinic where they had performed the OCD surgery. I was distressed to hear that they were no longer referring to that clinic as the specialist who had performed the OCD surgery was no longer there. I was given the details of the new referral practice, although the credentials looked great, I must have looked quite forlorn. The thought of Faith having to cope with yet another new team of vets and a new location after she had started to trust the team at the first referral clinic. My vet excused herself and left the room, when she returned, she said she had another option for me. One of the partners had agreed to do the surgery in house if I was happy with that as Faith is only a small Leonberger, at the time only around 42 kilos. I was overjoyed to hear that; Faith had begun to trust my vets enough to let them examine her and relax a little and I was certain that it was the best option for us. Certainly, no frills, no coffee machine, no posh reception area, but none of that makes my dog feel any better, so I agreed instantly.

The operation was booked for later that week Friday 1st February 2019. I stayed with Faith while she had her pre op, was put under anaesthetic and the vet manipulated the joint again. It was conclusive this time and I signed the form for a Cruciate ligament repair. During the whole time, even before the pre op, Faith remained calm and relaxed.



Leaving Faith while she was already asleep, in a place where I know they respect my knowledge of my own dogs, and my ability to care for them, was so much easier than walking away while she was awake and leaving her with complete strangers. None the less I stared at the phone all day until I got the call. She was drowsy but waking up so I could come and get her. When I arrived, the vet came out and said she had fallen back into a deep sleep and they couldn't rouse her. I might have to wait a while, (that wouldn't be a problem). I went to see her and as soon as she heard me, she tried to scramble up squealing. I was almost in the kennel with her keeping her calm and still, she thought she had to get to me. With my vet we carried her to my van, and I drove her home. Where I had a huge crate prepared with a memory foam bed, hospital pad and new vet bed on top. It was difficult but my husband and I carried her to the bed, and again she tried to jump around hurting herself and squealing every time she did. If you could have seen me on my hands and knees head and shoulders in the crate with Faith keeping her still; tears streaming down my face until she relaxed and went back to sleep. Then I reverse crawled out and slumped down on the kitchen floor, sniffing and wiping my face with my sleeves.

She slept all night, took water when offered, and when she was taken out on lead for a wee was the perfect patient, she just seemed so grateful to be back home. The full leg bandage slipped down over the weekend and I took her back on the Monday to have it removed and checked. The dreaded cone of shame was a trial because this time she could reach her wound. In the end she wore it at night when she was allowed to sleep in the kitchen out of the crate as it was when in the crate the cone was distressing her most. On 15th Feb at the follow up she had managed to nibble very neatly a couple of the dissolvable stitches, there were only the two holes visible on close inspection, like she unpicked rather than licked or chewed randomly. She healed well though and a little glue made sure it continued that way.

Final part next month

ETYMOLOGY

The word **manure** came from "manuren" meaning "to cultivate land," and initially from "main-oeuvre" = "hand work" alluding to the work which involved manuring land.

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NATURAL ENGLAND

Notes from the hill

As lockdown eases, but the thoughts of holidaying are still restricted somewhat, we are seeing a lot more visitors on the hill. The site is probably robust enough to cope with this, so long as people follow the countryside code and try to avoid disturbing or potentially damaging the site.

The countryside code has been updated recently and gives the following sensible guidance:

Respect other people

- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Park carefully so access to gateways and driveways are clear
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Follow paths but give way to others where it's narrow

Protect the natural environment

- Leave no trace of your visit, take all your litter home
- Don't have BBQs or fires
- Keep dogs under effective control
- Dog poo - bag it and bin it

Enjoy the outdoors

- Plan ahead, check what facilities are open, be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs and obey social distancing measures



Our main issues recently have been gates being left open so that commoners sheep have escaped on to roads, barbeques at a time of very high fire risk and dogs off of leads when ground nesting birds have been disturbed and there are lambs around.

Unfortunately this year's Hay Meadow Festival has had to be postponed until next year, along with associated scything courses and competitions. However this is a good time of the year to consider creating a mini-hay meadow in your garden, in place of a boring lawn. I only have a relatively small garden but I have found room for three mini hay meadows, which started off as areas of lawn which were left unmown until late July. After that they are cut and the lawn returns, but when they are growing they are as good as flowerbeds (except that they don't need weeding, well I do remove the hogweed occasionally).

Initially when I started them they were not very varied, but it is always surprising what does appear, so along with the dandelions and plantains, the frothy white flowers of yarrow, pale blue forget-me-nots and the burnt orange of fox and cubs appeared as if from nowhere. Since then I have spread hay collected from elsewhere, which has brought in a whole range of grasses which look lovely in the evening sunlight, along with hawksbeards, knapweed, cowslips, yellow rattle and oxeye daisies. I would now argue that they are more colourful than the flower borders (although my wife might disagree). The great thing is that once you have a small patch you can then use the hay to seed other areas, or give it your neighbours for their mini-hay meadow.



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A letter to the editor

From the often tragic experience of Covid-19 it might be hoped that lessons from some of the positives may not be lost. They have been gained at a great price: there has been neighbourliness, new respect for key workers and lessons about public spending. In the short term one might hope - and expect - that these should be borne in mind and reflected in the development of new policies. But in the long term we still have to address serious on-going effects on the Environment and develop and implement strategies to slow the rate of Climate Change. In the past few weeks we have seen some fairly dramatic changes such as vastly improved air quality in hitherto polluted cities. For example, an asthmatic friend in Shrewsbury has found it no longer necessary to use an inhaler.

Increased tranquillity has provided associated benefits to health and wildlife with a 15% reduction in emissions. Huge changes in travel, not least from working at home and avoiding commuting, have seen a reduction in the demand for season tickets and costly city offices (this in itself being a great contributor to falls in pollution and emissions.)

But how far will these positives be taken on board ? Some will take a lot of working out. Sadly, however, one sector at least is anxious to return to 'normal'; in fact, disturbingly, 'normal plus'. Aircraft are highly polluting generators of emissions. 'Airlines UK' in its pleas to Government, 'fears' that 2019 traffic levels will not be re established until 2023 ! To achieve Climate Change targets, of course, a reduction in flights should be the ambition. BUT... in Parliament, the Government's Air Traffic Bill proposes amending air space in order to accommodate a huge increase in Air Traffic over the next 30 years! This alone is a matter for immediate attention. I attach a petition link, from a local resident, for readers to sign .

Writing to your local MP would also be valuable.

Yours faithfully,
Rita Baker

Manure

Schwartz, an elderly man, is resting peacefully on the porch of his small hotel outside Boca when he sees a cloud of dust up the road. He walks out to see who could be approaching: It is a Southern farmer with a wagon.

"Good afternoon," says Schwartz.

"Afternoon," says the farmer.

"Where you headed?" asks Schwartz.

"Town."

"What do you have in the wagon?"

"Manure."

"Manure, eh? What do you do with it?"

"I spread it over the fruit."

"Well," says Schwartz, "you should come over here for lunch someday. We use sour cream."

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A CELTIC VIEW OF COVID

Celtic Christianity is a varied and wonderful way of life. There is no definitive understanding of Celtic Christianity because Celtic Christianity is so contextual that it bases itself in the circumstances in which it finds itself. It is grounded in ancient tradition, usually handed down from generation to generation in church (in my tradition that is the homestead not a public building) rarely verbally transmitted and never written down. The teachings are conveyed through ritual, symbol and actions, relying on a deeper connection to God to help discover and discern what the teaching means for the current age. The common thread between all Celtic Christians is based in understanding of blessing, nature and the sacred interconnectedness of all life. This is why care of creation is so important to Celtic Christians- nature itself is a revelation of that which we call God. Celtic Christianity looks very different from what one might experience in a church service but it is nevertheless grounded in theological scrutiny, tradition and wise teachers.



The heart of Celtic Christianity is understanding that every single thing is connected- ourselves to God, ourselves within ourselves, and being part of creation. This is why Christ asks us to love our neighbour as ourself. There is no other. There is only one of us- humanity. To not love your neighbour is to not love yourself (Jesus doesn't say we need to like people, he says love them). This connection is sacred, and one that is so strong that even death cannot sever the connection between the living and the dead.

This virus is showing us exactly how interconnected we truly are. A tiny, invisible virus that originated in an animal made its way to a human, a human far far away and now our lovely county has more than 660 confirmed cases in Shropshire (at the time of writing). These are only the people who have had tests in care homes or hospitals. The numbers are likely much higher and the cases grow by the day. Some of us know people who have died from this or suffer from it. And it is devastating.

This virus that is changing our lives is part of nature. Viruses and bacteria are some of the oldest life forms on earth. There fore they deserve our respect. Not respect as in adoration or regard but respect as acknowledgement. For a Celtic Christian, this life form is interconnected to our very existence, sadly, with deadly consequences. This is why we respect the virus by staying home, washing our hands and exercising caution. We acknowledge it's deadly ability and our vulnerability.

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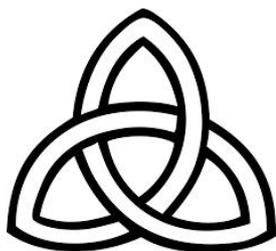
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Gratitude- every day find something to be grateful for. Running water, the view, fresh air. Anything. Even if you don't feel like it. Find something small and really feel grateful for it. If you can't feel it do it any way and practise it as often as possible.

Silence- for as long as you can handle, sit in silence. There is no right or wrong way to do this. Ask- Ask yourself daily "What opportunity is this pandemic bringing" If you don't come up with an answer, that is okay. Asking the question will eventually bring an answer. (That is simple science. A thrown ball against a wall will come back to you. Ask and you shall receive). It may not come in big answers but small ones that could range from your own personal opportunity to global opportunities.

Act- when the answer comes, act on it. The answer may take a long time but it will come. Be patient.

Revd. MacNeill Cooper is the Methodist Minister for the Rea Valley area and was raised in the Hebridean Celtic Tradition. Our buildings might be closed but the church is not. To speak with Revd. MacNeill Cooper email or ring 791 267.

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All car parks remain open and accessible with Frankwell and Abbey Foregate remaining free of charge until further notice to support the town centre’s recovery.

Shropshire Council, as the highway authority and part of the multi-agency Shrewsbury Recovery Taskforce, says the temporary interventions are intended to be in place until the end of September.

Councillor Peter Nutting, leader of Shropshire Council, said he wanted to emphasise that the changes were temporary and not a long-term solution.

He said:

“Closing High Street to traffic during the day gives us two major benefits - it creates much greater capacity for people to move around the town centre with social distancing and will enable businesses to use more outside space.

“The idea is that cafes, bars and restaurants will be able to apply to use the loading bays for outside seating areas, which will be vital to help them serve a growing number of customers and drive economic activity for the whole town.

“We will be putting further measures in place to encourage traffic to go around the edge of town rather than using the diversion route along Town Walls, and we are monitoring the traffic flow on a regular basis.

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552/553 Shrewsbury to Bishops Castle

Saturday

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DAY TRIPS 2020

We are sorry but we have had to cancel all trips from now until July at the earliest.

July

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CRIME STATS

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED
 CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE & STIPERSTONES
 15th May – 15th June 2020

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Criminal damage	Fencing damaged	Snailbeach	During daytime 15 th June
Theft of vehicle	VW Caddy located upside down and abandoned in Exfords Green, owner reporting vehicle stolen.	Vehicle last seen parked on Methodist Church car park, Stiperstones.	Early hours 13 th June.
Assault		Brockton	
Sec 4 - Fear or provocation of violence		Snailbeach	
Assault		Stiperstones	

Anyone with any information as to whom carried out these crimes please contact West Mercia Police on **101** or Crimestoppers **0800 555111**

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CURRENT PACT PRIORITY

TACKLING ACQUISITIVE RURAL CRIME

There has been a drop in reported burglaries and thefts over the last month with no reports of any farms being targeted. Burglaries reported have been over night or late at night where outbuildings have been attacked. Overnight patrols have been conducted over the last month in area's that have been targeted for quad bikes thefts and will continue.

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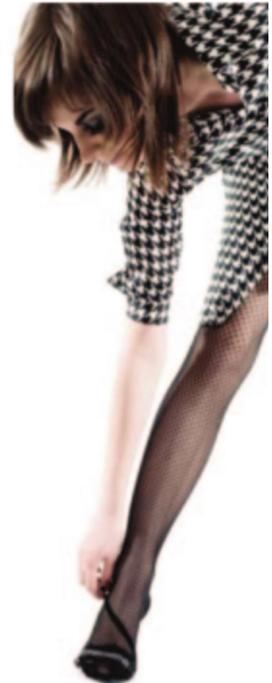
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Over the Alps through the Grand Canyon you can join a race or just a family ride. Most modern exercise bikes are compatible with the systems or if you prefer to use your own bike there are a range of models that you can attach to and cycle away in the warmth and comfort of your living room, or if your partner can't stand the sweat, groaning and panting in your shed or garden.

Lock down has needless to say seen an explosion in the sales of all types of exercise machines and there are long waiting lists for many of the popular models.

If you are only just walking up the hill for your work out you can still join in the techy exercise revolution by investing in a Fit Bit. This electronic wrist band will count your steps, advise on fitness levels and monitor your sleep patterns. Link it up to yet another app and you can track your food intake, record how much you drink and count the calories.

After 100 days of lock down I am once again venturing over the hills – no electronics though just my whistle, compass and survival bag.

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"The fairest thing in nature, a flower, still has its roots in earth and manure." ~ D. H. Lawrence

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RURAL AREAS DEMAND SUPPORT TO TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE

Shropshire Council has joined a group of rural council leaders to launch a new network to promote the voice of the countryside in the climate change debate.

In a letter published today (24 June) by the new **Countryside Climate Network**, a cross-party group of 21 councils from every region in England, warn that “rural communities are at the frontline of feeling the effects of climate change” and that “the countryside offers far more than a place to plant millions of trees to offset carbon emissions.”

The group aims “to ensure that the voice of rural knowledge and experience on climate action is listened to in Westminster” and its new Chair, the leader of Cambridgeshire warns that rural areas face “unfair barriers to decarbonise” including lower budgets and funding rules which favour urban concentrations but may have less overall carbon reduction. The group wants the Government’s delayed £100bn infrastructure fund “to support the ambitions of rural areas and the opportunities our countryside and green infrastructure can provide”.

The new network has been established by **UK100**, a **network of local leaders** that campaigns on climate change. The 21 councils represent 14.3 million people in total, a quarter of the population (25%) and two fifths (41%) of England by area. The letter says that “the countryside offers more than a place to plant millions of trees to combat climate change. Rural communities have always been a great source of national progress and innovation.”

The group is chaired by the **Leader of Cambridgeshire Council**, Cllr Steve Count, who writes in an article also published today:

“From Cornwall to County Durham we have decided to take a stand. We’re frustrated that climate solutions and green recovery packages haven’t found the right balance, largely missing the rural voice.

“It can be hard to meet our sustainable ambitions when urban areas have no need to fund essential bus services to remote communities or invest in broadband because the market doesn’t reach isolated areas. These examples of typical rural disadvantages add up, combined with a funding gap in rural areas twice that of our urban counterparts, means our stretched resources are diminished making the challenge of funding sustainable solutions even harder.

[We need] A green recovery that works for the two thirds that live outside the most urban cities and towns.

“However, rural communities face unfair barriers in trying to decarbonise – it is harder to attract funding for projects which don’t fit traditional cost benefit analyses, which favour urban concentrations yet may have less overall carbon reduction impact.”

Facts and Figures:

43% of people living in rural England live more than 1 hour away from a hospital by public transport, compared to just 7% of people in urban areas

47% of people living in rural England live more than 30 minutes away from a town centre by public transport, compared to just 5% of people in urban areas.[5]

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