



Horsforth Climate Action Newsletter

March 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

Clothes Swap

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

St Margaret's Church

Come along to our next HCA Saturday!

We are repeating our Clothes Swap event and we're keen to get as many people participating as possible. 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.

We will also have a school uniform exchange, a chance to learn how to make simple repairs to your own clothes and kids crafts.



Clothes Swap

Saturday 5th April 2pm-4pm
at St Margaret's Church

Clothing Exchange

School Uniform Exchange

Clothing Repair Skills

If you need something mending, come along and be shown how to do it!

Children's Activities

Make your own patches or bring along an old t-shirt to decorate

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Horsforth Climate Action - AGM

Sunday 27th April
St Margaret's Parish Centre

We would like to invite you to our AGM on Sunday April 27th at St Margaret's Parish Centre. Please come and hear about what we have achieved and what our plans for the future are.

There will be a talk by the Leeds based [Yorkshire Mushroom Emporium](#), opportunities for chats, a chance to share your thoughts, feedback and more. And Cake!



HORSFORTH AGM
Please Join us

What have we done?
What are our plans?
What would you like to do?

Talk from Yorkshire Mushroom Emporium

cake

Chat

Sunday 27th April
2-4pm
St Margaret's Parish Centre Church
Ln, LS18 5LA

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Green Gardening Fair

Saturday 3rd May 2-4pm

St Margaret's Church

We will be hosting our annual Green Gardening Fair again at the beginning of May. All donations of surplus seedlings are welcome (edible or ornamental). Join in and exchange your seedlings for something new, or just come along and pick up some new plants ready for summer!



Film Night - "Wilding" in association with Grove Cinema

Friday 2nd May 6:45 for a 7:00pm start

The Grove Centre

In association with Horsforth's very own [Grove Cinema](#) we are hosting a showing of the Film ["Wilding"](#).

The story of one couple's attempt to rewild their 400 year old estate – the beginning of a grand experiment that will become one of the most significant rewilding experiments in Europe.



PREVIOUS EVENTS

Climate Conversations - Air Pollution and Community Action

The first HCA “Climate Conversation” took place at St Margaret’s Parish Centre on the evening of Thursday 20th February. The topic for discussion at our inaugural event was Air Quality and Community Action.

The event was well attended and produced lots of discussion. You can find out more about the event in our [blog post](#).

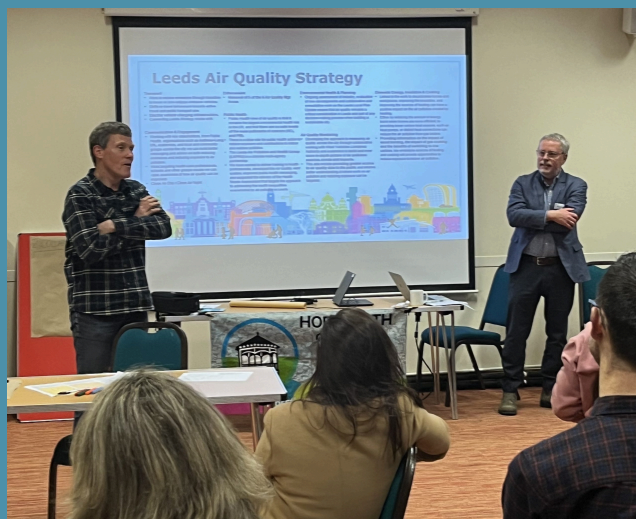
The event was also featured in the [West Leeds Dispatch](#).

If you are interested in getting involved in working to develop any of these topics (it doesn’t matter if you weren’t there on the night) please contact

hub@horsforthclimateaction.org

Following on from this successful event, we hope to organise further “Climate Conversations” on environmental themes in the future. If you have any suggestions for topics for discussion please email them to:

hub@horsforthclimateaction.org



Blog Post

HCA Saturday - Get Growing event

Our first "Get Growing" seed swap event took place on Saturday 1st March. It was great to see so many people there. The event came out of feedback at last year's Green Gardening event that it would be good to have a seed swap earlier in the year so people could start growing ready for the annual Green Gardening event in May.

There were lots of seeds swapped and discussions about "getting growing". There was a chance for kids to make seed bombs and paper planters to plant pea seeds in.

Thank you to all our volunteers that came along to the event, [Plate 2 plate compost](#) and [Horsforth Allotments](#), we also welcomed some of our community members: [Friends of Horsforth Hall Park](#) and [Horsforth in Bloom](#).

A final big thank you to the Rainbows who planted lots of pea seeds for us to give away on the day.

Feedback from the event included:

"..enjoyed good chats with fellow gardeners re compost, shady gardens, allotments etc. Very interesting and helpful. Enjoyed it!"

"Always good to get together and talk about nature in Horsforth"

"Thank you so much - that was fab!"



Fundraising Training

It was great to see so many people at our fundraising training on March 5th. This was an opportunity hosted by HCA for our member groups ([Friends of Horsforth Hall Park](#), [Friends of Hunger Hills Woods](#) and [Horsforth Town of Sanctuary](#)) and other climate and environmental groups to learn about raising and applying for funding to keep activities going and move collectively to a more sustainable future. With many thanks to Kay Wilson from Voluntary Action Leeds for delivering the interesting and interactive training. There was a real buzz of hope and collaboration in the air.

We are always keen to hear from our member groups about other shared training events you may be interested in, if you have any suggestions from training, please email hub@horsforthclimateaction.org.



Find out more in this blog post

Horsforth Repair Cafe

The ever popular Repair Cafe took place on Saturday 1st March. The cafe was really well attended with over 45 items fixed! Saving -753.1 kg of CO₂e, the equivalent of flying 4,593 miles.

The next cafe takes place on **Saturday 5th April 1:00-4:00pm St Margaret's Parish Centre.**



Horsforth Bioblitz

Now the weather is taking (a slight) turn for the better it's the perfect time to sign up to, or getting going again with the [Horsforth Bioblitz](#).

It's a great time to look out for frogs and frog spawn.

We now have 117 observers, 1603 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. We can work together on specific projects.

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.

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

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...

Aluminium cans for Medecins Sans Frontieres

Volunteers from Litter Free Leeds are collecting clean aluminium cans to raise money for Medicens 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 5th April.

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



Regional and National Climate Activities

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust - Wildlife-friendly open gardens event

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust are organising a series of open garden events from Saturday 3rd May to Sunday 11th May.

Do you have a wildlife-friendly garden in Horsforth that you would be willing to open to the public on 11th May?

You can find out more and register on their [Wildlife-friendly open gardens webpage](#)

Leeds City Council - Climate Emergency Action Committee

Leeds City Council's Climate Emergency Action Committee (CEAC) meet regularly to discuss, consider and make recommendations regarding climate change. You can find out more about the committee and [view their previous](#) meetings on their webpages.

Leeds City Council CEAC

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 **April Newsletter**, please send the details to info@horsforthclimateaction.org by **14th April 2025**.

Don't forget to follow us...





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