



Horsforth Climate Action Newsletter

May 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

Horsforth Community Wide Walk to School Week

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd May

Walk to School Week starts this week (19th-23rd May) All week we are encouraging active travel to schools across Horsforth.

You can find out more about the week and all the things we have planned in our blog post.

Walk to School Week
19th-23rd May

Watch out for children on the move!

Activities aimed to build environmental awareness

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Find out more

HCA Kidical Mass

Saturday 7 June 1:30-4:00pm

The Grove Church

Come along to our second kidical Mass in conjunction with [Leeds Cycling Campaign](#).

Meeting at the Grove Church at 1:30.

Free Bike Fix from 1:00pm!

There will also be the opportunity to see some of the posters designed by local Children who are participating in the [Horsforth Walk to School Week](#) and see some of the results of the pollution monitoring project.



Horsforth Repair Cafe

Saturday 7th June 1-4pm 20th

The Grove Centre

Change of venue!

Please Note: The next Repair Cafe in June is being held in the main hall at **The Grove Centre, New Street.**

Saturday 7th June, 1-4pm.



Horsforth Wildlife Friendly Open Gardens Sunday 8th June Various locations

We are planning a Horsforth wildlife friendly open gardens day in June.

We are inviting people to open their wildlife friendly gardens to the public to help people find out more about the simple (and more extensive) things you can do to make your garden, window box or outside space more welcoming to nature.

We currently have two gardens signed up to open on Sunday 8th June 2-4pm, (84 & 86 Bachelor Lane, LS185NF) but we are still looking for more gardens to sign up to fill the whole weekend.

For anyone interested in opening their garden to highlight wildlife friendly ways of gardening please get in touch. info@horsforthclimateaction.org

You can also read more about nature friendly gardening in our blog post below.



[Find out more here](#)

Climate Conversation: Launch of a Nature Recovery Plan for Horsforth

Thursday 10th July 7:00-9:00pm

Leeds Trinity University, Horsforth

Do you want to see more local action for nature recovery in and around Horsforth?

Come along to this event to contribute and find out more.

Horsforth Climate Action is launching a Nature Recovery Plan for Horsforth. We would like to invite people who want to take local action for nature to discuss how this can be implemented.

For more information and to book a place please see our Eventbrite booking.

Link below ↓↓↓

**Climate Conversation:
Horsforth Nature
Recovery Plan Launch**

Leeds Trinity University,
Horsforth

Thursday 10th July
7pm-9pm

How can we all work together to take
action for nature locally?

Find out about:

- Core sites
- Nature corridors
- Local projects for nature
- How gardens and verges can be part of the solution
- Opportunities for schools, churches and other local organisations

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Book a Place

PREVIOUS EVENTS

Horsforth Climate Action AGM

We would like to thank everyone who attended the AGM on April 27th. We had an enjoyable afternoon and hope everyone had their questions answered.

You can find a link to the [Annual report](#) and the [Minutes](#) on our website

After the business bit we had a fascinating and inspiring talk from Ed from the [Yorkshire Mushroom Emporium](#), who gave us an insight into the incredible world of the humble mushrooms and the challenges and successes of growing delicious mushrooms locally, sustainably and as a viable business.

Thank you Ed.



Bike Fix at the Farmers' Market

We had a successful morning at our Bike Fix at April's Horsforth Farmers' Market.

Lots of bikes were repaired ready for Walk to School Week - 19th-23rd May. Thanks to [ODD Bike](#) for all the fixes and [Horsforth Farmers' Market](#) for the community space!



Green Gardening Fair

We had a great turn out for our annual Green Gardening Fair on Saturday 3rd May.

There were lots of free plants available, people also brought plants to swap. There was also information about the [Community Garden](#) in Horsforth Hall Park, hints and tips on wildlife friendly gardening, and composting information from [Plate2Plate compost](#)



Bioblitz your way to school

The Bioblitz and Walk to School Week are perfect partners. This is a great opportunity to snap away at all the things you see whilst you're walking to or ,probably easier, when coming home from school.

Please encourage people to join in, it really is very easy - download iNaturalist today. If you are having trouble, you can always email us for help at info@horsforthclimateaction.org

Horsforth Bioblitz has now moved into the start of its second year. We've decided to let the project run on indefinitely as it's a marvellous data resource for the future.

The project continues to gather new contributors and we now have 122 people uploading their findings. Over 1700 observations have been made and we are within touching distance of 700 species.

We hope you can join in with citizen science project.



Wildlife friendly Open Garden

For the second year running we hosted an Wildlife - friendly open garden as part of the [Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Wildlife Friendly Open Gardens Scheme](#) We welcomed over 20 visitors and received some really positive comments about the event.

"Wonderful seeing so many different plants just doing their thing. Gave me lots of inspiration"

"Really knowledgeable host - thank you!"

"Inspirational that so much can be done and so little wasted"



Wilding Film Showing

There was a great turn out for our film showing of [Wilding](#) at [The Grove Cinema](#) on Friday 2nd May. The film told 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. Thank you to The Grove for hosting the film.

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. Please check our website to find out more. 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:

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...

Mend in Public Day

One of our lovely clothes swap team, Marianne from [Forminfabric](#) hosted a [Mend in Public Day](#) on Saturday April 26th, outside the Old King's Arms.

Despite the chilly morning people came along. There was lots of discussion, tip sharing and mending!



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!



Horsforth Beer & Music Festival Saturday 7th June 12-5pm St Margaret's Church

Saturday 7th June is going to be a busy day!
We will also have a stall with activities for children at the Beer Festival from 12-5pm at St Margaret's Church - come along and say hello, if you're not too busy at one of our other activities!



Good to Grow event Horsforth Community Garden, Horsforth Hall Park

Monday 26th May

Come along to an event organised by [Friends of Horsforth Hall Park](#) at the Community Garden as part of The [Good to Grow Network](#) encouraging people to have a go at Growing their Own.



Recycling Opportunities

[MHA Communities](#) Horsforth collect plastic milk bottle tops, stamps, any brand of ink cartridges and blister packs from medication, all to raise funds for charities.

Aluminium cans (for Medicines Sans Frontiers), used pens (for a school fundraiser) and suitcases, backpacks, men's clothing and trainers (for asylum seekers) can be brought to [Horsforth Community Cafe](#) at St Margaret's Parish Centre on Mondays.

Regional and National Climate Activities

World Bee Day

The 20th May is World Bee Day. Pollination is a Bees and other pollinators, are increasingly under threat from human activities. Pollination is an essential process for the survival of our ecosystems. Nearly 90% of the world's wild flowering plant species depend, entirely, or at least in part, on animal pollination, along with more than 75% of the world's food crops and 35% of global agricultural land. Not only do pollinators contribute directly to food security, but they are key to conserving biodiversity.

To raise awareness of the importance of pollinators, the threats they face and their contribution to sustainable development, the UN designated 20 May as World Bee day.

You can find out more about the day and what you can do to help on the UN website

World Bee Day

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 **June Newsletter**, please send the details to info@horsforthclimateaction.org by **9th June 2025**.

Don't forget to follow us...



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