



# Horsforth Climate Action Newsletter

December 2024

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### HCA Saturdays

We are busy planning our 2025 HCA Saturdays. We are having a break in January, but will be back with an exciting new programme starting the first Saturday in February 2025. We will be running our "tech donation station" for [Solidaritech](#) at our February event, so if you get a new phone, tablet or laptop for Christmas, please consider donating your old device.

We look forward to many collaborations with other local groups who share our common purpose of supporting Horsforth to become greener and more sustainable, in both fun and serious ways.

We wish you all a safe and happy festive season and hope to see you in the New Year.



# Horsforth Repair Cafe

The next Repair Cafe will take place on **Saturday 4th January 1:00 - 4:00pm** at **St Margaret's Parish Centre**.

You can find out more about the work the cafe does in our event post.

[Find our more!](#)



## Community Conversations

We have started planning for the next Community Conversation, which we intend to hold on **20 February 2025 at St Margaret's Parish Centre**. The event will focus on air quality and community action, with experts based in Leeds who are driving change locally and globally. Keep the date free - further details and registration to follow in the January newsletter!



## PREVIOUS EVENTS

### Green Christmas

What a delight it was to be at the hastily relocated December Farmer's Market which took place indoors at St Margaret's Church. Thank you so much to everyone who worked so hard to make this happen and for finding a space for us. The atmosphere was lovely and there was a real buzz in the air. We engaged with lots of children making Christmas decorations out of discarded CDs, whilst having conversations about what we do with their parents.

In the afternoon we took our recycled decoration making to the Grove Church to be part of their community festivities, which went ahead despite the worsening weather and redesign of the Christmas light switch on. It was lovely working alongside folk from [Friends of Horsforth Hall Park](#) and [Horsforth Walk of Art](#). Thank you to the Grove for hosting us once again.

We hope you enjoyed our selection of Green Christmas kits which included tags made from recycled Christmas cards, make your own Christmas card kits, fabric wrapping kits and ribbons, wildflower seeds and daffodil growing kits, plus Leeds Urban Harvest sold out of their locally produced Apple juice, which will have contained juice from apples collected and pressed here in Horsforth.

Did you spot our everyday eco Angel amongst all the wonderful angels on display in the Church, made by so many of the various community groups in Horsforth?



## Upcycling Event

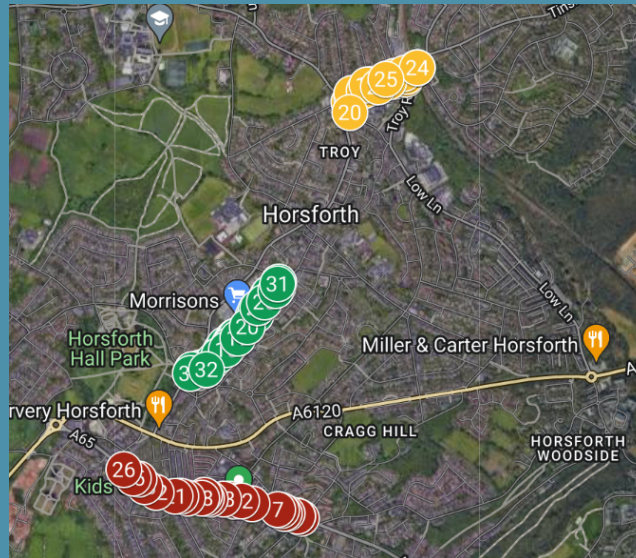
On November 21st a small group of people were treated to a lovely evening upcycling favourite clothes and learning sewing hints and tips. The evening was hosted by HCA in St Margaret's Parish Centre and facilitated by the wonderful [Alison Teece](#)



Over the summer of 2024 Horsforth Climate Action carried out three surveys of local streets – Town Street, New Road Side and Station Road – to look at potential obstacles that may prevent our local streets being used for walking, wheeling and cycling.

All the information from the surveys have now been collated and can be viewed as [interactive maps](#).

[Find out more in our blog post](#)



## Recycling Centre Tour

A group of people from Horsforth recently had an interesting tour of HW Martin, the place where the contents of your green bins go for the recycling to be sorted.

The visit was a real eye opener into all the work that goes into recycling our rubbish.

It was also a good reminder of exactly what should go into your [Green Bin!](#) You can find out more about the visit and how to book your own "recycling tour" in our [Blog Post](#).

[Blog post](#)



## State of Yorkshire Nature Event

Last month HCA hosted a joint event with Alwoodley 2030 to begin work on a North Leeds nature recovery plan. Rachel Bice, CEO of Yorkshire Wildlife Trust presented the first [State of Yorkshire Nature report](#) Nature groups and climate action groups from across the area will be working with YWT and Yorkshire Rewilding Network to make our spaces for nature bigger, better and more joined up.

If you are interested in being part of this exciting and inspiring project, email [hub@horsforthclimateaction.org](mailto:hub@horsforthclimateaction.org)

One great resource to help with this is [YWT's Team Wilder](#)

You can join this as an individual or a group, and find resources to help improve spaces for nature.



## Community Group Membership

Do you belong to other community groups in Horsforth? There are benefits in encouraging them to become affiliated with HCA. Take a look at the [community page](#) on our website and see if there is a good fit between the groups you support.

One of our community members, [Horsforth in Bloom](#) is keen to have new volunteers for their Wednesday afternoon working parties. In January they will be pruning the community orchards.

Please contact Peter Mallott on 07770 935940 for details if you are interested in getting involved.

You can see all of our community group members on our [Members page](#).



## **HCA Volunteering Opportunities - We Need You!**

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

### **Poster Volunteers**

Do you like getting out and about around Horsforth?  
Would you be interested in spending some time each month delivering posters 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 weekish 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, the Repair cafe or at our HCA Saturday events.

## Energy Group

We are currently carrying out some assessments using a thermal imaging camera and we're looking to people to help with this. We are also looking to set up an energy group, so if you have an interest in all things energy, please get in touch.

## 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...**

### Horsforth Local Lottery

The Horsforth Local Lottery has been set up by Horsforth Town Team to encourage everyone to shop locally and support all Horsforth businesses. The lottery is fully licensed by Leeds City Council and is managed by a sub-committee of the Horsforth Town Team.

Lottery tickets are now sold at various locations across Horsforth, prizes are given in a local currency, the Horsforth Pound (H£) and can be spent at a number of locations across Horsforth.

Draws will take place monthly (1st Tuesday of each month) and there will be 5 prizes at each draw.

**Find out more and get involved**

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## Regional and National Climate Activities

## What Moves Leeds?

**Take part in an exciting project that could transform your city.**

Infuze are carrying out research into how Leeds is changing and making sure it works for everyone as the way we move around affects our daily lives, our environment and our futures.

You can find out more about the project on the [Infuze Website](#)

There is a [survey to complete](#) so that you can provide your ideas and feedback.

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 **January Newsletter**, please send the details to [info@horsforthclimateaction.org](mailto:info@horsforthclimateaction.org) by **Monday 13th January**.

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



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