

<http://www.chichesterpost.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2019/01/CHI-Jan-25-Week-143-Car-Free-Campaigners.jpg> alt="Eco group supporting a car free day" /> Monday 21st January, 2019.

## Email to Eco Meet-up for **11th February, 2019** at Crispins

### Our Next Meeting:

Monday 11th February, 2019 at **09.30 a.m.**  
at **Crispins, East Street**, Chichester PO19 1HX

**NB: Our NEW Venue**

### Crispins

- 46 East Street
- Chichester PO19 1HX
- [Get Directions](#)
- Phone number 01243 533544
- [Send to your Phone](#)

### Firstly some Notes from Sarah Sharp:

Sarah Sharp has confirmation that Labour Leader in County Council has put her motion on climate change on the agenda for 15th Feb.

Sarah has asked him to spread the word among his supporters that there will be a demo that morning.

You can read the motion here (item 6b): <https://westsussex.moderngov.co.uk/.../Agenda%20frontsheet%20...>

Urgent request to you to write to your Conservative County Councillors as some of them think that humans don't have anything to do with climate change.

If you don't know who your County Councillor is please find their contact details here: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/find-my-nearest/councillor/>

If you have the time, please write to them, phone them up for a chat, or ask for a meeting if you can before 15th Feb.

If anyone lives in Chichester South, our County Councillor needs a bit of persuading. If you are interested Sarah can send you his reply to her request to consider climate change as a motion.

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Preparation Poll from **15th February** for WSCC Meeting in Public on Tuesday **18th June**



Sarah Sharp created a poll.

A date for your diary in Chichester. On 18th June there will be the next meeting of the County Local Committee for Chichester South.

For us this could be the next opportunity (after 15th Feb) to put Climate Change on the Agenda with the County Council.

Last night [5th February] we put Car Free Day on the agenda at the *Talk with Us Section* of the meeting - it is a goal to work towards - perhaps you would like to do "something" on this evening and a member of the public (who lives in the area which is large but doesn't obviously include Bognor) could ask a question.

There would then be the opportunity for each of the County Councillors to reveal their views on the subject.

The meeting is at 7 pm and is at County Hall, West Street.

For those new to councils and local politics and their ways, the County Council meets in local areas with members of the public - it is a meeting in public rather than a public meeting and it is usually quite difficult to hear clearly so best to sit at the front .I think they meet 4 times a year - or possibly only 3 come to think about it. Not 100% sure. The County deals with roads, schools, public health and social care and growth - last night there was a presentation about their Growth Plans for Southgate and Northgate. They have an opportunity for the public to ask questions - the usual audience -sorry to say this - is predominantly older men - very few women I noticed last night.

It would be a good occasion for the group to bear in mind when planning actions going forward. A question could be asked about climate change. There is usually little opportunity to reply so an associated question on a related subject would be my recommendation. Otherwise the public don't get a chance at any come back if you get my meaning. Chair is Simon Oakley and he runs a tight ship - quite good at stopping people from talking! Told me and another person to stop talking last night.

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Progress being made towards our Bespoke Website <http://eco.chiaction.co.uk/>, with volunteers Kate and Rachel (thank you).

**Best attempt only notes from our last Meeting on 4th February:**

We did an around the table intro'

**Lucinda GH:** Return the Plastic on Saturday 2nd Feb a great success. More coming. Sainsbury (following 5th Jan Event) now have containers for returning Plastic.

**Stephanie C:** Chichester and Bognor Green Party request for help inc' photos for Newsletter by the end of February, please?

Door knocking volunteers please!

Eco Walk to Fishbourne on 31st Jan saw lots to help justify as a Strategic Wildlife Corridor (ref our talk by Sarah Hughes - Community Wildlife Officer, on 7th Jan).

Requests help with Phone App iRecord.

**Paula C:** Offered help with Phone App iRecord - to record + submit wildlife records.

Acting Chair of Tree Wardens, Parklands Tree Warden. "Henry Whitby".

Transitions "Country Fair" (inc' Gillian Keegan).

Tree Planting at Easter for 60th Anniversary - "Chartres" and "Ravena"

Our Eco Walk on 31st Jan - up Centurion Way, Old Broyle, Whitehouse Farm - saw ancient roadway alongside entrenchment with a mass of Butchers broom.

Whitehouse Farm Developers' Public Exhibition (31st Jan) provided much info', incl' on the "Country Parks" and Disruptive Reptile Searches.

**Philip M (Me):** Car Free Chichester Question from Mark Record to WSCC on 5th Feb.

Eco walk extended with Paula - saw a group of 14 deer, springs on the Development Hillside and a flourishing Chalk Stream, lots of little birds (Buntings?), Etc.

Mark Record set up + ongoing support with our Eco ChiAction Website.

**Gillian :** Met up with Carol Birch.

Rose Green Shops now offering customers to bring containers (save plastic)

Rising Sea Level Walk, Pagham - 21st Feb (date to be confirmed).

**Lindsay R:** Lavant - loves Centurion Way.

**Claire W:** Collected 40 signatures on Return The Plastic Event.

Conservation Volunteers - next work party at Lavington Common

**Helen C:** Advocating collecting and returning plastic.

**Debbie C:** Went to Westminster on 30th Jan [with Sarah Sharp] to ask our MP Gillian Keegan (30 seconds) about Wind Farms - Conservative Environment Network: Why Ministerial block on new Wind farms?

**Debbie + Kate + Helen + Sarah** talked of bombarding Councillors with letters and emails, pointing out that 20 Councils have Declared a Climate Emergency. Sharing the letters they write so as to not reinvent the wheel - Period now, leading up to Elections. 1010.org.uk

**Lucy N:** Day 4 of on-line Summit through Ecovillage.co.uk. Transitions, Chichester.

**Alistair M:** Repair/Refurb (with Jenny C)

**Sarah S:** Promoted the need for a Divest Flyer [Councils Gov etc from Fossil Fuel Investment]. Extinction Rebellion has a niche for everyone to get involved.

Towards Car Free Day (22nd Sept) asking Shops whether they take deliveries on Sundays ... More Data needed (none so far). **Me** to List Shops done so far (Must Do!). Carlucious will benefit from lower pollution.

CDC "No-No" loss of inner City Car Park Revenue.

90% of Visitors do not come by car. Tie in to Get Active or similar Event.

Victoria doing Eco Bricks (not yet available).

**Rachel :** Oxfam opening

**Rosie :** Composting in Chichester ..... Seeds for growing food - gardening is social (based on Glasgow based group) [more info/links, please?]

**Gillian:** "Share Waste" - an Australian based, Global organisation she is promoting in Bognor (e.g. Communal collecting used tea bags).

**Jenny Q:** Lavant Primary School working with Teracycle, but storage of milk bottle tops,

old writing pens, flower pots etc is a problem: 15 kg needed to receive payment.

Bleach Cleaning - Conservancy

(St Pauls Church, 12th Chi Scouts et al collect milk bottle tops.)

CDC Cllr Jane Kilby is promoting recycling

**Tony** : Transitions Film Nights .... Time to focus on Councillors before May.

Possible interest: 1010 Climate Action <https://1010uk.org/>

Tony's Notes from 28th January:

Lucy agreed to write a template that could be given to schools to encourage them to collect plastic for recycling via Terracycle.

Liz agreed to write a template to give to shops to encourage them to reduce plastic packaging.

Liz highlighted the event outside M&S this Saturday, February 2.

Liz also showed a Pointless Plastic card from Greenpeace for putting on over packaged products at the supermarket.

Debbie highlighted the wildlife walk this Thursday January 31 starting from the southern end of Centurion Way, by the footbridge. The intention is to use the iRecord app.

Debbie has just come back from Centre of Alternative Technology in Wales, bringing with her a lot interesting information, especially a book Zero Carbon, written by Paul Allen. She wants to give the book to Sarah in order to inform the way forward for Chichester.

Debbie also wanted to start a petition about the Climate Change Crisis and will bring more details to the next meeting.

Sarah highlighted the World S.O.S. Climate Emergency Day meeting in Horsham on Saturday. Emphasising that she is the only councillor, of any council in West Sussex, who will speak!

Sarah also mentioned for people to look out for responses to her article in the Chichester Observer about Climate Change, that may need to be rebutted!

Sarah also mentioned about the car-free day meeting that evening.

Kate and Rachel offered to be website authors, together with the current note taker, Philip (absent). Tom agreed to put them in touch with Philip and Mark Record who has set up the website.

Tom emphasised the need to respond to the Local Plan to demand that within the time scale of the plan (2016-35) there is a target for zero carbon homes. Manchester has specified a target for new developments to be zero carbon by 2028.

Lucy mentioned the Extinction Rebellion Choir Emergency Song. She wondered if it could be sung at the demonstration on February 15?

I think there was more said at the meeting, but as I was chairing I struggled to take notes. In future with you, Kate and Rachel, hopefully this will be covered.

Cheers,

Tom

[ email [themabers@gmail.com](mailto:themabers@gmail.com) with anything not covered, new sign ups and Events ]

Ms Gillian Keegan MP House Of Commons London SW14 1AA

Dear Ms Keegan,

I write to you as a concerned constituent and a member of Return the Plastic. I recognise that you are active in promoting environmental issues and have an interest in Marine conservation as well as having taken part in Plastic free Lent.

I would like to ask if you will support the early day motion, prepared by Tom Brake MP, asking the government to immediately stop the practice of exporting Britain's plastic waste to poorer countries. So often the countries to which the plastic is sent are unable to process more than a fraction of the whole and the majority of it is being dumped.

I believe it would be environmentally responsible and morally appropriate for a rich country such as Britain to find solutions to our over reliance on plastics; a better system of recycling and incentivising businesses to change their habits to use more recycled plastic in new products.

Other countries in Europe are out-pacing our efforts in these key environmental measures, I feel strongly that pushing our waste onto other countries is merely hiding our over consumption of plastics and lack of investment in finding environmentally beneficial solutions. I do hope you will stand up for our environment and back the early day motion along with your parliamentary colleagues. I look forward to receiving your thoughts on this matter,

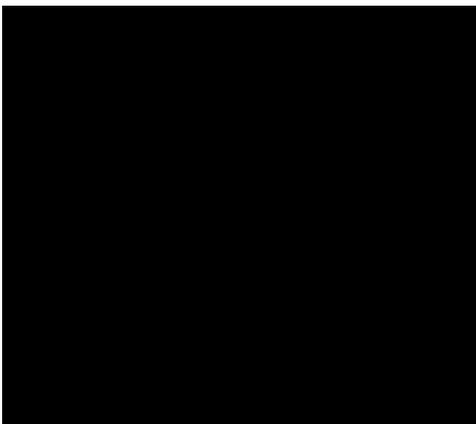
Yours sincerely

Lucinda Gibson-House

**Forthcoming Events Calender new additions **highlighted** [themabers@gmail.com](mailto:themabers@gmail.com).**

The March to Chichester Council Offices is on the 15th Feb (see Calendar entry below)

The whale maybe too big for us, but inspirational.



<https://www.facebook.com/1678307925603915/posts/1687469091354465/>

**Friday 1st to Sunday 10th February On-Line Power of Community Summit, Climate Change and Consciousness.** Watch the Video, join 10s of thousands around the World  
<https://summit.ecovillage.org/>

Info from Tom Broughton

From **2nd February** to 23rd February **Counting Stars (Mapping Light Pollution).**  
<https://www.cpre.org.uk/what-we-do/countryside/dark-skies/star-count-2019>

Wednesday **13th February** at 7:00 p.m.  [Tom Veryzer](#) shared a [link](#).

Hi all,

Two things that would be much appreciated if you could help!

1) Do you know of anyone who might be able to bring their expertise / experience to an online live-streamed video discussion on YouTube on topic connected to climate change? I am part of a small group of friends in Brighton who host monthly debates on environmental topics to inform and \*inspire action\*. We have done one of these streams so far (see here: <https://youtu.be/bVadGiuS9p4> ) and go live at 7pm GMT on the second Wednesday of every month.

2) Is there a website you know of that puts together and summarises all the resources out there on climate change/activism/imagining a better future? If not – we're thinking of creating it!

Please send me a direct message. Thanks, Tom

Wednesday **13th February** 2019 at 8:00PM **Grand Victoria Hotel function room**

Worthing Skeptics

A horse can detect changes in your breathing and heart rate from 9 metres away. Your dog knows when you're depressed. The CEO of Honda awarded a multi-million dollar advertising contract because "I just liked the guy!"

How we communicate has evolved over millennia, but everything goes to pot when faced with a reluctant audience armed only with PowerPoint.

*Toby Wilsher is a theatre director, playwright, author, musician, a director of BOP training consultancy and a senior consultant with Mission Performance.*

*Toby co-founded TRESTLE THEATRE COMPANY in 1981, and was it's Artistic Director until*

2004. Since then he has worked as a freelance director and playwright.

£5 on the door.

### **13th February 3 dates left XR Brighton: Weekly Meeting**

The Islingword

Join us upstairs at the Islingword Inn. A weekly meeting to discuss actions and awareness of the impending climate disaster. Bring friends and food to share. A... [More](#)

**FEB13 Wed 19:30 and FEB20 Wed 19:30**

### **Friday 15th February**

"Worthing Climate Action - Divest Now" are organising a **March** from Chichester Centre **Market Cross** to **County Hall - Full WSCC Meeting**.

*A Demonstration asking West Sussex County Council to declare a climate emergency, as Brighton and Hove and other councils have done, and to divest the pension fund from fossil fuels. Meet at 9.45am march to WSCC County Hall. All welcome!*

Animal Sculptures creation from waste plastic to take on the March, along with suitable banners of course!

Friday **15th February** Extinction Rebellion Southampton: School strike

Saturday **16th February**: Brighton Green Party Action Day

[https://actionnetwork.org/events/regency-action-day-2?](https://actionnetwork.org/events/regency-action-day-2?fbclid=IwAR3ltvHHWpbncGlo5ibd4MjAbjoAxV-bA3phiG9RoakCS5Rj_7a_I12g7Ec)

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Tuesday, **19th February**, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

[Tackling Adult Social Care](#) Rights and Wrongs in England 2019 Belinda Schwehr

[Chichester Inn](#), 38 West Street, Chichester. PO19 1RP

<http://chichester.skepticsinthepub.org/default.aspx>

Thursday **21st February (Date to be confirmed) [Rising Sea Level Walk, Pagham.](#)**

[Info Gillian](#)

Thursday **21st February At 8:00 p.m. [Back Room at Muchos](#) Live Music**

[Muchos Nachos](#) · Chichester Info Sarah Sharp

Thursday **21st February** Green Drinks Evening. Details and Venue under discussion - watch for update.

Monday **25th February** at 7:30 p.m. **Car Free Chichester Campaign**

The Park Tavern, 11 Priory Road, Chichester. PO19 1NS

For those people who like paper petitions (you can print off a petition and take it round to your friends/neighbors) please see this link for the Car Free Day in Chichester.

If you can sign up online that would be good too.

<http://carfreechi.org.uk/documents-and-resources>

We need people to make this happen.

Cities need people (not cars) to bring them alive.

It is people who buy things.

Yes, we all need to travel to the shops etc, but we can walk or cycle or take the bus or train - not everyone has to drive into the heart of Chichester. (Although bus tickets are shockingly expensive).

It is not true that 90% of people who come into Chichester come by car despite this being said in the council meeting. (We have different, lower figures from WSCC based on 2011 census of how people travel to work.)



**Between 25th February and 15th March. Road Space Audit Update:**

This will be an online Consultation.

It will affect everyone living here or visiting Chichester as the parking zones will be rolled out to cover everywhere including Stockbridge and Westhampnett.

There will be an exhibition at the **Baptist Church on 27th Feb 2-8 pm** and on **1st and 2nd March 10-4 pm** in **City Council** (downstairs in Old Court Room)

Please do look out for the consultation and have a look at the plans and see how it will affect you.  
Info Sarah Sharp

Thursday **28<sup>th</sup> February Talks at Six:** – Is it too late? by Maddy Harland.

<https://talksatsix.co.uk/climate-change-is-it-too-late/>



Maddy will explain the effects of climate change and the consequences of our present warming, how much longer can we go on ignoring our planets needs.

Chosen Charity The Earthworks Trust, The sustainability Centre aims to educate, enable and inspire people to make changes to the way they live and work.

At **Boston Tea Party, Baffins Lane, Chichester.** At 6.00 p.m. **FREE ~ Donations welcome** Organised by Marilyn Humphrey. [www.talksatsix.co.uk](http://www.talksatsix.co.uk) for the full, varied weekly Programme. [Susie Kershaw has suggested we may like to occasionally book the short Side Slot to raise awareness?].

Thursday **28th February Print Making** Organiser: Rosie Montford (watch this space)

Saturday **2nd March Chichester and Bognor Green Party Action Day** - details to follow.

Saturday **2nd March**

**Return The Plastic, Bognor & Chichester Provisionally: Poundland, Bognor (Watch this Space ! Please help this happen!).**

Please do keep the constructive pressure on our Supermarkets to change away from single-use plastic.

If you have spare plastic looking for a good use, then please consider creating a plastic animalistic sculpture or embroidered banner for the West Sussex March on 15th February. More options for recycling sorted plastic products are evolving, for example, crisps packets. Many Eco Meet-up Chichester supporters are actively supporting these initiatives.

Saturday **2nd March** The 1st Saturday in every month there is a Brunch Cafe in St Nicholas Church, Lavant. On the corner of the main road, so easy to find. 9.30-11.30 Jenny Quest supports the Lavant Primary School Fairtrade and Eco table where people

can buy Fairtrade and Eco goods. Catalogues are available for people to order goods that can be purchased the following month.

By supporting this venture one can help/encourage the children in their fight to contribute to helping the world and its community.

Sunday **3rd March**: Extinction Rebellion Southampton: Next training at friends meeting house 1a ordinance road SO15 2AZ.

Also, we have our school strike on Friday 15th of Feb and if anyone wants to help volunteer for stewarding/workshops/entertaining, keep an eye on the XR Southampton volunteers group on how to get involved.

Pop it in your diaries and hope to see you soon :-)

Friday **8th March** Tree Sisters - Songs at Wormswood, Nr Victoria, Felpham - Money for Trees Abroad: Terracycle NB This entry needs confirmation (Jayne Bond).

Tuesday, **19th March**, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. **Communicating Climate Change... to a skeptical audience** Dr Mark Hardiman (Portsmouth University)

[Chichester Inn](#), 38 West Street, Chichester. PO19 1RP

. <http://chichester.skepticsinthepub.org/default.aspx>

Wednesday **27th March: Politics of Climate Change** with Caroline Lucas, Guardian Live, SW London (watch this space)

Wednesday **27th March**: <http://southseeds.org/> based in Glasgow with links to Drapers Yard, Chichester (watch this space)

Wednesday **27th March** [Extinction Rebellion Southampton](#) have a 'heading for Extinction and what to do about it' talk at Southampton university facilitated by our student group

Saturday **13th April: Repair Cafe**, Mending and Repair Jenny Cole (Quakers)

Pretty sure this is a Typo ..... 2019 (not last year):



**Useful Links:** (A growing list ! - please volunteer as a contact for Groups you're involved with)

**Trussell Trust** - 5 weeks is too long for Universal Credit Campaign:

[https://action.trusselltrust.org/5weekstoolong?refsid=110&fbclid=IwAR2wEVKsHM3mZ5bqk2ZhpYve9-S1gddPRjiQsKGc3ailcSzdE\\_5j0arkRNU](https://action.trusselltrust.org/5weekstoolong?refsid=110&fbclid=IwAR2wEVKsHM3mZ5bqk2ZhpYve9-S1gddPRjiQsKGc3ailcSzdE_5j0arkRNU)

<http://www.transportfornewhomes.org.uk/about/sign-up-to-our-newsletters/>

### **The Chichester Four Streets Project - including Community Coat Rack**

Hello Chichester! The Community Coat Rack is back until the 31st January. With the cold weather we started today with a full rack of warm winter clothes. If the rain arrives - we will add macs/ raincoats. We are still short of children's coats! They go so quickly! Pls do share our message and help the last month of the Chichester Community Coat Rack to be the biggest success possible!

Thank you

Donna O - on behalf of The Four Streets Project

### **Survey for electric bike users or people considering an electric bike** (Shared by ChiCycle)

[https://uwe.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/survey-of-e-bike-users-copy?fbclid=IwAR29Mgp716Mf-XJ-nTva\\_qyn3-7zeknwGuKDgDKu7lipmek21NYxTia1f7E](https://uwe.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/survey-of-e-bike-users-copy?fbclid=IwAR29Mgp716Mf-XJ-nTva_qyn3-7zeknwGuKDgDKu7lipmek21NYxTia1f7E)

### **Friends of Centurion Way** [www.centurionway.org.uk](http://www.centurionway.org.uk)

Please go to website and easily join our mailing list. Centurion Way is under imminent **Threat!**  
One of the Campaign Groups instigated by Sarah Sharp.

### **SOAP Save our Awesome Planet**

Wanted: More Terracycle locations and information ..... Tangmere takes crisp packets, and Chichester for the bottle tops ..... every town needs somewhere to take the stuff that we can't put in our re-cycling bins.....mission for 2019! (We don't eat that many crisps 😊😊..... been saving them since I knew Walker were going re-cycle the packs!! )

**Brighton Extinction Rebellion** from 14th January.

<https://www.theargus.co.uk/news/17355431.its-time-to-take-action-and-secure-our-planets-future/?fbclid=IwAR3qREyLfjuPvkzCCqhl0lv3X-qWwiDKyNBJ96EO4rZn9iOhWP-cm4nxY-Q#>

### **Re-Nationalise our Railways - Petition Ends 18th Jan + other links**

Our railways are broken. Fares are rising, trains are overcrowded, delays and cancellations are the norm. Privatisation has failed. We have an unprecedented chance to rethink the railways since privatisation - the biggest opportunity since 1994. The government has ordered a review of the rail network - and you can have your say.

We want to show the strength of public feeling for public ownership in the run up to the review.

Nearly 120,000 people have signed a petition calling for the government to bring our railways into public hands.

See the petition here: <https://www.thepetitionsite.com/en-gb/302/005/061/>

We're handing in this huge display of support for public ownership to the Department of Transport on Friday 18 January. [my Petition comment: Climate Emergency mitigation requires an integrated and more sustainable transport system.]

Join us, and join the call for a publicly owned railway!

Can't make it? Tell the government why public ownership of our railways matters to you:

<https://weownit.org.uk/blog/biggest-chance-rethink-our-railways-privatisation>

**33% of people in the world don't have access to a proper toilet.** You can twin your home loo for £60 <https://www.toilettwinning.org/>

An organisation can twin for £240. You can chose the country you twin with if you have any particular interest in a country.

Conservation Volunteers - info via Claire Wilson

CDC Motion on single use Plastic - Adrian Moss

Talks at Six, at Basil Shipam Centre and/or Side Slot is available.

Susie Kershaw

Extract from **Email from Sarah Hughes - following her presentation to our first Eco Meet-up on 7th January, 2019.**

Chichester District Council are consulting on the new and not-yet adopted 'Wildlife Corridor' policy and we would like to ask for your support.

Can you help with providing biodiversity records that will help us further improve the evidence base for the wildlife corridors (even if you have recently submitted them to the SxBRC or other biological groups)?

Can you record further biodiversity on these vital wildlife corridors? We will need the data before summer 2019 in order for the evidence to be in time for the plan's submission to the

independent examiner.

- Deadline for wildlife evidence/data - Summer 2019

4th Feb Eco Meet-up Doc:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tffb5UtFi4G2SgvROVGI2\\_isxKpcq3U9IYhAMAO9Lrg/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tffb5UtFi4G2SgvROVGI2_isxKpcq3U9IYhAMAO9Lrg/edit?usp=sharing)

28th Jan Eco Meet-up Doc:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eHJuNpMkp1Fw0icX2cxoTss8YEa5vWmNOWRXM2W2Tpl/edit?usp=sharing>

21st Jan Eco Meet-up Doc:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OcrTPbsodC\\_3HyGTvg1H8ACRI14jWFbdeRkARijYgd4/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OcrTPbsodC_3HyGTvg1H8ACRI14jWFbdeRkARijYgd4/edit?usp=sharing)

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