



## Reading Sustainability Centre



“Sustainability is about treating the Earth as if we intend to stay”

The vision of Reading Sustainability Centre is to establish an eco-education center promoting responsible resource use and we have ambitions to harness the power of the river Thames using two hydrodynamic Archimedean fish friendly screw turbines to produce green pollution free electricity.

## Support from Oxford

We have been talking to the people at Oxford Low Carbon Hub and today discovered to our delight that they would be willing to support and advise us further with our project. They have been involved with several hydro projects and have recently seen their nearest one switch on generation. See [www.osneylockhydro.co.uk](http://www.osneylockhydro.co.uk)

## Funding (UCEF GRANT)

We have been awarded a substantial grant from the Urban Communities Energy Fund. This will help us to engage further with the local community as we move towards bringing our proposed hydro scheme to life.



This small electric car has been seen on the roads in Reading, it is badged with Reading Sustainability Centre logo and the car is owned by Tony Cowling, project lead for the sustainability Centre and is powered by electricity alone. It has a range of a hundred miles and costs about 2.5p per mile to drive. It can be recharged with green and renewable electricity.

There is a large group of people who all want the Hydro scheme built. Significant progress is being made towards this goal and if you would like to help us there are lots of opportunities to do so.

## Visit to MapleDurham

Reading Sustainability Centre is planning a visit to Mapledurham mill and hydro, during early summer, and transport is by walking, cycling, canoeing, boat and electric vehicles. Most likely afternoon for this is Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

## Website and Survey

We have now had over 3000 visits recorded to our website.

Facebook and twitter sites are up and running, if you know how to use these then please “like” us and add your comments. These are being run by Sam and she has recently given birth to her son Max, both doing well.

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