



Horsforth Climate Action Newsletter

July 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 swim wear) to swap for items that are new to you.

We will also have a uniform exchange and family friendly crafts - making bunting for the [Green Festival](#)

If you've never been to a clothes swap before, why not come down and make a swap? Not only will 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.



[Find out more](#)

Festival Headdress Decoration Workshop

Tuesday 5th August

10am - 12pm and 1pm - 3pm

Horsforth Climate Action are partnering with [Stocked](#) to host our first two workshops to decorate headdresses for Horsforth Green Festival.

Young people and parents/carers are invited to join us for 'Pay as You Feel' workshops on the morning and afternoon of Tuesday 5 August.

Taking place at stocked, each young person will have the opportunity to colourfully decorate a willow-sculpted headdress. Decoration will be primarily with tissue paper, glue and ribbon.

All materials provided, please wear messy-friendly attire!

Attendees will later be invited to wear the colourful fruit and vegetable headdresses as part of a visually spectacular parade at Horsforth's first [Green Festival](#), taking place in Horsforth Hall Park on Sunday 21 September.

Places are limited, booking essential, booking link below ↓↓↓

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Book your place

HCA Green Festival

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

Horsforth Hall Park

At Horsforth Climate Action we are busy planning our first Green Festival. We hope to see you there. If you are a local organisation, business or individual with an idea, we'd love to hear from you. Please head to our website (link below) to see how to get involved.



Find out more

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



PREVIOUS EVENTS

Launch of Horsforth Nature Recovery Plan

What a fantastic and inspiring evening at our Climate Conversation on Nature Recovery in Horsforth on 10th July. So many ideas, lots of discussion and real desire to get involved!

Thank you to [Leeds Trinity University](#), for hosting the event, Pete Tatham from [Hyde Park Source](#) for his keynote talk and everyone who came along and joined in the discussions with such interest and enthusiasm.

Over 30 people attended including Friends of Hunger Hills, Horsforth in Bloom, St James Church, Featherbank School, Canal and River Trust, Aire Rivers Trust, U3A, Trinity Uni, Horsforth Town Council and local residents.

Look out for follow up news and events to inspire even more local people to take action for Nature on our doorstep.



Climate Futures Spoken Word Workshop

On Tuesday 15 July, Josh (HCA volunteer) collaborated with [Brave Words CIC](#) to run a 'Climate Futures' spoken word workshop with 11-14 year old students at Horsforth School.

Students were supported to develop and share creative writing on two themes: local nature connections and climate technology transformation. They shared fantastically creative poems, which were centred on the opportunities and challenges facing Horsforth. We are planning and hoping for some students to perform at the Horsforth Green Festival, powered by the Roadblock sound system - keep an eye out for this!

Horsforth Repair Cafe

Another successful Repair Cafe took place on Saturday 5th July. The cafe was well attended with over 35 items fixed, saving -632.4 kg of CO₂e. The equivalent of flying 3,856 miles.

The next cafe takes place on **Saturday 2nd August 1:00-4:00pm St Margaret's Parish Centre.**



HCA Creative Saturday 5th July

We had a great time at the most recent HCA Saturday event, where those who attended were able to create and decorate bird boxes, vegetable masks, plant pot structures, and willow headdresses.



Stay and Play at Woodside Rec

Thanks to our city councillors for inviting us to the Play event at Low Lane Recreation Ground on 30th June.

There was a great turn out and lots of willow crowns made ready for our Green Festival in September



Horsforth Bioblitz

The [Bioblitz](#) is well into its second summer and still gathering momentum, with five new contributors joining this last week.

There have been some beautiful sightings made including a night visit from a Roe deer and a very pretty red spotted Burnett moth. A stunning metallic green Banded Demoiselle has also been seen in Horsforth too.

You can see these creatures and many more that live here in Horsforth alongside us.

Take a look at the [iNaturalist](#) app and join today - it's a free app. It's very easy to work but if you're struggling, just message info@horsforthclimateaction.org and we can help you out.

Please join us on this citizen science project and encourage others to do the same.



**VOLUNTEERING
OPPORTUNITIES - We need
you!**

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

Could you help us as a comms volunteer?

Can you help? We really need someone to help manage our Social Media (we don't need help with creating assets) and to help create this Newsletter. This will free up our wonderful hub worker to spend more time making all our, and your, ideas come to life.



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...

Help Shape Local Climate Action – Join a Focus Group

Please see a message from some friends and Leeds Trinity University: We are researchers from Leeds Trinity University working on a community-based project exploring how reducing our carbon footprint can support both the planet and personal wellbeing.

We're looking for Leeds residents who are interested in taking part in focus groups (starting around September) to help us co-design local initiatives that make low-carbon living more visible, achievable, and rewarding.

If you'd like to share your views and ideas, or just learn more, please get in touch!

✉ Dr Laura De Pretto – l.depretto@leedstrinity.ac.uk

✉ Hannah Ahmed – 2301740@leedstrinity.ac.uk

Regional and National Climate Activities

The Big Butterfly Count

18th July - 10th August

Following the results of the Big Butterfly Count 2024, Butterfly Conservation have declared a butterfly emergency, and they need our help more than ever before. By taking part in Butterfly Conservation's Big Butterfly Count - a UK wide survey, you can help assess the health of our environment simply by counting butterflies.

How to take part:

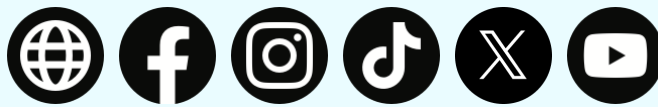
1. [Download the ID Chart](#)
2. Between **Friday 18th July** and **Sunday 10th August** choose a place to spot butterflies and moths. Watch for **15 minutes**.
3. [Add your counts](#)



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

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 **August Newsletter**, please send the details to info@horsforthclimateaction.org by **11th August 2025**.

Don't forget to follow us...



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