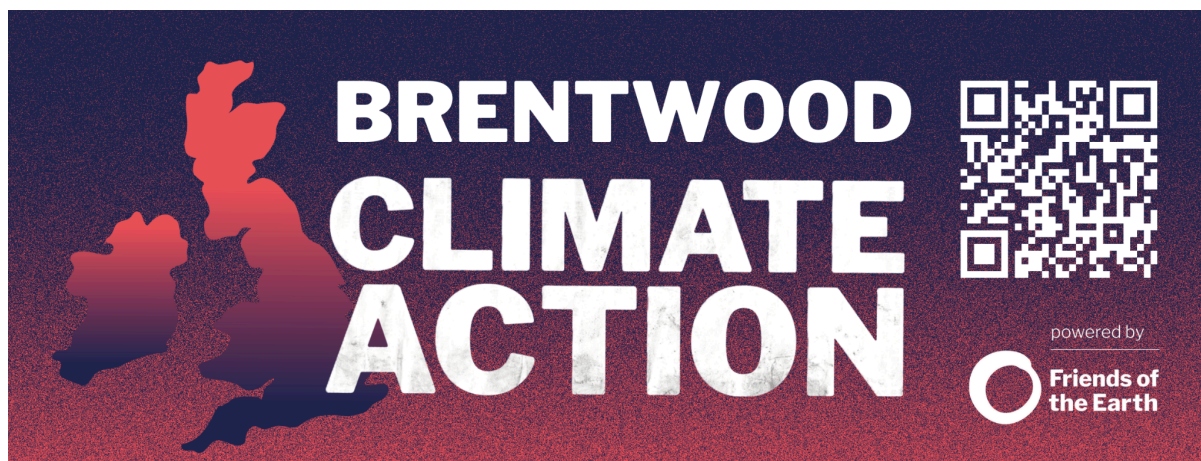




May 2026

The Newsletter of Brentwood Climate Action

Welcome to the May issue of the BCA Newsletter. Firstly, an apology for the typo error in the title of the April issue of the BCA Newsletter. It read Brentwood 'Community' Action, instead of our proper title, Brentwood **Climate** Action! I am personally very sorry and what's worse, I have only JUST realised it (as of 10th April)!... or maybe... was it a test....mmm.... But secondly, and more importantly, due to unforeseen and unexpected technical issues, the BCA website is still a work in progress. We can only apologise as we endeavour to update the site. In the meantime, we thank you all for your patience and understanding and we will keep all of you, our lovely members, informed of our progress.

News:

The last Saturday of March saw the Climate Cafe open its doors to one of our own members - Joe Flanagan. He presented the topic of harsh and hazardous chemicals found in heavily marketed cleaners said to kill 99% of all dangerous bacteria. Explaining why this is not so, he then focused on his line of probiotic cleaners; how they worked, yet still remained kind to the environment. Please refer to the website for a full review. Thank you Joe, for a very informative talk and discussion.

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EARTH DAY GALA: BCA would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to all who performed, to all those behind the scenes and to all who came to witness our biggest and most ambitious event yet and also, to be a part of Earth Day 2026: a worldwide initiative to raise awareness of the realisation that our world - our only world - is so fragile and in deep need of our help. However, none of this would have even been possible without the vision, courage and dedication of Meryl, our very own BCA chair. So once again, let's all raise our glasses and say a big thank you to Meryl, to each other and to our beautiful world, the planet Earth.

Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 7th May: **Local Elections** Please remember to take your photo ID.

Sunday 10th May: **Litter Pick** Our Litter Picks now have a regular spot. They will take place on the 2nd Sunday of each month. As usual, we will meet at the William Hunter Monument (at the corner of Shenfield and Ingrave Road), CM15 8AP. 1.00 pm. Please Note: pick-up sticks and Hi-Vis vests bearing the BCA logo will be provided along with bin bags, however, please be aware also, that at present, we are being advised to take the rubbish we collect home to dispose of with the general household waste.

Saturday 30th May: BCA Climate Cafe We welcome, once again, one of our own members. Dr Richard Millwood is presenting his real-life lived experience of going green, in a talk: “What have I done? Choosing green energy” What do you do when your car and heating break down irreparably?’

Venue: Community Hub, 7 Crown Street, Brentwood, CM14 4BA. 10.30am. Open to all. Free entry.

Advance Notice:

Sunday 14th June: Strawberry Fair. Come and see us at our stand and enjoy a fun filled family day out. Venue: King George’s Playing Fields, Brentwood, CM13 2FD. 12pm to 5pm. Free entry.

Friday 19th June: BCA are hosting and screening the National Emergency Briefing film. This is a Public Information Broadcast being shown in small venues around the UK. More details to follow and our members will be kept up to date on developments.

Saturday 27th June: BCA Climate Cafe. Cllr David Worsfold returns by popular demand, with a presentation: ‘Adaptation and Resilience to Climate Change’ to discuss and explain the issues, particularly those raised within the National Emergency Briefing film.

Venue: Community Hub, 7 Crown Street, Brentwood, CM14 4BA. 10.30am. Open to all. Free entry.

Who’s Who in the BCA:

Steering Group Committee

<u>Chair:</u>	Meryl
<u>Secretary:</u>	Jacqueline
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Kat
<u>Publicity:</u>	Jonathan
<u>Members Secretary:</u>	Bridget
<u>General Members:</u>	Richard, Philip, Susan & Frances

Vacant Roles:

The post of **Assistant Treasurer** is still vacant. We are, however, looking for an experienced candidate as at present we are unable to provide training. We will also require up to date references and a CV outlining experience within this field.

Over to You:

I think it is all agreed that we all had a wonderful, yet thoughtful and possibly provocative experience at the BCA Earth Day Gala. If any member would like to share their photos, thoughts and/or experiences of the Gala Performance, then please get in contact as we would love to hear from you. NOTE: please state if you would like your submissions published on our website, newsletter, the stand at the Climate Cafe or not at all and whether or not you would like your name included along with your submissions.

And Finally...

...We have a Birthday Boy in our midsts...

I think it's safe to say that everyone involved with the BCA, all our lovely members and associates would like to wish...

Sir David Attenborough
a very
HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY!
8th May 2026

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