

# Green Island Newsletter March 2010



Lois, from the Big Green Island Project CIC, has written this 'green' newsletter, specifically for businesses and communities on the Isle of Wight. Please forward to as many people as you can and help to make the island a 'greener place to live, work and visit'



[www.car-free-scheme.org](http://www.car-free-scheme.org)

With increasing fuel prices and recent announcements to increase the residents car parking permit, along with the decision to withdraw the tourist parking permit, perhaps now is the best time to take advantage of the car-free scheme. The scheme promotes any island business that offers some sort of incentive to visitors or customers who travel by bus or train. It is hoped to investigate the idea of extending the scheme out to walkers and cyclists.



## News from Southern Vectis

[Save on Sundays](#) offers people the chance to obtain half price day rover tickets as well as discounted entry to certain attractions. (runs until end of March)

[Scrap My Motor](#) exchanges old 'bangers' for a year's free bus travel.

[Zoo Saver](#) provides an all-in-one bus travel and entry ticket to the Isle of Wight Zoo at Sandown for a discounted price of just £6.45.

## Island News Desk

The new [feed-in tariffs](#) make the installation of renewable energy systems even more appealing

The next [Sustainable Business Network](#) meeting is taking place at UKSA on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March. The network is free to join and very informative. Please call 01962 845591 for more details.

Take a virtual walk down '[Green Street](#)' and get more ideas on how to become more resource efficient in your workplace.

Looking for pond life in West Wight, the IW [Pond Warden](#) Scheme may have the answer!



The Green Business Scheme is a brand new system, developed on the island that will help island businesses of any size to develop their own environmental management system (EMS) at an affordable price. Many tenders and contracts ask for an environmental policy and effective good practice, but with the ISO 14001 standard and BS 8555 (international and national EMS systems) coming at a high cost and with a stacks of paperwork, the Green Business Scheme is a more affordable and easier system to use. Please contact [Lois@greenislandproject.co.uk](mailto:Lois@greenislandproject.co.uk) for more details.

# Other useful links.....

## Environmental newsletters:

[GreenWise](#) Business News (sign up on page)

[Business Link](#)

[Netregs](#) (Environment Agency)

## Energy Efficiency

The [Carbon Trust](#)

## Water & Waste efficiency

[Envirowise](#)

[Web 4 Water](#)

## Local networking and environmental management

The [Sustainable Business Network](#)

The [Green Tank](#)

## Conservation

[Gift to Nature](#)

Lois is looking for ideas for the next newsletter. If you find an interesting story, a green topic that is relevant to island businesses or would like to see something looked into more, please get in touch. Either email [lois@greenislandproject.co.uk](mailto:lois@greenislandproject.co.uk) or ring 01983 220220 (Please leave a message).

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