

Frequently Asked Questions

What/who is Transition Rye?

We're a group of people living in or near Rye who want to help the town and surrounding area become more sustainable and resilient. At the moment we include authors, pub landlords, town councillors, allotment holders, engineers, architects, teachers and more. Anyone can join, and we will be holding meetings that are open to the public so people can come and find out what's going on. We will be accessing the national Transition Town Network for information and advice at

www.transitionnetwork.org

How is Transition Rye funded?

At present we are funded by voluntary donations from our members. In future we may access local or national sources of grant funding to help us get started, but in the long run we aim to be self-sustaining through income from some of the projects we will set up.

Is it just Rye? Are other communities included?

It's not just Rye, we want to include any communities that are nearby. 'Rye' is in the name, as any Transition Town project needs a focal point, and Rye is the natural hub, providing a range of services to nearby communities.

What projects will be included?

There's no definitive list yet, but to start with we're hoping to link up with many existing projects so that they can make their voices heard within Transition Rye. We're also already planning several new projects, such as community owned renewable energy generation, helping homes and businesses reduce their energy bills through efficiency and running a 'swap shop' event where people can bring and take unwanted goods.

Transition Rye

What will Rye & Rye Harbour look like in 2020? What **could** it look like?

Will you have your say and play your part?

Our strengths:

- We have a strong local community – we care about our area and people.
- We have diverse businesses, from tourism, fishing and forestry to manufacturing, retail and food production.
- We live in an attractive town and countryside, and people come from far afield to visit us.

The challenges

- The local and national economy is struggling.
- Energy prices are rising: diesel, petrol, heating oil, gas and electricity.
- Climate change is affecting our weather, causing extreme events.
- Food prices are rising, driven up by energy costs and unpredictable weather.

What are we going to do about it?

- We're looking at several ideas, such as: community orchards and other food-growing spaces, community-owned renewable energy, home energy efficiency, promoting local business and more.
- We can be more independent and resilient as a community, and strengthen our local economy at the same time!

- But before anything is decided, we need to have **YOUR** ideas. What do you want Rye and the area to look like in 2020? How can you help it happen?

Visit us at

www.transitionrye.org.uk

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TRANSITION RYE - *A programme for the Rye area, open to all, building a resilient, thriving community with a low dependence on fossil fuels, complementing the area's beautiful, historic and natural environment.*