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Dear Sarah,

Subject: Would Ash welcome a free talk on Climate Change?

Over the last year, more than 200 Local Councils across the country have declared a Climate Emergency. Guildford Borough Council unanimously agreed such a motion on 23rd July. This is only the first step, but there is no doubt that, thanks to the recent publicity given to David Attenborough and Greta Thunberg, this issue is, at last, being given the attention that it deserves.

The Guildford Environmental Forum (GEF) has been building its membership for 25 years and feels that the time is now right to involve more local community groups. You already receive our quarterly newsletter on a regular quarterly basis and our latest edition is attached. You will be familiar with our balanced approach to this topic. We agree with David Attenborough that **climate change is humanity's greatest threat in thousands of years** and that it could lead to the collapse of civilisations and the extinction of "much of the natural world".

We are therefore offering all local Councils and all Residents Associations in Guildford a talk and a discussion on this vital subject. One of our members, Henrietta Stock, who has been trained as a climate reality leader with Al Gore in the US has prepared a Powerpoint presentation for parishes. She combines being a Chartered Energy Engineer and Energy Manager for a Water Company with bringing up three children. A team of three or more members of GEF's Climate Crisis Group will be giving presentations across the Borough and answering the questions that follow. The presentation lasts under 30 minutes and the discussion time is up to you.

GEF will not charge for any presentation, but would request that each parish books and pays for a local meeting room of your choice. We would recommend a hall that can seat at least 40 guests and that you publicise the talk locally. The timing can be on any day in the next 8 months and evenings are recommended. We would ask that we are allowed to sign up new members if any in the audience wish to do so, but no one will be pressured. Our standard membership subscription is just £10pa. and all our talks are free.

If you would like us to present on the subject of "How should we be reacting to the Climate Emergency in Guildford", then please let me know. If you are interested in this offer, then I would be delighted to agree a date with you and arrange for a small group of GEF members to visit and help to increase understanding of this vital issue and answer your questions.

Adrian Thompson
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