



## **Environmental and Ethical Group Update Spring 2025**

**Redland Green Club has gone Solar!**



Following the successful installation of 158 solar panels on the clubhouse roof as part of our commitment to sustainability and achieving net-zero emissions by 2030, we are pleased to provide an update on their performance in the first 20 days of operation.

In the first 20 days since the installation, the solar panels have generated over 5 megawatts (MW) of power. This is a saving of 1 ton of Carbon Dioxide emissions compared to the energy being delivered by fossil fuels. The energy produced has delivered 70% of the club's electricity consumption during this period, with the remaining generation exported as clean energy into the grid.

The purchase of solar panels was helped with a generous Green Business Grant of £20,000 from the West of England Combined Authority.

### **Dyuce Courtside Collection Pod**

Every year, the UK and Ireland dump millions of tennis and padel balls into landfills. Dyuce promotes recycling and sustainability by removing the rubber from these balls, which is reused in products, including athletic footwear.

Please follow our new slogan, 'Pick up and Pop in' to the Collection Pod outside Court 1. With over 1250 balls already collected since.....we have all made an impressive start. Well done!

## [Dyuce](#)



### **Oasis Water Fountain**

Last autumn, members pledged to take sustainable actions, such as car sharing or using reusable water bottles, and our club came top in the LTA Pledgeball league.

It has been agreed that the £500 winnings will go towards an Oasis water fountain, which will be placed on the Clubhouse wall facing the padel courts.

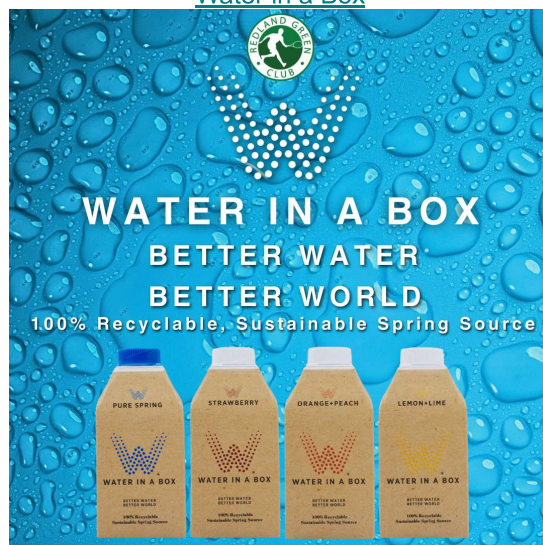
### **Water in a Box**

The Club has recently purchased Water in a Box drinks, available in the fridge by reception and behind the bar.

These are plain and flavoured spring water in a carton, beautifully refreshing as summer approaches. The water is from the springs under the Mendip Hills in Somerset, so locally sourced.

Water in a Box is responsibly sourced, uses renewable or recycled materials, which are fully recyclable and carbon neutral.

## [Water in a Box](#)



### **One Small Step for Nature Biodiversity Bank**

The daffodils by Court 7 have done well. Thanks to members of the Redland Green Community Group, who helped plant the bulbs on a very wet day in February.



The establishment of native wildflowers continues. Over the next month, some plants and bulbs, including oxeye daisies, wild crocus, primroses, snowdrops, forget-me-nots, and Michaelmas daisies, will be transplanted.

### **Replacement of Privet Hedge**

The garden privet hedge, which died many years ago on Court 7, has been partly replaced with wild privet. This was chosen for its toughness, low cost, and minimal maintenance for the first few years. The flowers provide nectar for bees, the berries are popular food for birds, and the leaves provide food for the privet hawk-moth caterpillar.

### **Nature Volunteers**

A big 'Thank you' goes to Mel from reception, who has joined the Nature team and expertly planted a large section of the wild privet hedge.

### **Save the Date**

Back by popular demand, a Charity Plant sale will be held at the Club on Monday, May 5th. This year, we will support Penny Brohn, the Cancer Wellbeing and Health Charity.

This will be part of the Redland Green Community Fair, where the Club will join forces with Redland Church and the Bowling Club. There will be courtside activities, a bouncy castle, face painting, tea and cakes, and music by DJ Jazz at the Church. Bring a picnic and enjoy a fun-filled day out.

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We very much welcome any comments, questions, or suggestions. Also, if you would like to join the Environmental and Ethical Advisory Group, please email:

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