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STRONG TURNOUT FOR SCREENING OF THE “PEOPLE’S EMERGENCY BRIEFING” IN WOKING

Over 100 people gather at the Living Planet Centre to see the important screening of the People’s Emergency Briefing on the Climate and Nature Crisis.



The WWF's Living Planet Centre in Woking on 22nd April was packed out for a screening of *The People's Emergency Briefing*. The screening, organised by local charity Woking Environment Action (WEAct), was followed by a public discussion about what the issues raised in the film will mean locally.

The briefing formed part of a wider UK programme of events designed to help communities engage with the climate and nature crisis. Supporter, the naturalist Chris Packham, says:

"I'd encourage people everywhere to attend a screening of The People's Emergency Briefing. This new film creates exactly the kind of honest local conversation we now urgently need, both about the threat from climate and nature breakdown, but also about what we can do, together with our politicians, to build a better future."

A short 'fireside chat' with one of the film's expert speakers, Angela Francis, followed the film. Discussion afterwards picked up on a range of local issues including the consultation for the Woking Local Plan (2028-2044), public transport, sustainable housing plus the [Our Future Surrey](#) pledge campaign from the Surrey Climate Commission and other local community groups. Participants also explored how local communities can continue the conversation and engage elected representatives.

An attendee :

"The evidence presented across climate, nature, health and the economy was sobering, but the film challenges the idea that climate action is unaffordable. In fact the cost of inaction far outweighs the cost of action"

Another observed :

"It's going to sound very weird that the highlight of my week was attending a National Emergency Briefing, but it absolutely was. The film is sobering but also brings hope, we have the science, we have the solutions, we're making progress - now we need to speed that progress up."

Local representatives from all parties were invited to the event, including MP Will Forster. Nick Gardner, who helped organise the event, said:

"We felt it was important that local representatives had the opportunity to hear the same discussion taking place in the room; and it was reassuring that our MP joined us to see the level of interest in taking action on the climate and nature crisis"

Ellen Pirie, Co-Chair of WEAct noted

"What stood out was how quickly the discussion moved from concern into practical questions about what people here may be able to do together next. There was strong interest in ensuring the discussion does not end with one evening, but leads to continued local engagement."

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Woking Environment Action (WEAct) is a local charity working to encourage practical action on climate change and environmental issues in Woking. Key projects include Woking Repair Cafe, Woking Library of Things – for more information see

<https://wokingenvironmentaction.com/>

BACKGROUND : The People's Emergency Briefing

The National Emergency Briefing is a rapidly-growing UK public information initiative working to ensure that both Parliament and the public are clearly and honestly briefed on the climate and nature crisis - and on what an effective national response requires.

In November 2025, more than 1,200 MPs, peers and leaders from business, culture, faith, sport and the media gathered at Westminster Central Hall for a landmark national briefing delivered by leading UK experts. The briefing addressed the implications of climate and nature breakdown for food security, health, national security, infrastructure and the economy, alongside practical evidence on how risks can still be reduced.

A new national film screening programme

The Westminster briefing has now been adapted into a new public film, *The People's Emergency Briefing*, which launched nationally on 7 April 2026.

The aim is simple: to make vital information accessible in every constituency, in a format that is clear, human and watchable.

National support

The wider National Emergency Briefing programme has backing from organisations across conservation, education, faith and civil society, including WWF, the National Trust, CPRE and the Royal Meteorological Society. Screenings are expected in hundreds of locations, including community venues, cathedrals and healthcare settings.

More information

Further information about the National Emergency Briefing

<https://www.nebriefing.org/>

Nationwide screenings map

<https://www.nebriefing.org/screening-map>

WOKING LOCAL PLAN

<https://wokingsays.woking.gov.uk/en-GB/pages/local-plan>

Surrey Climate Commission

<https://www.surreyclimate.org.uk/climate-action/>

Our Future Surrey Campaign

<https://ourfuturesurrey.org/>