



## Summary from PACE Meeting 7 November 2023

33 PACE Supporters met in The Crown, Manningtree.  
Chaired by John Hall.

### **RentMy: Tom West**

Drills, Sanders, Carpet Cleaners, Whacker Plates and much more – we all have things that we only use a few times. RentMy enables you to rent anything as part of a Sharing Community, reducing consumption and emissions. Insurance will protect the Renter and the Rentee. At present RentMy is focussed on the Manningtree area – but expanding with 8500 users. How do you list items for rent? How do you book and arrange collection?  
Go to [www.RentMy.com](http://www.RentMy.com) or call in to the shop at the bottom of South Street.

### **Manningtree Repair Café: Moray McPhail and Bob Farrow**

Sunday 12 November 12noon to 2pm is the first Repair Café in The Red Lion – modelled on the successful Repair Cafés at Martlesham, Woodbridge, Holbrook and others. Don't chuck stuff – bring it for repair. The Repairers include Electrician, Leather worker, Seamstress, Watchmaker, Bikeman and will gradually increase. All repairs done for a donation. Come along – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month 12 to 2pm. Facebook: [Manningtree Repair Café](#).

### **Snippets**

**Community Solar Energy Scheme:** 231 households in Manningtree, Mistley, Lawford & Ardleigh have signed Expression of Interest; Surveys are being done; Quotes given and first installations are underway. Express your Interest, if you have not already done so.  
<https://www.pacemanningtree.org.uk/community-energy-scheme>

**PACE Community Allotment:** Need help to move topsoil which will arrive Sunday 19 or 26 November. Can you help for an hour or so? Please Email [manningtreepace@gmail.com](mailto:manningtreepace@gmail.com)

**Water Quality Sampling:** we recorded a breach of water quality on River Stour in September which was investigated by the Environment Agency. October sampling was cancelled due to severe floods – we will back in the river at end of November.

**Outreach:** Manningtree Library want suggestions of good books (preferably ones you have read) so they can buy these for their new Environment Shelf which was supported by PACE - Good that most books are out on loan. Email your titles to [manningtreepace@gmail.com](mailto:manningtreepace@gmail.com)

**PACE Field Trips for Schools:** PACE volunteers ran Field Trips on Trees and Insects linked to the curriculum in 4 Primary Schools, – next we are back at Highfields doing Small Mammals and Food Webs. Want to join as an adult helper? Email [manningtreepace@gmail.com](mailto:manningtreepace@gmail.com)

**40 Ways Poster:** Brantham have received funding from Coast & Heaths AONB Sustainable Development Fund and are currently delivering their bespoke version. Dedham have funds and are planning to print their version for all properties in Dedham.

**PACE Is now a Registered Charity, Number 1204980:** brings opportunities for grants etc and responsibilities which the 12 Trustees of PACE will cover – Trustees meet next on 23 Nov.

**Next PACE Supporters Meeting: Tuesday 5 December 7.30pm The Crown, Manningtree**