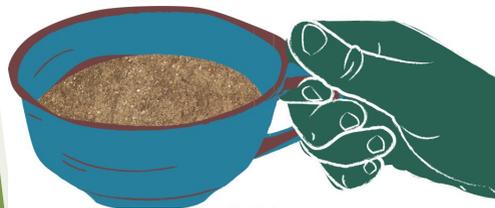


Climate Conversations are heating up for the Autumn



It has been a bit of a scary Summer in climate news: record July heatwave temperatures in London and other European cities, Arctic ice melting at unprecedented rates, Greenland mourning the disappearance of its first glacier, government declaring climate emergency...to mention just a few headlines. Are you concerned about the future? Climate Conversations gather small groups of friendly locals to discuss the climate crisis, what it means to you and what the practical actions you can take to tackle it here at St Andrews. Each session lasts 1.5 hours and is supported by trained facilitators.

Weekly sessions at the Kernel

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sunday
12:00 - 14:00 ToolShare loan with Winks	10:00 - 13:00 Men's Shed St Andrews	12:00 - 14:00 ToolShare loan and DIY tool demos with Winks	14:00 - 16:00 Gardening with Elliott and June	10:00 - 13:00 Men's Shed St Andrews	12:00 - 14:00 Gardening with Elliott and June
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We already have a few sessions scheduled for September, with more later in the Autumn:

10 Sep// 11:00 // Observatory Workshop

10 Sep// 15:00 // The Kernel

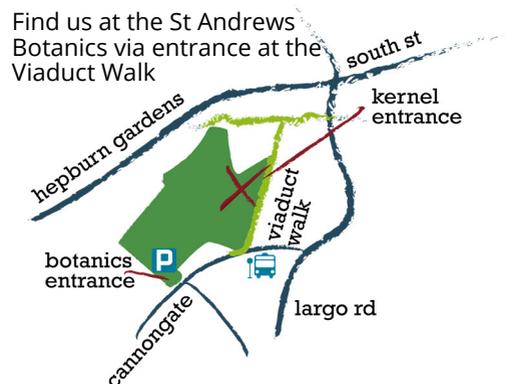
23 Sep// 19:30 // Quaker Meeting House

26 Sep// 10:30 // Quaker Meeting House

Do you have a group of 6 or more friends, family or colleagues who would be interested in taking part in a climate conversation? Get in touch so that we can bring one to you!

Booking is ESSENTIAL - email **Kaska** at **kah25@st-andrews.ac.uk**.

Kernel Location



Find us at the St Andrews Botanic via entrance at the Viaduct Walk



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Reaping what we sowed at the Farm

At the Urban Farm and Community Food Garden we have had our hands full with our first growing season this summer. We are enjoying our first glut of vegetables: beetroot, beans, summer neeps, salads, you name it! Tomatoes and cucumbers are also ready. Every Friday we put our harvest out on a stall at the entrance to the Botanic Garden, and you can take some fresh, local, organic veggies home for a small donation.

Looking over the growing area recently, taking stock, I was struck by how much it has taken shape and how our dreams of the Farm are becoming a reality, despite the challenges. A little like a teenager that has taken a stretch and not quite grown into themselves fully, the Farm is still a work in progress, but we have made really good gains. We started developing a core group of great volunteers and together we built a really productive growing space. Our little group feels professional but also inclusive and good fun. There are a lot of moving parts in a farm this size and a lot to learn, becoming good growers does not happen overnight. Here, our comprehensive harvest and planting records will help us plan for



the next season. We are taught by the farm and each other every day and together we are improving month by month.

Talking about learning, our new round of veggie growing workshops is starting in late September. And if you fancy more hands-on learning, you can always join our regular volunteer group!

For more info contact **Elliott** eforsyth@standrewsbotanic.org.



Doing some DIY, catering for a family get together or getting crafty?

St Andrews community tool library has got you covered!

For joining information see <http://www.transitionsta.org/toolshare/> or get in touch with Winks on wde@st-andrews.ac.uk or see him at one of the regular drop-in sessions at the Kernel.



Kernel willow art travels to the Guardbridge path



to go out. All this activity was hosted at the Kernel. While we are seeing a year-long arts project slowly come to an end, this is hopefully the start of future developments to the site. The Fife Coast and Countryside Trust, led by their West Sands rangers Dominic and Rachael, are at the forefront of this. Over the past couple months, they have hung up several bird boxes, built bug hotels and pulled up a few dozen metres of chicken wire fencing along with volunteers.

Art will always prove to be a great way to entice people to spaces they otherwise would not visit. Looking to the future let's hope this willow project will have this effect and inspire enthusiasm for walkers, runners and cyclists in St Andrews.

Back in February we set off with the aim to adorn the St Andrews to Guardbridge cycle path with willow weaved sculptures, dreamcatchers and a hand-routed sign. Fast forward to August and some of these changes are starting to take shape.

On the 14th of August, a rare, sunny Wednesday afternoon, members of both the Transition and Clean and Green team headed down to the site to begin this process. If you plan on heading down towards the Madras Rugby pitches or the Eden Estuary, don't forget to keep your eyes peeled for the new additions.

The project, funded by SusTrans to promote cycling uptake on our national cycle routes, was themed in line with 2018's Year of the Young People. Some 70 primary school students across Cannongate and Lawhead tried their hand at creating the deer. Over 20 University undergraduates were actively involved throughout the project. And over the summer, groups of Sustainable Development summer school students created additional sculptures that are yet

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St Andrews **BIKE POOL**
"Fix your Own" bike sessions

We have great news—Transition's Bike Pool Fix It sessions are now available at the Kernel! We invite anyone, student, staff, townsfolk to come along and get your bike looked over by a professional bike mechanic and an opportunity to see how to fix yourself. The service is free and parts are charged at cost. The Autumn timetable will be available soon and you can find it on Cycling in St Andrews Facebook page [@sustainablestandrews](#) or get in touch with [Andie](mailto:Andie@st-andrews.ac.uk) on aeah@st-andrews.ac.uk.

Busy Summer for the Men's Shed



St Andrews Mens Shed has had a busy few months with various projects highlighting the summer. We hosted the French ladies from 'Pop in the City' which was a huge success; a visit from MSP Willie Rennie; 'bug hotels' constructed by a local Scout group; exhibiting at the St Andrews Harbour Gala and the long



awaited completion of the Solar Panels which will benefit all who use the Kernel and The Shed was possibly the icing on the cake. What a great Summer.

We have various projects on the go and events coming up. Visit our Facebook page [@mensshedstandrews](#) for information.

Autumn Festival 27th October



Our Kernel anniversary and harvest celebrations are planned for 27 October. It is lots of fun for the whole family with apple juicing, skill shares, Men's Shed DIY demos, growing tips from the Urban Fram and more. You can also bring your own apples to juice and take away.

Help keep our beaches plastic-free

St Andrews Environmental Network (StAndEN) is hosting a series of regular litter picking events as part of "Towards a Plastic Free St Andrews", a strategy to cut out single use plastic and litter across the town and University. Come and join us on the Second Wednesday of the month between 2:00 – 3:30 to clean up our environment. These will complement the regular beach cleans and concentrate on areas like the Ladebraes and the Kinnessburn.

The first litter pick will take place along the Ladebraes on Wednesday 9th of October. The Clean and Green team (a partnership of BID St Andrews and StAndEN) will lead the event and supply all the equipment necessary.

The details will be posted on our Facebook page [@StAndrewsEnvironmentsNetwork](#).