



Horsforth Climate Action Newsletter

August 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

Energy Day

Saturday 7th September 2-4pm
St Margaret's Church

Come along on 7th September to see how you can save on your energy bills and save carbon in the process. Amongst others, The Green Doctors will be there advising on energy saving, and with some freebies to give away. You can book a free home assessment with absolutely no strings attached. The Retrofit team can tell you about major home improvements too.

Horsforth Climate Action will also have a thermal imaging camera for a few weeks - so come along and find out how you can actually see your home in hot and cold colour!

There will be crafts for Kids and the chance to make your own draft excluder.

From lightbulbs to solar panels, good energy deals, grants and home hints and tips, it makes good sense to drop by. See you there!

HORSFORTH CLIMATE ACTION

Energy Day

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St Margaret's Church
2-4pm

- Energy and money saving advice and freebies from the Green Doctors
- Free home assessment (no obligation)
- Meet the Retrofit team
- Thermal imaging camera
- Make your own draught excluder
- Crafts for Kids
- and more

Keep warm this winter!

See you there!

Climate Action Leeds **COMMUNITY FUND**

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Apple Day

October 2024

We are planning to repeat our popular apple day event from last year and we need your spare fruit!

If you live in Horsforth, have fruit trees, and know that all the fruit won't be used, please contact us on info@horsforthclimateaction.org.

HCA volunteers can either collect fruit already picked, or pick fruit (providing it's accessible). Apples and pears can be juiced at HCA Apple Day, other fruit can be used by Horsforth Community Pantry and Horsforth Community Cafe.

Any surplus veg from gardens or allotments can also be used by the Pantry and Cafe.

We are also looking for volunteers to help pick and collect the fruit. If you are able to help with this please email us on

volunteer@horsforthclimateaction.org.



[Read More](#)

Repair Cafe

Saturday 7th September, 1:00-4:00pm
St Margaret's Parish Centre

Do you have an item that needs a fix rather than throwing away?
Leeds Repair Cafe is in Horsforth on Saturday 7th September 1-4pm
St Margaret's Parish Centre.



PREVIOUS EVENTS

Moth Viewing event

In the rearranged Moth Viewing Event which took place on Saturday 20th July, Cluny MacPherson from [The Meanwood Road \(BioBlitz\) Project](#) demonstrated the wide range of moths captured in a moth trap, set up the previous evening. We saw a wide variety of moths, including some Cluny hadn't come across before.

All the moths were released unharmed at the end of the session.



[Read more about the event](#)

Insect Walk

12 local people enjoyed an interesting and informative Insect Walk on 21st July, organised by the [Nature group](#) of Horsforth Climate Action as part of the [Horsforth Bioblitz](#) and led by professional ecologist Cathy Burton.

We saw lots of different species including drone flies, carder bees, nursery web spiders, soldier beetles, springtails, brown-lipped snail, cucumber spider, common blue damselfly and butterflies such as meadow brown and large skipper.



[Read more about the event](#)

Barca - Family Fun Day

On the 7th August we attended the Barca family fun day at Hunters Greave Scout Camp. It was a great day with families having a chance to contribute to the Horsforth community rag rug project, play natural noughts and crosses and chalk colourful pictures.

It was also a chance to have lots of conversations about the work and activities of Horsforth Climate Action.



Breeze in the Park

We joined in the Leeds Breeze event that took place on Drury Fields on Saturday 11th August. It was a great opportunity to promote our community composting scheme starting on Drury fields, with the bin build taking place on 18th August.

It was also another chance to talk to people about Horsforth Climate Action, and use the colouring slates again!



Community Compost build

The build for the compost bins as part of the community composting scheme on Drury Fields took place on Sunday 18th August.

Thank you to all the volunteers and composters that came along to help.

There are still places available for anyone who is interested in getting involved, please email: volunteer@horsforthclimateaction.org



HCA Volunteering opportunities

We need you!

Please contact volunteer@horsforthclimateaction if you can help with any of the projects below

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.

Regular Groups

We always welcome new volunteers to our established groups looking at Nature, Food, help at the Repair cafe or at our HCA Saturday events

Energy Group

We are also looking to set up an energy group, so if you have an interest in all things energy, please get in touch.

Bioblitz Project

The Horsforth Bioblitz is still ongoing. We need more people to join us in this citizen science project. It's easy - download the [iNaturalist app](#) and start snapping and recording your findings. A good holiday project for all the family. It's a little bit of fun, but a big bit of science!

Regional & National Climate Activities

Read more about what other events are happening further afield. These aren't organised by Horsforth Climate Action, but we wanted to tell you about them...

Climate Action Leeds - Community small grants (now open)

Together for Peace and Leeds Community Foundation is providing small grants of up to £5,000 to support neighbourhood-based climate action projects in Leeds which reduce carbon and / or are nature friendly. You can find out more about the grants and how to apply on the [Climate Action Leeds website](#) (Closing date 12 noon on **Monday 2 September 2024**)

Register Now

Zero Waste Week

Zero Waste Week runs from 2nd - 6th September. The week aims to help householders, businesses, organisations, schools, universities and community groups reduce landfill waste so you can save money, preserve resources and protect the environment.



Electric Vehicle Webinar
Monday 2nd September
Online



The lack of reliable charging infrastructure in West Yorkshire is a real barrier to people being able to switch to an electric vehicle. [West Yorkshire Combined Authority's](#) (WYCA) new [Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy](#) is an ambitious plan to improve the charging network for a cleaner and greener West Yorkshire. It will help to increase the number of charge-points in our region much more quickly. It will also help to make sure that those charge-points are in the right places and are easier to use.

WYCA have been awarded Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) funding to install public charge-points in residential areas, which will be further supported by private investment. They want to use LEVI funding to install EV charge-points close to the homes of people who do not have their own off-street parking. This means that people will be able to charge their electric vehicle on the street or in a car park close to their home, rather than driving away from home to charge their EV.

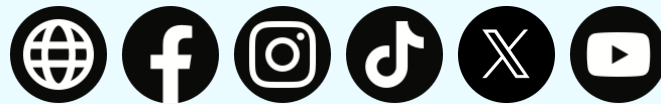
Join WYCA to find out more about their plans to improve EV charging and take your chance to ask the project team questions. This webinar is a general information session for everybody. To register, please click the link below:

[**Register**](#)

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 by **Monday 9th September**.

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