



Horsforth Climate Action Newsletter

December 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

TECH DONATION STATION

**HCA will be at the Repair Cafe, St Margaret's Parish Centre
Saturday 3rd January 1-4pm**

We hope to see you at our tech donation station.
All for a good cause, **clears clutter** and **saves landfill**.



Tech Donation Station

Do you have any unwanted devices?
Don't know what to do with them?

Horsforth Climate Action will be at the Repair
Cafe, collecting devices for re-purposing.
Saturday January 3rd, 1-4pm



In association with Solidaritech, we will take
mobile phones, tablets, and laptops. They will
be hard wiped, updated and redistributed
amongst refugees and asylum seekers in need.

SOLIDARITECH

Recent Events

It was great to be at the Farmers' Market for the Christmas
lights switch-on.



There was some excellent festive crafting going on.
We loved sharing our tips for a sustainable Christmas too!
You might find these useful.

Tips for a More Sustainable Christmas

Be creative, save money, have fun.

Choose a Tree That Works for You

Artificial Tree - use it again and again.

Real Tree? - Choose a responsibly sourced tree or potted one to keep year to year.

Afterwards, chip, compost or use Sue Ryder to collect your tree.

Wrap With What You Have

Gift bags from previous years, fabric, scarves, brown paper tied with string, or home made.

Gift Creatively

Experiences, homemade treats, second-hand finds or just spend time together.

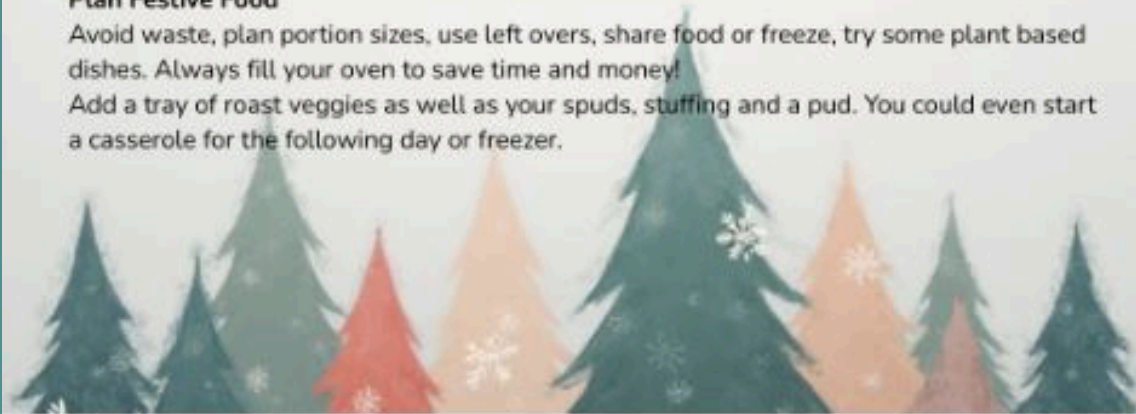
Mend, Fix, Refresh

Before replacing something that has broken, head to The Horsforth Repair Café. Next cafe January 3rd, 1-4pm at St Margaret's Parish Centre.

Plan Festive Food

Avoid waste, plan portion sizes, use left overs, share food or freeze, try some plant based dishes. Always fill your oven to save time and money!

Add a tray of roast veggies as well as your spuds, stuffing and a pud. You could even start a casserole for the following day or freezer.



Decorate your tree and home

Create traditions, make your own decorations, swap with your friends.

Spend Time in Nature

A little fresh air can help the festive season feel calmer. Keep an eye out for HCA's Nature Recovery Project.

Festive pre-loved fashions

Browse the second hand shops for New to you festive clothing, then head to HCA's Clothes Swap at the Old Kings Arms on Saturday February 7th. 10 am - 1pm.

Keeping cosy

Extra people generate extra heat, so whilst you're all together turn the heating down a few degrees - they'll never notice but it will save you money and save energy. You could also gift some cosy throws and blankets to curl up under,

Reduce Waste Where You Can

Use rechargeable batteries, keep packaging, keep your Christmas cards for next year. Bring your unwanted digital devices to the HCA Tech Collection at the Repair cafe on Saturday January 3rd - 1-4pm at St Margaret's Parish Centre.

The additional waste from Christmas is estimated to exceed 3 million tonnes in the UK.

NATURE RECOVERY PROJECT

Hard work continues on this project. However, we will really get going in the new year.

This is an exciting opportunity. We're keen to get volunteers to work with us from the beginning of the project.

We need help with:

- planning
- how to gather information
- running events and activities
- working to develop an updated nature corridor.

If you're interested in getting involved in this, please email: info@horsforthclimateaction.org

Are you interested in Nature Recovery?

Get involved!

Horsforth Climate Action are working with the University of Leeds, to develop a nature corridor East / West through Horsforth.



To find out more, please head to our website or contact us on info@horsforthclimateaction.org



Volunteering Opportunities we need you!

We have done some fantastic projects over the past few years, such as Walk to School Week, the Green Festival, composting projects, HCA Saturday events etc. We are determined to continue. However, there is a huge amount of background work behind all of these amazing achievements. Now we are without a hubworker, we would love some more help - as little or as much as you can manage.

So, please contact info@horsforthclimateaction.org if you can help with any of the projects below:

Could you help us with any of the following:

- **Website maintenance - events and blogs**
- **Recording of achievements / numbers / data**
- **Report writing / evaluation type stuff**
- **General admin support for projects and events.**
- **Support at events.**
- **Comms and marketing.**

JOIN US

[There's still time to join the Drury Field Community Composting project and receive a free caddy to collect your food waste](#)

[Steering group](#) - We would welcome interest in joining the Steering group. The Steering group meets approximately every 6 weeks and is responsible for governance, funding and keeping us going.

[Regular groups](#)

We always welcome new volunteers to our established groups looking at Nature, the Repair Cafe, Energy or the Clothes Swap.

[Poster Volunteers](#)

[Farmers Market](#)

**What's happening further ahead
(HCA and associated groups)**

Clothes Swap

We were delighted with the success of our clothes swap in November at the Old Kings Arms, so we're having another one in February. This time, we are planning it in line with Horsforth's famous Farmers' Market, so you can make it a real morning out.

We hope to make this a monthly event, so please come along.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact us.

info@horsforthclimateaction.org



Save the Date!

Horsforth Climate Action AGM

Get up to date on last year's successes.

See our plans for 2026

Everyone welcome.

Sunday March 1st - 2-4pm, The Ballroom above Horsforth Library.

THANK YOU

Now that Horsforth Climate Action no longer receives Lottery funding, we are losing our lovely part-time Hubworker, Jenny Morgan.

We'd like to say a massive thank you for all her hard work. We are delighted that she is staying on as the Community Researcher for the Nature Recovery Project.

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...

Carbon Literacy Training

Are you involved in community work or projects and based in Horsforth or nearby? Join us for our first delivery of Carbon Literacy Training. This training is specifically designed for local community leaders, whether you are from a community organisation, charity, not for profit, social enterprise, or uniformed group. If you are involved in any kind of voluntary or paid work, in the local community you are welcome - be it a 'friends of' group, uniformed group, dance class, or a group focusing on a specific interest - you are all leaders!

Please head to our events page

<https://horsforthclimateaction.org/event/> for more information and how to apply, or contact info@horsforthclimateaction.org.

Calling all community volunteers, local charities, group leaders,

Carbon Literacy Training for Community Leaders

accredited by the Carbon Literacy Project

Carbon Literacy
Project



Dates: Tuesday 3rd February and Tuesday 10th February

Times: 1pm - 4.30pm both days

Where: The Ballroom at Horsforth Library

Cost: FREE! although we politely request a £10 donation towards the cost of accreditation and your certificate

Other Upcoming

Basic Shapes For No Waste Makes 24th Jan 2pm-3.30pm
Scrap, Sunnybank Mills, Farsley £5 ticket from Eventbrite
In this SCRAP SUSTAINABILITY TALK, Emma Garry of @emeclothandyarn and emmagarry.com will explore sustainable pattern making and sewing, with zero waste patterns and basic tips to make patterns fit and cloth drape for all body shapes. This a relaxed chat with space for discussion and questions, looking at fitting practices, and choosing the correct eco friendly fabrics for the job . There will be samples to look at and a demonstration plus examples of zero waste patterns. <https://scrapstuff.co.uk/events/scrap-sustainability-talks-basic-shapes-for-no-waste-makes/>

Leeds City Council has been recognised for its outstanding commitment to transforming everyday journeys, [winning Organisation of the Year at the 2025 National Modeshift Convention](#). This year's National Modeshift Convention, our flagship gathering of professionals working to make walking, wheeling, cycling and public transport the natural choice for everyday trips, brought together local authorities, schools, trusts, and active travel partners from across the UK. Leeds City Council was honoured as a shining example of how you embrace active and sustainable travel to support economic momentum, sustainability goals, and business ecosystems. The city's bold investment in expanding its active travel routes through the central corridor isn't just an infrastructure upgrade, it's a shift in how people move, connect, and build community.

[.https://modeshift.org.uk/news/leeds-city-council-named-organisation-of-the-year/](https://modeshift.org.uk/news/leeds-city-council-named-organisation-of-the-year/)

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 **9.1.26**.

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