

Evidence for Monmouthshire's Fairtrade County Renewal

Extracts from Monmouthshire County Council Intranet site The Hub

Council supports Fairtrade Fortnight

27 February 2017



Above: Cllr Hobson and sustainability policy officer Hazel Clatworthy display Monmouthshire's Fairtrade flag outside County Hall

Mon CC is giving its full backing to this year's Fairtrade Fortnight, with events in council premises across the county. The campaign aims to encourage people to support Fairtrade and drive much-needed change for farmers in developing countries.

This year's campaign theme is "Put Fairtrade in your break" and recognises that enjoying the perfect cuppa or a snack is an important part of our daily routine. Despite this, millions of farmers producing the treats we enjoy during our breaks struggle to make a living.

Cllr Phil Hobson, our cabinet member for sustainability says: "We need the whole community to get

Stock up on fairly-traded Christmas goodies

07 December 2016

Staff visiting County Hall tomorrow (Thursday 8th December) have the opportunity to stock up on Fairtrade goodies for their Christmas celebrations.

Fairly traded chocolates, biscuits, sweets, snacks, tea, coffee and more will be on sale in County Hall from between 12 noon and 2 pm. Also available will be a range of fairly traded crafts and gifts, so you can do your Christmas shopping during the lunch break, knowing that farmers, producers and



craftspeople will have a better quality of life and a fair wage as a result.

- We are grateful to the Usk Fairtrade Forum who are running the sale for us - an important part of our commitments as a Fairtrade County. For more information, contact Hazel Clatworthy on 4843.

Monmouthshire makes a difference for Fairtrade Fortnight

24 February 2016

Mon CC is to support Fairtrade Fortnight by organising an event featuring four inspirational speakers and the work they carry out to support producers in the developing world to receive fair rewards for their endeavour.

Monmouthshire Making a Difference will be held in County Hall **on Tuesday, March 1st** when staff and councillors will hear from training officer Dawn Sadler about her experiences on a recent visit to Uganda. In addition, a Ugandan coffee grower will talk about the transformation that the Fairtrade organisation has made to his family and community while Martha Musonza Holman of local charity *Love Zimbabwe* will discuss links built between Wales and her native country through a Fairtrade craft business. The final talk will be delivered by Mon CC social worker Grace Bridgewater focusing on a project she runs in her home village in Kenya to improve life for orphans and vulnerable children. A particular aim of the charity *Msingi wa Tumaini* is to promote education for girls.

Monmouthshire
Making a Difference

Celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight, International
Women's Day and St David's Day on

Tuesday 1st March
County Hall, Usk

10.30 am Fairtrade Coffee Tasting
and stalls on the landing

11.00 am Inspiring speakers
in the Council Chamber

12 - 2 pm Fairtrade Sale

Speakers:
Coffee grower from Uganda
Dawn Sadler on her visit to Ugandan coffee growers
Grace Bridgewater on her work in Kenya
Martha Musonza Holman on her work in Zimbabwe

FREE Fairtrade goods
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As part of the event, a volunteer from Usk Fairtrade Forum will run a stall to sell Fairtrade goods to staff and members.

A Fairtrade festive season

10 December 2015

Mon CC staff once again demonstrated their support and commitment to Fairtrade this week as many attended the two Fairtrade sales at Usk and Magor organised by the council's Sustainability Policy Officer, Hazel Clatworthy.

We're very grateful to Ruth Prince, a volunteer from the Usk Fairtrade Forum, who brought lots of stock to sell, and to Denise from Magor's Mustard Seed shop who ran the Innovation House sale. About £200 was spent on biscuits, chocolate and Fairtrade gifts and stocking fillers ensuring farmers, producers and craftspeople who produced these items have been paid a guaranteed, fair price for their work. They have also received a Fairtrade premium which their community can choose to invest in schools, healthcare and clean water.



Anyone unable to come along who would like to buy Fairtrade products or gifts should take a look at: <http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/>. You can either order online, or Ruth and Denise are happy to include your requirements when they order (and save you delivery costs). For other great recipes and craft ideas on how to have a Fairtrade Christmas, see: <http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/en/promotions/a-fairtrade-christmas>

Above: a previous sale in Magor

I'm dreaming of a fairer Christmas

28 November 2015

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We are grateful to The Mustard Seed shop in Magor Square and Usk Fairtrade Forum who are working in partnership with us to put on these sales, which are an important part of our commitments as a Fairtrade County. For more information or if you would like to order anything particular, contact Hazel Clatworthy on extension 4843.

Celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight and win a prize!

26 February 2015

The council is celebrating the news that Monmouthshire has renewed its Fairtrade County status with a number of events during this Fairtrade Fortnight.

The Fairtrade Mark is 20 years old this year, and staff and members are in with a chance of winning a hamper of Fairtrade food and drink by entering our **Fairtrade at 20** quiz. You can either [click here to enter the quiz](#), or fill in a hard copy in County Hall, add your name and extension number and place it in the box in the canteen. Entries (electronic or paper) must be received by the end of day on **Friday 6th March** to be in with a chance of winning.

Our friends from Magor's Mustard Seed shop will also be holding a Fairtrade Sale in County Hall, Usk on **Wednesday 4th March** from 12-2pm in the canteen, so come along and stock up on tea, coffee, chocolate, biscuits and more.

Our four very active Fairtrade Town groups in Abergavenny, Chepstow, Monmouth and Usk are also organising activities during the fortnight - see below.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT PROGRAMME

Fri 27th Feb 6.30pm Fairtrade meeting with Martha Holman, entry £5 incl. drink and nibbles, Monmouth Priory, Monmouth

Sat 28th Feb 10-12noon Fairtrade Coffee morning, Abergavenny Library

Sat 28th Feb 7 for 7.30pm Annual Fairtrade Social, all welcome. Bring food and drink to share. Awaiting confirmation of a Fairtrade producer as guest speaker. Trinity Church Hall, Abergavenny

Sun 1st March 10-30-4pm Free hands-on cookery workshop for accompanied children and families using Fairtrade produce to make popular Welsh recipes, New Abergavenny Community Centre, Park Street, Abergavenny

Sun 1st March 10-30am Morning Service with focus on Fairtrade, Methodist Church, Abergavenny





Jones, Dewi I.
Sent on behalf of Hazel Clatworthy, Sustainability Community Officer

Well done to all staff who entered the Fairtrade Quiz during Fairtrade Fortnight. Thanks to a generous donation of Fairtrade goodies from Co-operative Funeralcare in Abertillery we were able to give 3 prizes. Sarah Jones from Development Plans (see photo below) won first prize of a hamper of wine, beer, tea, coffee, chocolate and honey, Morag Sinton from Countryside won second prize of some wine and coffee, and the third prize of some chocolate and coffee went to Jess Felton and Annette Evans from Customer Services.

For those of you who would like to know what the correct answers were, you can find them here: http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/~media/fairtradeuk/get%20involved/documents/current%20campaigns/fairtrade%20at%202020/fairtrade20_quiz_v5.aspx

Thanks too to those who supported the Fairtrade Sale in Usk held by the Mustard Seed shop from Magor. £85 worth of Fairtrade stock was sold, which will benefit farmers and growers in many countries.

Just a reminder, that as part of our Fairtrade Resolution that helps us keep our Fairtrade County status, the Council has committed to provide Fairtrade tea and coffee at all Council meetings, offices and canteens. All supplies bought through Banner are Fairtrade, but if you are ordering refreshments from elsewhere, please remember to ask for Fairtrade.



I'm dreaming of a Fairer Christmas

02 December 2014

Fairtrade goods on sale - Magor (Tuesday) and Usk (Wednesday)

Staff in Monmouthshire have the opportunity today and tomorrow to stock up on Fairtrade goodies for their Christmas celebrations.

Fairly traded Christmas cards, chocolates, biscuits, tea, coffee and more will be on sale in Magor's canteen area (Tuesday 2nd December) today from 12 to 2pm and tomorrow (Wednesday, 3rd December) in Usk's canteen area. Also available will be a range of fairly traded crafts and gifts, so you can do your Christmas shopping during the lunch break, knowing that farmers, producers and craftspeople will have a better quality of life and a fair wage as a result.

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by Jones, Dewi I. at 10:42 in [Regeneration and Culture](#)

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Garner, Richard highly recommend the dark caramel chocolate :-)) and the café direct coffee at an excellent price.

03 December 2014

Press cuttings

Abergavenny Chronicle 9 Mar 17

Ten years as a FairTrade Town

THE Abergavenny Fairtrade Forum celebrated its tenth anniversary on Saturday with a party at the Park Street Community Centre.

The Forum was launched in February 2006 and gained Fairtrade Town status the following year.

Led by Katrina and Jeremy Gass, the group went on to firmly establish Abergavenny as part of the soon-to-be-first Fairtrade nation in the world - Wales.

The Community Centre was decked out for the anniversary with eye-catching banners and flags depicting the blue and green Fairtrade logo. There



County Council, Katrina Gass (Founder Member), Nick Ramsay (AM), Gill Branch (Founder Member), Martha Musonza Holman, Canon Carol Wardman (Bishops' Advisor for Church and Society, Church in Wales) and Dave Holman.



the first one in the Anglican Communion.

Nick Ramsay then cut the cake to start the celebrations and announced that he had signed up to become a Forum member.

On Monday Katrina and Jeremy Gass with the Mayor Chris Woodhouse unfurled a banner outside the town hall to mark the anniversary.

Nick Ramsay AM cutting the celebratory cake.

Guests at the party included Cllr Chris Woodhouse (Mayor), Cllr Sheila Woodhouse (Mayoress), Rebecca Hands (Zimele UK), County Cllr Paul Jordan (Vice Chairman, Monmouthshire

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Abergavenny Chronicle 23 Feb 17

Lend support to Fairtrade plea

FAIRTRADE Town groups in Abergavenny, Usk, Chepstow and Monmouth are asking local communities to support the drive for change to benefit farmers in developing countries.

Fairtrade Fortnight 2017 takes place from next Monday (February 27) to March 12 with the campaign theme 'It's Time to put Fairtrade in Your Break'.

The aim is to press home the message that while a refreshing cuppa or a snack is an important part of our daily routine, millions of farmers providing tea, coffee, chocolate and other products across the globe are struggling to make a living.

Local Fairtrade groups will join forces with the rest of the country to help ensure a fair deal by holding lots of Fairtrade breaks around the county.

Ruth Prince of the Usk Fairtrade Group said, "The food on our tables as well as the tea and coffee in our mugs, all come from farmers who work hard but are

not paid what they deserve.

"Whether in the UK or in Malawi, no one deserves to be short-changed for a hard day's work. When we reach for the cheapest products, we may be unconsciously feeding exploitation. We become part of the problem, but we can make a conscious choice to be part of the solution and support trade that is fair.

"We need everyone in the community to get behind farmers and their families this Fairtrade Fortnight. Choose Fairtrade when you next shop, ask your local store to stock Fairtrade products or come along to one of our events and find out more."

Councillor Phil Hobson, Monmouthshire County Council's cabinet member for sustainability said, "Farmers get a better deal when they sell their crops on Fairtrade terms.

"This leads to a higher and more stable income and can help them break the cycle of poverty in which they're trapped."

County groups celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight

FAIRTRADE groups around Monmouthshire have spent the past week celebrating Fairtrade Fortnight by holding a number of events around the county.

The Chepstow Fairtrade group celebrated not only Fairtrade Fortnight but 10 years of Chepstow as a Fairtrade town.

With the Fairtrade flag flying about the town gate the group held a birthday tea party on 2nd March.

More than 50 people attended the tea party at Chepstow Methodist Hall enjoying tea and homemade cakes.

The Monmouth Fairtrade group held two events during the fortnight. A coffee morning on Saturday, 4th March and on 10th March at Monmouth Priory it held a talk by Cathi Pawson entitled 'Fairtrade under fire in Palestine.'

Cathi is a co-founder of Zaytoun, set up shortly after the intifada ended. She lives in Monmouthshire and works as communications director for Zaytoun now based in London.

Zaytoun works to develop the UK market for Palestinian produce.

Fairtrade for Palestinian farming families provides an income and offers a voice to communities isolated by the restrictions of the Israeli occupation.

Monmouthshire County Council also joined in on Fairtrade Fortnight by raising a Fairtrade flag.

Cabinet member for sustainability Councillor Phil Hobson, Monmouthshire's launched the council's campaign by raising a bilingual Monmouthshire supports Fairtrade flag at County Hall on Monday 27th February.



Members of Chepstow's Fairtrade group. (Left to right) Marion McAdam; Julia Parsons, Tanya White, Kathryn Hughes, Janet Banks, Cynthia Giles, Anita Burrett and Cate Philips



Cllr Hobson and sustainability policy officer Hazel Clatworthy display Monmouthshire's Fairtrade flag outside County Hall



Attendees of Chepstow's Fairtrade Fortnight event

Fairtrade Fortnight across Monmouthshire

FAIRTRADE Fortnight 2017 takes place from Monday 27th February to 12th March and there are a range of events across Monmouthshire.

The Chepstow Fairtrade forum will be holding a tea party on Tuesday 2nd March at the Chepstow Methodist Church Hall.

The event will run from 2.30pm to 4pm and tea and homemade cake will be available for £2.

Monmouth Priory will be holding a coffee morning on 4th March from 10am until 12pm.

Fairtrade drinks and cakes will be served and charity stalls will be selling fairly traded produce.

Usk Farmers Market will be hosting a Fairtrade coffee morning on 4th March from 10am until 2pm.

A Fairtrade event will be held at the Caldicot Community activity.

nity Hub on Tuesday 7th March from 10am to 2pm. Fairtrade items as well as tea, coffee and cakes will be available for sale.

On 10th March at 7pm, Monmouth Priory will be hosting a talk by Cathi Pawson entitled 'Fairtrade under fire in Palestine.'

Cathi lives in Monmouthshire and works as communications director for Zaytoun now based in London.

Zaytoun works to develop the UK market for Palestinian produce. To mark the campaign a Fairtrade flag will be flown at County Hall in Usk over the two weeks.

The council will also hold a Fairtrade sale for staff at its Usk headquarters on Wednesday 8th March.

Throughout the county there will be a series of displays and events in the community hubs.



Cathi Pawson will talk in Monmouth on 10th March

MCC to support Fairtrade Fortnight

Tuesday, 23 February 2016 By [Staff reporter](#) in [Community News](#)



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28th February 2015

IT'S THE WEEKEND: Food and Drink - The Gwent businesses supporting Fairtrade Fortnight

Ruth Mansfield



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With Fairtrade Fortnight well underway, KATH SKELLON and GRACE VOGIATZIS look at how Gwent businesses are supporting the scheme.

IT'S how most of us start our mornings – a cup of tea with sugar. But do we ever think about where these things come from, and the lives of the people who make them?

That's what Fairtrade Fortnight aims to make us think about with the initiative focussing on encouraging shoppers to buy products with the Fairtrade mark which guarantees a fair deal and better conditions for farmers and producers in developing countries. It also celebrates the shops, cafés and restaurants that support the Fairtrade movement.

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Double celebration as Abergavenny marks Fairtrade Fortnight

THIS year's Fairtrade Fortnight events in Monmouthshire mark a double celebration - the Fairtrade Mark was first introduced 20 years ago, and the county's Fairtrade status has recently been renewed!

Monmouthshire's active and enthusiastic Fairtrade Town groups have organised a host of events which, as well as being a lot of fun, help to remind people that buying products with the Fairtrade Mark guarantees a fair deal and better conditions for farmers and producers in developing countries.

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work put in by our Fairtrade Town groups.

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A number of events are planned to mark the occasion in Abergavenny.

Programme of events

On Saturday (February 28) there is a Fair Trade coffee morning at the library and also the annual Fair Trade social at Trinity Church Hall from 7pm, where you're encouraged to take along food and drink to share.

On Sunday March 1 (from 10.30am to 4pm) there is a free hands-on cookery workshop for families and accompanied chil-

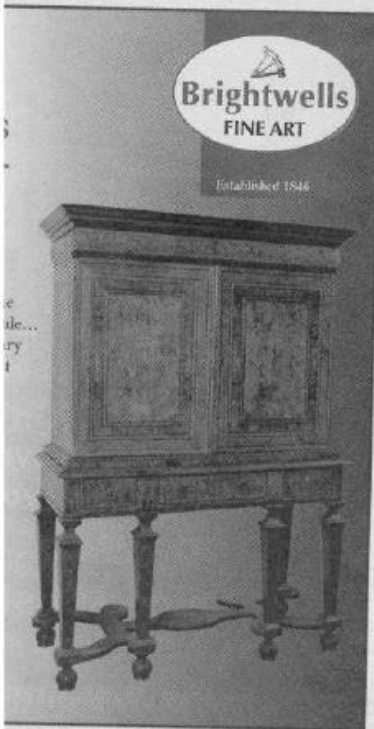
dren using Fair Trade produce to make popular Welsh recipes at the new Abergavenny Community Centre in Park Street. There is also a morning service with the focus on Fair Trade at the Methodist Church (10.30am).

On Thursday March 5 from 10.30am to 12.30pm there will be a coffee morning with a Fair Trade stall at Christchurch Community Hall and there will be a similar event on Friday March 6 from 10.30am to 12noon at Holy Trinity church Hall.

Finally, on Friday March 27 from 10am-1pm there will be a coffee morning with a 'Just Food' cookery demonstration (10.30am - 11.30am) at the Centenary Hall, Usk. Entry for £3.50 includes drink, demo and nibbles.

Monmouth and Chepstow Beacons 25 February 2015

County kicks off Fairtrade Fortnight



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As well as being a lot of fun, all the events help to remind that buying products with the Fairtrade mark guarantees a fair deal and better conditions for farmers and producers in developing countries.

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"They work tirelessly all year round to help make people realise that what they put in their shopping baskets can really help to improve people's lives".

Monmouthshire County Council will also be celebrating Fairtrade Fortnight with a Fairtrade sale for staff, and a Fairtrade quiz.

Thursday 26th February sees a pop-up cafe set up in front of Cornwall House on Monnow Street, Monmouth, between 10am-12pm, with help from Osbaston Primary School.

In Chepstow's Methodist Church Hall on the same day, a Fairtrade Tea Party will be held between 2.30-4.30pm.

Finally, on Friday 27th March a coffee morning will be at Centenary Hall, Usk between 10am and 1pm.

For more information about any of the events taking place in Fairtrade Fortnight contact Julia Parsons at julia@esnadene.plus.com or 01291 622163 for Chepstow, Bethia Smith at bethiasmith@hotmail.com or 01600 719993 for Monmouth and Ruth Prince at rj@prin-cerj.demon.co.uk or 01291 673385 for Usk.

Coffee, food and fun on the menu

COFFEE mornings, stalls and cookery demonstrations will be among the events held in Monmouthshire over the next few days to bring Fairtrade Fortnight celebrations to an end.

The Free Press reported last week how events were being held to celebrate the Fairtrade Mark first being introduced 20 years ago as well as the county's Fairtrade status being renewed.

Monmouthshire's active and enthusiastic Fairtrade Town groups have organised a host of events. Events this week include

a coffee morning Fairtrade stall at Christchurch Community Hall, Abergavenny, tomorrow from 10.30am until 12.30pm, a coffee morning Fairtrade stall at Holy Trinity Church hall, Abergavenny, on Friday from 10.30am until noon as well as a Women's World Day of Prayer Fairtrade stall at the church on the same day at 2pm.

On Friday, March 27, from 10am until 1pm, there will be a coffee morning with a "Just Food" cookery demonstration from 10.30am until 11.30am at Centenary Hall,

Usk. Entry is £3.50 which includes a drink, the demonstration and nibbles.

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Some examples of social media coverage – Twitter and Facebook



Hazel Clatworthy @HazelClatworthy · Mar 7

Fab! Would be great if Caldicot could be a #FairtradeTown. Lots of help & support from our other FT towns. Any volunteers? @fairtradewales



Caldicot Hub @CaldicotHub

Our wonderful @Coopcaldicot Anne helping raise awareness of #Fairtrade in the community 😊
@MonmouthshireCC @CaldicotTT



Hazel Clatworthy @HazelClatworthy · Mar 6

Great work @CaldicotHub @Coopcaldicot and Chepstow Fairtrade Forum! Hope tomorrow goes well & thanks for getting involved. @fairtradewales



Caldicot Hub @CaldicotHub

Getting ready for #FairTradeFortnight event tomorrow, kindly helped by our local @Coopcaldicot #friendsofcaldicotlibrary and @FairtradeUK 😊



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Fair Trade Wales @FairTradeWales · Feb 27

FANTASTIC! What a brilliant flag to be flying! #Fairtrade #MasnachDeg @FairTradeTowns 🌸🌸🌸



Hazel Clatworthy @HazelClatworthy

Great to raise a flag showing support for Fairtrade at County Hall for #fairtradefortnight @monmouthshirecc @fairtradewales





Hazel Clatworthy @HazelClatworthy · 26 Jul 2016

Worrying article, but great that @osbastonciw has #Fairtrade cotton tshirts from @koolskoolsUK @MonmouthshireCC

Fairtrade Foundation @FairtradeUK

"Where will this supermarket price war end? A full school kit for a quid in Poundstretcher?" #Fairtrade theguardian.com/sustainable-bu...



Monmouthshire Eco Open Doors

Published by Hywel Clatworthy [?] · 27 February · 🌐

There are loads of great events happening across Monmouthshire over the next fortnight as part of Fairtrade Fortnight. Coffee mornings, sales, talks, samples and lots more, all to encourage people to "put Fairtrade in their break" and support farmers and growers in developing countries. See <http://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/.../cyngor-yn-cefnogi-yngyrch...> for full details of what is going on



Council to back Monmouthshire Fairtrade Fortnight campaign - Monmouthshire

Fairtrade Town groups in Abergavenny, Chepstow, Monmouth and Usk are asking local communities to...

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Monmouthshire's video.

Published by Hywel Clatworthy [?] · 4 August 2016 ·

Great to see the giant Fairtrade banana Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru in this video clip! Well done all of our amazing Fairtrade Town volunteers! Thanks to Fair Trade Wales - Cymru Masnach Deg and Monmouthshire for your support too!

If you haven't been along yet, try and go on Friday or Saturday - there is so much to do!



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Wednesday round up - There is still lots of fun being had at the Eisteddfod!
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Hazel Clatworthy @HazelClatworthy · 4 Aug 2016

Excited to see a #Fairtrade football on the Maes @fairtradewales @balasportuk @eisteddfod_eng





Hazel Clatworthy @HazelClatworthy · 3 Aug 2016

Going bananas on the Maes @eisteddfod_eng @fairtradewales @monmouthshirecc



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Hazel Clatworthy @HazelClatworthy · 11 Mar 2016

Well done @UndySchool - great work for #fairtradefortnight ! @MonmouthshireCC



Undy Primary School @UndySchool

Fairtrade coffee morning @FairTradeWales @FairtradeUK @EcoSchoolsWales @FTBristol @mccfutureschool

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Hazel Clatworthy @HazelClatworthy · 11 Mar 2016

Cakes look yummy - well done and sorry I couldn't be there Chepstow!



Fair Trade Wales @FairTradeWales

Chepstow loves @Gumutindo #fairtrade #coffee#fairtradefortnight #fairbreakfast #BrecwastTeg #pythefnosmasnachdeg

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Hazel Clatworthy @HazelClatworthy · 8 Mar 2016



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Fairtrade Fortnight event at Usk County Hall.

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Monmouthshire @MonmouthshireCC · 1 Mar 2016



Hearing from Nimrod a Ugandan coffee producer about his experiences. Helping other producers transform a community





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Published by Hywel Clatworthy [?] · 8 March 2016 ·

Happy #fairtrade fortnight and #internationalwomensday



Monmouthshire

8 March 2016 ·

Happy International Women's Day! check out these inspirational and passionate women talking about the impact they have made on their communities in Africa. #InternationalWomenDay #PledgeForParity



Fairtrade Fortnight event at Usk County Hall.

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Fair Trade Wales @FairTradeWales · 1 Mar 2016

Coffee tasting went so well we've got some new customers!
#fairtrade fortnight2016 @MonmouthshireCC #fairbreakfast



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Some examples of publicity for Monmouthshire County Council events

**MONMOUTHSHIRE
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Celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight, International
Women's Day and St David's Day on
TUESDAY 1ST MARCH
COUNTY HALL, USK

10.30 am Fairtrade Coffee Tasting
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11.00 am Inspiring speakers
in the Council Chamber

12 – 2 pm Fairtrade Sale

SPEAKERS:

Coffee grower from Uganda
Dawn Sadler on her visit to Ugandan coffee growers
Grace Bridgewater on her work in Kenya
Martha Musonza Holman on her work in Zimbabwe

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Members Seminar

“VALUE VS VALUES: FAIRTRADE AND PROCUREMENT”



Local authorities are facing unprecedented levels of financial pressure and having to save huge sums of money....

Yet at the same time the new Wellbeing of Future Generations Act which comes into force in April says that we should be working towards “a Globally Responsible Wales” and looking to improve social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing in everything we do.

What is important to Monmouthshire County Council? Do we put value above values or vice versa?

Come and join the debate, which has been organised as part of Fairtrade Fortnight.

WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH, 11AM

COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, USK

- Cllr Phyl Hobson will outline the context of Fairtrade procurement within the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act.
- Elen Jones, National Co-ordinator for Fairtrade Wales will put the case forward for Fairtrade.
- Scott James, Strategic Procurement Manager for MCC will outline the procurement guidelines that the Council has to operate under.

Then join in with the discussion and debate on Value vs Values and help to shape the future of Fairtrade within Monmouthshire County Council’s procurement.

Fairtrade refreshments will be served on the landing from 10.30am

To book a place, please contact Hazel Clatworthy, Sustainability Policy Officer
hazelclatworthy@monmouthshire.gov.uk 01633 644843

Fair Trade Stall

Tues 2nd Dec - Magor
Wed 3rd Dec - Usk
12 - 2pm Canteen



Stock up on fairly traded:

**Chocolate, Sweets, Cookies,
Cereal Bars, Tea, Coffee, Crafts,
Gifts and much more...**



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Supported by the Usk Fairtrade Forum and the Mustard Seed, Magor. For more information contact the MCC Sustainability team on x4843

Examples of schools Fairtrade progress



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Osbaston Bottle Green 50% Fairtrade Cotton/Poly Cardigan with School logo.

£11.50

SELECT OPTIONS



Osbaston Church In Wales School Bottle Fairtrade Cotton/Poly Sweatshirt with School logo.

£10.99

SELECT OPTIONS



Osbaston Church In Wales School White Fairtrade Cotton/Poly Polo Shirt with School logo.

£7.50 - £8.00

SELECT OPTIONS

Fairtrade Uniform

Posted on Fri 11 Mar 2016

We launched our Fairtrade uniform during Fairtrade Fortnight. Mike from KoolSkools and Pamela, from their cotton factory in Mauritius came into school to talk to the pupils. Pamela shared her emotional story about working in a cotton factory and how Fairtrade had helped improve her life.



Lots more information on Osbaston CiW Primary School at:
<http://www.osbastonciwschool.cymru/fairtrade-committee/>

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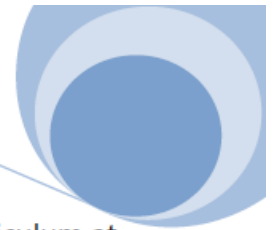
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Fairtrade

We had a Fairtrade cooking category in our Eisteddfod 2017. We had lots of delicious entries. Here are just a few of them:



Lots more information on Goytre Fawr Primary School's work at:
<http://www.goytrefawrprimary.uk/fairtrade.html>



ESDGC

Education for Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship permeates our curriculum at both Key Stages. We encourage the children to think about recycling, saving energy and reducing our global footprint. Our Eco Council is very active and have led the school towards gaining our second Green Flag!



Fair Trade

The school is a Fair Trade School and in order to maintain this status we use Fair Trade products in school and hold regular events to raise awareness in this area. Positive home school links are encouraged and we hold our major Fair Trade event during Fair Trade Fortnight.



Tuesday 27th June 2017

Dear Parents / Carers,

Fairtrade Cotton School Uniform

Our school will be introducing an ethically manufactured school uniform option made with Fairtrade Cotton.

WHY FAIRTRADE COTTON SCHOOL UNIFORM?

1. There is no difference in quality between Fairtrade cotton and normal cotton. Fairtrade cotton means that we can be sure that the farmers who grow the cotton receive a fair and sustainable payment for their crop. Their communities also receive a premium for projects such as building schools, hospitals, access to clean water and so on.
2. Being "Fairtrade Cotton Certified" means that all parts of the manufacturing process of the Fairtrade cotton garments have been inspected and audited. The factories are signed up to Fairtrade Minimum Standards, designed to ensure that practices such as child labour and enforced overtime/long working hours don't exist.

WHY KOOLSKOOLS

Example of minutes of most recent meeting between Fairtrade Town groups and MCC

Fairtrade Meeting with MCC Thursday 6th July 2017

Present: Bethia Smith (Monmouth), Julia Parsons (Chepstow), Tanya White (Chepstow), Ruth and Jon Prince (Usk), Francis Buxton (Abergavenny), Hazel Clatworthy (MCC), Cllr Sara Jones (MCC)

Apologies: Aileen Burmeister (Fairtrade Wales)

Introductions

The meeting started with introductions. The Fairtrade Town groups explained a bit more about what they do and Sara explained a little about her portfolio in MCC's Cabinet.

Matters arising from the minutes

- Hazel still to put Fairtrade information on MCC main website. **Action: Hazel**
- It was agreed that we will drop the idea of a Fairtrade Way in Monmouthshire as the distances between towns are too far, and we couldn't see the added value in it. Maybe holding a local walk between Fairtrade café's etc as part of the MCC Countryside's programme of guided walks might be more useful.
- Following on from the discussion about Fairtrade Ways, most towns have already got maps or town guides showing outlets selling Fairtrade. However, paper maps quickly go out of date, so perhaps more could be put on <http://monmouthshirefairtrade.org.uk>. Sara suggested that there might be Rural Development Plan money available to support an app or interactive map. Hazel to speak to Mike Powell about this. **Action: Hazel**
- Fairtrade Fortnight went well for the local groups and for MCC, with some good press coverage. MCC found funding for a Fairtrade Flag which was flown at County Hall during the fortnight.

Car Park signs

Hazel has met with Amanda Perrin from Car Parks to discuss the Fairtrade logos going on the new car park signs. The tender for the new ticket machines is out, and then the tender for the signage will follow. Hazel to check whether she has both Welsh and English, town and county logos in eps format. **Action: Hazel**

Collaboration at Events

Following the success of working together in the Monmouthshire tent at the Eisteddfod last year, it was agreed that we would work together in a similar way in the Monmouthshire tent at the Usk Show on Saturday 9th September 2017. We agreed to:

- Book 6 tickets with MCC – each group to circulate their members for a volunteer/s to help Ruth and Jon on the day. **Action: Hazel / All**
- Ruth to sell Traidcraft goods – Ruth to write brief disclaimer to show organisers demonstrating that she won't be making any profit or competing with others paying for stalls, and send to Hazel. **Action: Hazel**
- Set up early on Saturday morning and take down at the end of the day.
- Jon/Ruth to ask Co-op in Usk for a box of Fairtrade bananas. **Action: Ruth/Jon**
- Hazel to contact Aileen at Fairtrade Wales to see whether they can cover the cost of the subsidised £9 tickets and a contribution towards the costs of the marquee. **Action: Hazel**

(Post meeting note: so far Phil and Judith Negus have confirmed that they will help at the Usk Show, and Aileen has confirmed that we can have £100 to cover Usk Show tickets and contribution towards MCC costs.)

We discussed the Abergavenny Food Festival. Francis to confirm with Martha what will be happening and let the group know. **Action: Francis**

(Post meeting update from Francis on Food Festival:

- *planning to talk with the new Director (Aine) with request that the Young Chefs' competition use FT ingredients, that in-house staff and suppliers of refreshments use FT tea/coffee, that chef demo's use FT ingredients where available: if not this year, then certainly in future years.*
- *a March for Africa, starting 1.00 pm on Sat 16th Sept, including songs on the Castle stage, also Angel Hotel and Brewery Yard and crossing Market Hall. Money raised will support sustainable food in Zimbabwe. 40 children have been invited, 1 parent each given free admission. Llantilio Pertholey & RC schools are so far interested.)*

NB The Wales Fairtrade Fair will be held in Abergavenny on the 8th October

Renewal of Monmouthshire's Fairtrade County Status

Hazel circulated a draft of the action plan she has put together to renew our Fairtrade County status and asked for any comments, or any supporting evidence the groups have that could be used in the County application. **Action: All**

In particular she would welcome any information about Fairtrade Schools in the County. She has emailed the schools and discovered that Goytre Fawr Primary School has achieved its Fairtrade Achiever award. **Action: All**

Sara was keen to see how schools are working on Fairtrade, especially as it forms part of the National Curriculum.

One action that has not been progressed was around developing a Fairtrade town group in Caldicot. Julia has agreed to help at a couple of events in Caldicot to see if this will generate some local volunteers. Sara agreed to raise it with the mayor of Caldicot when she sees them tomorrow. **Action: Julia / Sara**

Any Other Business

- Sara suggested that it would be good to do something on Fairtrade to raise awareness amongst new members. Hazel to consider. **Action: Hazel**
- Bethia had previously had some challenges with the Town Council. Sara suggested that working with the Area Committees might be effective?
- There was concern that Sainsbury's are changing their own brand tea to their own label "fairly traded" which will lead to customer confusion and takes the power away from the farmers. Hazel has written to Sainsbury's on the group's behalf and Julia has drafted a letter with several questions to them. Traidcraft etc are circulating an online petition <https://www.change.org/p/sainsbury-s-don-t-ditch-fairtrade>

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 8th November 2017 at 10.30am