



Horsforth Climate Action Newsletter

JUNE 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

HCA Creative Saturday

Saturday 5th July 2:00 - 4:00pm

St Margaret's Church

Come along and get involved in an afternoon of family friendly crafts on July 5th. We will be making items for our [Green Festival](#) parade.

- Willow Crafts
- Making Garden Pot sculptures
- Willow headdress / crown decorating
- Mask Making

We hope you can join us!



Climate Conversation - Horsforth Nature Recovery Plan

**Thursday 10th July 7:00 - 9:00pm (Registration from 6:45pm)
Leeds Trinity University**

The world is facing twin climate and biodiversity emergencies, which are inextricably linked. Nature is in serious decline internationally and nationally, with the UK being one of the most nature depleted countries in the world.

Horsforth Climate Action would therefore like to invite anyone who cares about nature locally, to a Climate Conversation event to launch a Nature Recovery Plan for Horsforth and to discuss how it can be implemented.

The event is being held on Thursday 10th July at Leeds Trinity University Conference Suite (AG33/AG32) 7pm -9pm. (Registration from 6:45pm)

The venue is accessible, parking is free there in the evening and there is cycle parking available.

Hot drinks and light refreshments will be available.

Booking essential - link below

If you are not able to attend on 10th July but are interested in being involved, please let us know : info@horsforthclimateaction.org

To learn more about Nature Recovery, please see the article on our [website](#)



Book Your Place

Horsforth Clothes Swap

Saturday 5th July 10am - 1pm
The Old Kings Arms, Town Street

The next Horsforth Clothes Swap takes place at The Old King's Arms, Town Street on Saturday 5th July.

Bring along your unwanted good quality clothing (no underwear, swimwear or nightwear) and receive up to 5 tokens to exchange for New to You items.



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 for a sustainable activity, we'd love to hear from you. Please head to our [website](#) to see how to get involved.



Find out more here

PREVIOUS EVENTS

Kidical Mass Bike Ride

On Saturday 7th June we hosted our second Kidical Mass bike ride. Unfortunately the weather forecast wasn't on our side, but a few brave people ventured out and it turned into nice afternoon after all. We also showed off all the amazing posters, badge and mascot designs created during Walk to School Week



HCA at Horsforth Beer Festival

A great time was had at the Horsforth Beer Festival held at St Margaret's Church.

The children decorated plant pots whilst the adults nursed their pint pots!
Thank you for inviting us.



HCA Nature Friendly Open Gardens

We had a great day at our nature friendly open garden event on Sunday 8th June. Over 25 people came to have a look round the open gardens.

There were lots of nature friendly tips, plants to take away, images and videos from nature capture cameras, green roofs, ponds and cake!

Thank you to everyone that came along and especially to those who opened up there gardens as part of this event.



Walk to School Week

Thank you to everyone taking part in Walk to School week and it's activities. The children will be receiving certificates. Look out for the outdoor posters designed by the children, soon to be outside a school near you. The participating schools will also be receiving their very own Walk to School Mascot - designed by one of the children and created by the wonderful [Saranna art](#).

We will be publishing the results of the pollution monitoring soon.

You can find out more about all the things that happened during the week in our blog post - link below.



Walk to School Week

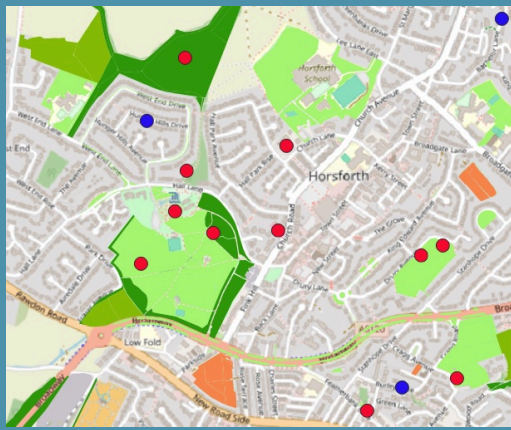
Wine and Willow at Hoc Loco

On 10 June at Hoc Loco, HCA held its first willow headdress making workshop ahead of the [Horsforth Green Festival](#). Attendees at the sold out event designed headdresses shaped as whimsical fruit and veg which will be colourfully decorated by young people locally in the weeks and months ahead. There is another session organised at Hoc Loco on [Tuesday 26th June](#), this is also currently fully booked, but a waiting list is available. We will be making willow crowns at the [22 June](#) and [5 July](#) events. Keep a look out for future creative events preparing for the Festival.



Horsforth Nature Map

We've updated our [webmap](#) to include some postcodes that contain nature-friendly gardens and we're keen to add to this to build a fuller picture of such postcodes in Horsforth. If you'd like to contribute (and haven't already done so) please complete this [Horsforth Garden Biodiversity Survey](#). As part of the survey we ask for your postcode and, ideally, your house number. This helps us when a postcode has more than one nature-friendly garden but **please note, only postcodes are given on the map**, not house numbers.



Library of Things

If you have ever wished, " I wish I had this to do that" or can't justify buying a tool for a one off small repair, then Horsforth Library of Things Facebook Group is the place for you!

The group is a sociable place, and there are rules in place to ensure that everyone is safe, share things in an appropriate way, and that they are returned! To find out more about the group and to join click on the link below.



Library of Things HLOT

[Find out more](#)

Horsforth Repair Cafe

Horsforth Repair Cafe took place on Saturday 7th June. Even though it wasn't at it's normal venue, the cafe was still really well attended with lots of items brought in to be fixed. A big thank you to The Grove Centre for letting us book the cafe in there at quite short notice.

The next cafe is back at it's usual venue, St Margaret's Parish Church on **Saturday 5th July 1-4pm.**



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

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

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...

Play! Community Event

Low Lane Recreation Ground

Sunday 22nd June 12:00-3:00pm

Horsforth Town Council are organising a sport for young people free event on Saturday 22nd June at Low Lane Recreation Ground HCA will

be there running a Willow Headdress Workshop. Save the Date and come and see us there!



The Reading Agency - The Summer Reading Challenge 2025 'Story Garden' Takes Reading to the Great Outdoors

The theme for this year's summer reading challenge is Story Garden – Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors. It is all about the outdoors, which is full of enchanting words, all kinds of creatures and plants, and fascinating facts.

It starts Saturday 5th July and children can read anything they like – stories, poetry, fact books, graphic novels or listen to audiobooks – it's up to them! The books (physical or digital) can be borrowed from [Leeds Public Libraries](#). They recommend reading at least six books over the summer, with Story Garden rewards on offer throughout the challenge. Once children have read their sixth book they complete the challenge and will be awarded a certificate and medal.



[Find out more](#)

Online Survey, your views on Climate Action Leeds

It has been brilliant to see lots of activities, partnerships & opportunities happening as part of Climate Action Leeds. It doesn't matter whether you've been very involved or just a little, we'd love to hear your views!

As we reach the final months of CAL's current funding, we're really grateful to you for sparing a few minutes to complete the survey now, even if you completed a similar one last year. This will help us to assess the difference that Climate Action Leeds has made. Completing the survey should take 10-20 minutes, depending how much you want to say.

Why are we doing this survey?

Climate Action Leeds has been funded by the National Lottery for five years and, as with all big grants, we need to show what a difference the project is making. If we can show what's been learnt & the impact that activities have had, it might mean more funders decide to give money to local communities to work on climate change and inspire more communities to work in this way. It also gives us a picture of what has happened across the whole city so we can celebrate has been achieved!

As well as the activities taking place, we're also interested in your involvement in Climate Action Leeds & any impact it's had on you (or

your organisation). That's why this survey focuses on your experience of being involved. Lots of the answers are multiple choice, so shouldn't take too long to complete, and we've also left space for you to tell us what you want us to know.

Please click on the link below to complete this survey **by Monday 30 June.**

[Survey Link](#)

Regional & National Climate Activities

**Climate Coalition - Together for people,
climate and nature**
Wednesday 9th July

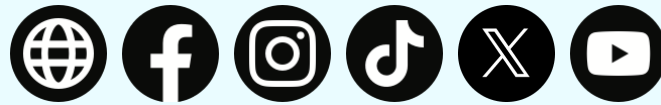
As Horsforth Climate Action we focus on local, community and individual action, however for those of you who like a more activist and / or national approach, we are aware of [this event](#) coming up:

Horsforth Climate Action does not have links or advocate for against any political party.

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 **July Newsletter**, please send the details to info@horsforthclimateaction.org by 7th July 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-monthly e-news from Climate Action Leeds, please sign up to the mailing list here: <https://www.climateactionleeds.org.uk/newsletter>

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