



Needham Market Town Council
Climate Awareness Group
Tuesday 20th April 2026
7pm, Green Room, Community Centre

Present	Amanda Reardon (Chair); Jean Pittaway, John Reardon.
Apologies	Nicola Booth, Nicole Stewart, Ross Piper, Alan Wilkinson, Andy France, John Matthissen, Mark Dimes, Jo Hughes.
Minutes of last meeting	24.02.2026 - Agreed
Orchard	Replacement of the tree guards was very successful and a very positive day's work. There are just two trees needing the mesh replacing. John R is going to investigate earth anchors for the benches we want to purchase. John R will prepare the IBC for watering. New ideas to discuss at the next meeting: 1. Installation of a fruit bush bed along the fence line of Jigsaw. 2. Installation of wildflower beds within the boundary of the orchard, retaining access to the trees.
TPO Cedars Celebration	17th May, (not 19th April as advertised previously). We believe all is in hand.
Open Gardens Event	21st June. We have a table booked (no fee) in the Community Centre. Jean is meeting with the Climate Change Gardening Charity and there may be additions to our table from them. Ideas for other items on our table (discuss at next meeting): • Laminated versions of the orchard signs • Story of the orchard's development • Opportunity to join us • Watering rota request • Planting sunflowers
Chair of this group	As Amanda is no longer a Town Councillor, clarification was needed about her role as Chair. The Clerk has said that, as this is a working group, the Chair does not have to be a Town Councillor. There should be an election to posts at our next meeting.
Needham In Bloom	NIB have requested Town Council help with readying the town's planters for their summer planting sessions. The planters need to be emptied and new compost added by 16th May. John R volunteered to do this.
Date for next meeting	To be decided on a WhatsApp poll.