



# Horsforth Climate Action Newsletter

**August 2025**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Clothes Swap**

**Saturday 6th September 2:00-4:00pm**

**St Margaret's Church**

Please join us at our next HCA Clothes Swap. You can bring up to 5 items of clothing (no underwear or swimwear) to swap for items that are new to you.

We will also have a uniform exchange, Halloween costume exchange and family friendly crafts – making bunting for the [HCA Green Festival](#).

If you've never been to a [clothes swap](#) before, why not come down and make a swap? Not only will you be getting some "new to you" items for your wardrobe, you will also be helping to "slow down" fast fashion and reduce your personal carbon footprint.



## HCA Green Festival

**Sunday 21st September 11:30am - 3:30pm**  
**Horsforth Hall Park**

Just one month to go until Horsforth's first Green Festival. We are delighted to be supported by [Hooleos](#) and [Plate2Plate](#) compost and to be working closely with [Friends of Horsforth Hall Park](#). There will be music and poetry, a walking parade, with Roadblock's cycle powered sound system, food stalls, craft activities, craft stalls, information stalls, apple juicing, bike fix, the Repair Cafe, our produce show and much more.



**Green Festival**

## HCA Produce Show (part of the Green Festival)

**Sunday 21st September 11:30am - 3:30pm**

## Horsforth Hall Park

This is a light hearted event, for more information, a few do's (and one or two don'ts) head to our website - follow the link below.



The poster features a circular logo on the top left with the text 'HORSFORTH CLIMATE ACTION' and an illustration of a building. The main title 'Green Festival' is in a green rounded rectangle, followed by 'Produce show' in a pink one, and 'Entries from all welcomed' in a white one on a pink background. Two orange boxes list categories: 'Any Age' and 'Children only category'. The 'Any Age' box lists: 'Mixed veg basket.', 'Mixed fruit basket.', 'Heaviest Courgette or Marrow', 'Weirdest looking fruit or vegetable.', and 'Best Bunch of flowers (single or mixed species.)'. The 'Children only category' box lists: '7 years and under or 8-14.', 'potato heads - decorate a potato, (other fruit veg are accepted) to look like a superhero / animal/ imaginary creature / alien....'. At the bottom, it says 'Sunday September 21st 11.30am -3.30pm Horsforth Hall Park' next to illustrations of a pear and a potato.

**HORSFORTH CLIMATE ACTION**

# Green Festival

## Produce show

Entries from all welcomed

**Any Age**

- Mixed veg basket.
- Mixed fruit basket.
- Heaviest Courgette or Marrow
- Weirdest looking fruit or vegetable.
- Best Bunch of flowers (single or mixed species.)

**Children only category**  
**7 years and under or 8-14.**

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**Horsforth Hall Park**

**Produce Show**

## Apple picking volunteers

Volunteers are needed to pick surplus apples from gardens in Horsforth for a juicing event at the Green Festival, if you able to help please contact:

[volunteer@horsforthclimateaction.org](mailto:volunteer@horsforthclimateaction.org)



## PREVIOUS EVENTS

### Headdress parade workshop

A great time was had at [Stocked](#) where parents and children decorated willow fruit and veg head dresses, constructed at our workshop at [Hoc Loco](#) for our [Green Festival Parade](#). We've loved working with these local businesses. These headdresses will be paraded in a short walk around the park on Festival Day. Why not get involved? Why not make your own head dress, mask or dress up and parade with us? Just for fun. The theme is 'Produce' - fruit and veg, although trees and flowers would also be lovely to see.



## Horsforth Repair Cafe

It was another busy day at August's Repair Cafe. 32 items fixed, saving -963.3 kg of CO2e. The equivalent of flying 5,874 miles.

The next cafe takes place on **Saturday 6th September 1:00 - 4:00pm St Margaret's Parish Centre.**



## Breeze Festival

Fantastic to be at [Leeds City Council's Breeze](#) event at Drury Lane Fields once again the very sustainable chalking on slates activity was a great success and the bunting flags activity proved very popular. And of course, we were promoting our Green Festival and had lots of lovely chats.



**VOLUNTEERING  
OPPORTUNITIES - We need  
you!**

Please contact [Volunteer@horsforthclimateaction.org](mailto:Volunteer@horsforthclimateaction.org) if you can help with any of the projects below:

## **Creative workshops for the Green Festival community**

We are planning to host workshops and other community events from August onwards. If you are interested, please contact HCA volunteer Josh at [joshdaadams@gmail.com](mailto:joshdaadams@gmail.com)

## **Green Festival Volunteers**

Would you be able to help out at our Green Festival on 21st September?

We need people to help with the set up and take down, placing signage and guidance, marking out stall pitches and lots more!

If you are able to help in any way, please email

[info@horsforthclimateaction.org](mailto:info@horsforthclimateaction.org)

## **Poster Volunteers**

Do you like getting out and about around Horsforth? Would you be interested in spending some time each month delivering poster for HCA events to local shops and businesses? If the answer is YES, please get in touch.

## **Horsforth Farmers Market**

Do you have some time to volunteer on an HCA information and craft stall at [Horsforth's monthly farmers market?](#) The market takes place on the first Saturday of each month and we are looking for volunteers to help staff a monthly HCA space at the event.

## **Steering group**

We would welcome interest in joining the Steering group. The Steering group meets every 6 weeks ish and is responsible for governance, funding and keeping us going.

**Get Involved**

## **OTHER LOCAL NEWS**

**Read more about what other local events are happening in the area. These aren't organised by Horsforth Climate Action, but we wanted to tell you about them...**

# The Grove Cinema

Don't forget to check out your local monthly cinema, lots of fab films coming up - next up is a family showing of Despicable me on Saturday 30th August at 2.30pm, followed by Forrest Gump on Friday 5th September - 7pm start. Find the details in the link below.

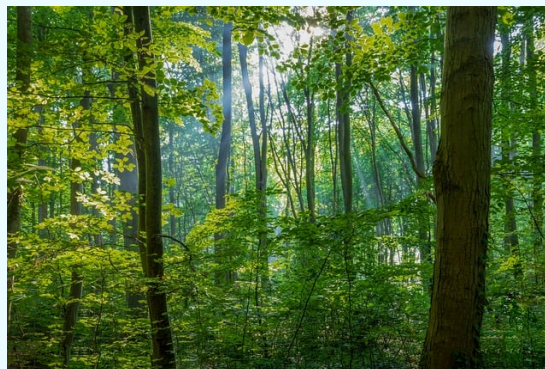


**Grove Cinema**

## Friends of Hawksworth Wood Volunteers Saturday 13th September 10am to 12noon

Help needed to carry out practical conservation work in the woods. If you are interested in getting involved please email:

[heather.wagstaff@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:heather.wagstaff@leeds.gov.uk)



## Life in the Leeds Becks Project

Train to be a riverfly monitor with Aire Rivers Trust, part of a citizen science project to set up a network of river bug samplers across North Leeds to begin recording effects of pollution. Once a month record species in a local beck, eg Oil Mill Beck/Moseley Beck.

These links explain a bit more about riverfly sampling:

[National Riverfly Partnership](#)

[Riverfly - Aire Rivers Trust](#)

For more information and to get involved Email:

[sam.riley-gunn@aireriverstrust.org.uk](mailto:sam.riley-gunn@aireriverstrust.org.uk)

# Regional and National Climate Activities

## Have you heard of Slow Ways?

[Slow Ways](#) is a national network of walking routes connecting all of Great Britain's towns and cities as well as thousands of villages using a wide variety of existing paths, ways, trails and roads. Set up by Dan Raven-Ellison during the Covid era, it's aim is to help get more people walking, going further or more often, for more reasons and purposes. The routes are mapped on to the Ordnance Survey platform and are available for free on the Slow Ways Website.

Each route is named by combining the first and last 3 letters of the destinations. For eg. 'YEAHOR one' is the name of the route connecting Yeadon to Horsforth. 'HORLEE one' is that connecting Horsforth to Leeds. Horsforth currently has 7 possible connections but not all have been reviewed, verified or surveyed.

The Slow Ways team aim to expand the website to connect more places such as villages, heritage destinations, neighbourhoods etc to create shorter routes or circular journeys, to make it as easy as possible for users to match a route with their interests or needs.

**Slow Ways** 

National Walking Network

## Wilding Gardens

Established by a group of world-leading experts in gardening, rewilding, design, horticulture, biodiversity and climate change, the first [Wilding Gardens conference](#) will take place at the University of Manchester on 15th and 16th January 2026. Over two days thrilling

talks will stimulate discussion, present the science, inspire creativity and drive a nationwide movement.

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Are you hosting any local events that are promoting community-wide action to tackle climate change and make a transition to a zero-carbon, nature-friendly and socially-just community for Horsforth & Leeds? If you would like us to publicise them in the **September Newsletter**, please send the details to [info@horsforthclimateaction.org](mailto:info@horsforthclimateaction.org) by **9th September 2025**.

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**Don't forget to follow us...**



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