



RODNEY HUGGINS AWARD 2016/7: CARBON TRUST: OVO ENERGY OFFERS 250,000 FREE TREES: SPECIAL NEEDS EQUIPMENT: ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS AND IDEAS FOR CLUBS

RODNEY HUGGINS ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD - £250 Bursary to overall winner!

Entries for the 2017 Rodney Huggins Award need to be sent in **NOT LATER THAN 31 JANUARY 2017.**

Entry forms can be found on the RIBI web site under Environment. As before there are three categories, Rotary, Schools & Youth Groups (with Rotary involvement) and International.



The Rodney Huggins Trust have kindly offered a Bursary of £250 to the overall winner of the three categories as a one-off for this competition. For more details please contact Rodney on ROD2H@aol.com

HELP REQUESTED! CHILDREN'S SPECIAL NEED EQUIPMENT

I have had a request from David Knights of the Rotary Club of St Asaph, District 1180, who have a free option on some equipment which was installed in a school for very special needs children (soft padding, light tube etc) and they have contact with a school in Budapest who would like it. Does anyone have any transport connections with Budapest who could help get this equipment to its destination? If so, please contact David on dave@davefrondeg.plus.com



The Carbon Trust Green Business Fund is offering up to 30% of the total cost project for energy efficient upgrades and refurbishments, up to a maximum of £10,000. This applies to SMEs in England, Scotland and Wales only. It is only available to businesses with up to 1000 employees and

is available until March 2018 on a first come, first served basis. For more details please visit their web site, or e-mail greenbusiness@carbontrust.co.uk Telephone 020 7832 4773.

OVO ENERGY & THE CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS OFFERS 250,000 FREE TREES! BUT 100,000 HAVE ALREADY GONE TO 320 DIFFERENT GROUPS!

OVO Energy and TCV have launched their 'I DIG TREES 2016/2017' project with free trees available from November for planting out this bare root season.

Last year several Rotary



Clubs took advantage of this offer when 158,000 trees were planted by various organisations. This year even more trees are available, 250,000 in total, but of these 100K have already gone, so do not delay or you may miss out! Thanks to OVO Energy, all trees available through TCV are free. They are native UK broad leaf and are supplied with protective stakes and spiral guards.

Please note that this offer does not extend to Ireland.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW AT

www.tcv.org.uk/community/i-dig-trees

COMMUNITY - ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY NEWSLETTER



November 2016

CASH FOR CHRISTMAS TREES!

**Collect old Christmas
Trees and make money
for your Charity.**

An easy way to make money and provide a valuable service to the community is to get one or more teams together and collect unwanted Christmas Trees after Christmas.



Select an area where there are known to be a lot of young children, as these are the areas most likely to have bought Christmas trees. Prepare a leaflet saying that you will call on a certain day (we are making it the Saturday 7th January this time) and say you will collect their unwanted Christmas tree if they leave it out in the front garden. For this service you would like a donation of a minimum of £3 (most will give you £5), stating on the leaflet any particular charitable cause for which you are collecting. You then need one or more lorries and a team of 3 or 4 people to go around the streets

that you have circulated to collect the trees. You then need somewhere to take the trees! (We have an arrangement with a local garden centre who use the trees to burn in their stoves for heating). For more details see the leaflet on the RIBI web site.

COMPUTER RECYCLING

Unwanted computers
are needed for schools
in Africa and elsewhere.

A number of organisations with Rotary links are looking for unwanted computers which they can then refurbish, wipe clean and send to such places as schools in Africa. Among these are the Turing Trust based in Edinburgh, Computeraid based in North



London and IT Schools Africa. Each organisation has its own criteria but most do not want any equipment more than 10 years old. Wiping of discs is done to an industry standard to ensure data cannot be recovered. There is a leaflet on the RIBI Environmental section of the web site or contact me for more details.

ECO-SCHOOLS

This is an international award programme that guides schools on their sustainable journey. It is a free programme available to all schools from children's centres, nurseries, primary



schools, secondary schools and schools with special needs. Once registered, schools follow a simple seven-step process which helps them to address a variety of environmental themes, ranging from litter and waste, to healthy living and biodiversity.

Schools work towards gaining one of three awards, Bronze, Silver and the prestigious Green Flag award which symbolises excellence in the field of environmental activity.

www.eco-schools.org.uk gives an overview of the criteria for each award level and you can also use this site to ascertain which schools in your area have registered, what level they have reached and when.

Rotary can do a lot to help by giving opportunities for such things as litter picking, tree and bulb planting etc. You may also be able to help by assisting at meetings of their Eco Club.