



Horsforth Climate Action Newsletter

January 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

Reduce, Recycle, Reuse and Regift

Saturday 1st February 2:00-4:00pm

St Margaret's Church

Please join us at our next HCA Saturday. We are running a Reduce, Recycle, Reuse and Regift event. There will be a toy and gift exchange (no electrical items please), kids crafts, information and much more. We will also be collecting any unwanted tech devices - laptops, tablets, mobile phones for [Solidaritech](#)
Please bring along clean aluminium cans to raise money for [Medecins Sans Frontieres](#).

Reduce, Recycle, Reuse and...REGIFT

Join us, Saturday February 1st 2-4pm at St Margaret's Church

Toy and gift exchange

Bring your less than perfect, but in good condition gifts, and take home something in exchange - (no electrical items please)

Tech Donation Station

Drop off your no longer used devices - laptops, tablets, mobile phones - we will send them to Solidaritech to be updated and used by Asylum Seekers and Refugees

Plus craft and children's activities, information and more

Collect and bring along aluminium cans - raising money for Medecins Sans Frontieres

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Climate Conversation - Air Quality and Community Action

Thursday 20th February 6:30 - 8:15pm
St Margaret's Parish Centre

This Climate Conversation will discuss the challenge of air quality in the local area and wider, and how local communities can respond.

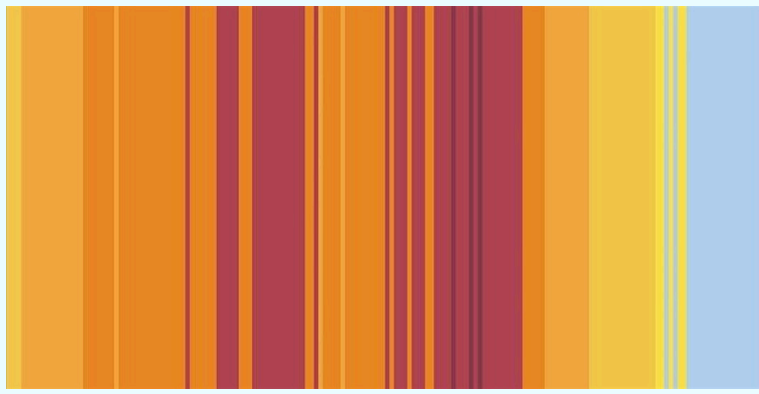
The event will provide an opportunity to hear from Leeds-based experts on the issue of air pollution and is aimed at a public, non-expert audience.

Our keynote speakers will be:

- **Dr Jim McQuaid** from the University of Leeds, who will be introducing the drivers of air quality and discussing local trends in the context of global change. Jim's work includes the widely reported 'Air Quality Stripes': [These colourful diagrams show how air quality has changed in over 100 countries around the world since 1850](#)
- **Andrew White** from the Leeds City Council, who will be presenting on the city-wide effort to improve air quality and local successes. Andrew's team are responsible for the Leeds Air Quality Strategy.

Following the speakers, Horsforth Climate Action will host a short interactive workshop to discuss collaboration on community-led solutions to create a cleaner, healthier neighbourhood.

Hot drinks and light refreshments will be available.



[Book Your Place](#)

We are winners!

We are delighted to announce that HCA has been awarded [Heart of Horsforth](#) - Environmental Award by Horsforth Town Council.

Thank you to our nominees and especially to all of our volunteers and supporters who contribute so much to our continued success.



[Find out more here](#)

PREVIOUS EVENTS

Green Christmas

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year.

Despite the the inclement weather and revised plan for the Christmas Light Switch on, we had a successful day in December. After a morning's crafting at the Farmer's market, we took part in the activities at The Grove making decorations from recycled bits and pieces and giving away recycled card kits, sustainable wrapping and much more. It was lovely to be working alongside Horsforth Walk of Art and Friends of Horsforth Hall Park
The angel display in the church was awesome - did you see our everyday Eco-Angel?



Horsforth Repair Cafe

The first repair cafe of 2025 took place on Saturday 4th January. The cafe was really well attended with over 25 items fixed, saving -445.1 kg of CO₂e. The equivalent of flying 2,714 miles.

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



Horsforth Bioblitz

Despite the cold weather we are still getting updates to the [Horsforth Bioblitz!](#) We now have 115 observers, 1567 observations!

If you haven't already joined, it's easy. Download the [iNaturalist app](#) to your phone, join the Horsforth Bioblitz and start taking photos!



Community Group Membership

Here at Horsforth Climate Action we would love to hear from you if you belong to another local group who shares our values. We'd love to collaborate with you to grow the network of people in Horsforth who have a commitment to environmental sustainability.

Groups don't have to be an environmental group, you could be a creative or community group aiming to increase engagement in living more sustainably. We'd just like to support groups who sympathise in some way with our aims: to promote community-wide action to tackle climate change, be nature friendly and socially just.

Becoming a group member is free. We can share resources and training. We can help you advertise your activities and events. You can have access to some of our funding to help you realise your idea.

You could take over one of our HCA Saturdays to promote your event, or join in with a free training session on a variety of topics.

The next free training session will be on **Wednesday 5th March** in the evening (venue to be confirmed) and will be about **FUNDING**:

- What funding might be available for my group
- How to apply and
- Where to go to for support.

It will be delivered by Kaye Wilson who has over 30 years experience supporting community groups around funding.

If you are interested in attending the training please email

Info@horsforthclimateaction.org

If you would like to become a community member please [complete an online form](#) or contact us on Info@horsforthclimateaction.org

We're excited to welcome one new community groups to HCA this month:

- [Horsforth Town of Sanctuary](#)

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

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES - We need you!

Please contact Volunteer@horsforthclimateaction.org if you can help with any of the projects below:

Join our community composting on Drury Fields

Our community composting scheme is now up and running on Drury Fields. If you live nearby and you are keen to get involved, please contact us. Free compost caddy to everyone that joins up!

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.

Regular groups

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

[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...

Leeds Libraries collect old costumes for World Book Day

Leeds City Council Public Libraries are collecting children's fancy dress clothes for a costume swap for [World Book Day](#) in March.

The aim is to make World Book day for sustainable and affordable by hosting costume swaps in some of the public libraries.

They are looking for donations of suitable children's fancy dress costumes in good, clean condition.

Donations can be dropped off at your [local public library](#).



Aluminium cans for Medecins Sans Frontieres

Volunteers from Litter Free Leeds are collecting clean aluminium cans to raise money for Medecins Sans Frontieres.

The cans can be dropped off at the [Community Cafe](#) at St Margaret's Church - the cafe runs most Mondays from 10am - 2pm, or you can bring them to our next HCA Saturday on 1st February.

If you have cans and you are unable to get to either location please email volunteer@horsforthclimateaction.org



Hollybush Potato Day Sunday 19th February 11am - 3pm

[Hollybush Conservation Centre](#) are holding a Potato Day on Sunday 19th February with the opportunity with seed potatoes to buy, seed swapping and a potato themed cafe menu!



York Gate Wilding Wednesday 29th January 9:30-12:30

Practical sessions on alternate Wednesday mornings to bring nature back to a field adjoining York Gate Gardens in Adel. The next one is Wednesday 29th January 9.30 to 12.30. Refreshments and equipment provided. WhatsApp Ellie on 07843 418900

Aire Rivers Trust North Leeds Outfall Safari Saturday 25th January 9:30-3:30 Meanwood Urban Farm

Can you help Aire River Trust walk a section of your local beck in North Leeds to help spot pollution?

All you need is a smartphone to attend a day of training on Saturday, 25th January 2025, at Meanwood Urban Farm, 09:30am-3:30pm. The morning will be spent inside learning about pollution surveying, followed by an afternoon practice survey walk.

As part of this citizen science survey, volunteers will remotely walk the becks of Leeds using footpaths and public spaces to record and report polluting pipes to Aire Rivers Trust, the Environment Agency & Yorkshire Water.

To learn more and to sign up to take part, please visit the [Aire Rivers Trust Website](#)

Contact: sam.riley-gunn@airerivertrust.org.uk

Abbey House Museum

We are sorry to hear about the possible closure of Abbey House Museum. If you haven't yet contributed to the consultation you can do so on [this webpage](#).

In the light of the uncertain future, the [Revive, Repair, Re-Use exhibition](#) at the Museum has been extended, The exhibition tells stories of sustainability and how it has long been a part of our lives, but is now more important than ever. Horsforth Climate Action, the Community Cafe and the Horsforth Repair Cafe are all included in the exhibition.

Well worth a visit if you haven't been already ..

Regional and National Climate Activities

Big Garden Bird Watch

The RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch returns on the 24-26th January 2025. Find out more and sign up on the [RSPB website](#)

Campaign for School Gardens

The RHS have recently launched a [free online course](#) for teachers on starting your own school gardening journey with advice and inspiration from real school gardeners.

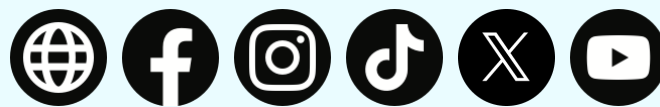
One teacher from Horsforth West End School who recently completed the course stated that:

"I can honestly say that this has been the best e-learning course that I have ever completed."



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 **February Newsletter**, please send the details to info@horsforthclimateaction.org by **10th February 2025**.

Don't forget to follow us...



Horsforth Climate Action is part of a citywide movement of climate activity under the banner of Climate Action Leeds. To receive bi-

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