

## Climate issue so important

CONGRATULATIONS to Penny Kent of Stroud for getting the top spot in a group of letters about climate change, published in The Guardian on August 6. She was responding to an article in the same paper on August 3, headlined: "The climate crisis is here – but no-one's telling us."

We in Gloucestershire Climate Action Network (GlosCAN.org) agree there is a disconnect between the huge importance of climate change and the level of attention it receives in the media.

The first of our stated aims is "to promote constructive debate and initiate events and actions with the intention of bringing about the major changes required in Gloucestershire and beyond to reduce human-induced climate change". We hope Penny Kent and many others in Gloucestershire will visit our website to sign up.

GlosCAN is a non-party-political organisation affiliated to the UK Climate Coalition, and we will be supporting its national week of action, October 8-15. Ahead of that, we have written to all parliamentarians elected from Gloucestershire, inviting them to sign up in support of our aims.

We are also seeking to engage with a variety of major Gloucestershire-based organisations to encourage them to sign up to the Paris Pledge for Action on climate change, and so commit to what the Paris Pledge calls concrete steps now to reduce their emissions to a safe level.

Meanwhile, at local level, we have collaborated with Stroud Valleys Project, Transition Stroud and the Women's Institute to create a Climate Coalition "Green Hearts" display in Stroud Town Council's office window, focusing on well-loved aspects of nature that are threatened by climate change.

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