



# **Horsforth Climate Action Newsletter**

**November 2024**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Green Christmas at the Grove**

**Saturday 7th December**

**2-5pm**

**The Grove, Town Street**

We are delighted to be joining in the Christmas lights switch on festivities and activities at the Grove Church again this year.

We will be there between 2 and 5pm. Find us in the main hall alongside Horsforth Walk of Art and Friends of Horsforth Hall Park. We will be making Christmas decorations out of recycled materials and will have a variety of kits for you to take home, such as sets of recycled gift tags and wrapping materials. Can't wait to see you there!

# Green Christmas

Saturday 7th December

2.00-5:00pm

We will be joining in with the festivities at

The Grove Church, Town Street Horsforth



- Make Christmas decorations using recycled materials.
- Christmas lanterns.
- Christmas kits: christmas decoration kits, seed Kits, eco wrapping kits and more
- Info on a sustainable christmas



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## UpCycling Workshop

Thursday 21st November 6:30-8:30pm

St Margaret's Parish Centre

£10 or Pay as you feel

Bookings are still open for this exciting upcycling workshop with the dressmaker and designer [Alison Teece](#).

All you will need to bring is an old t-shirt or top in need of an uplift.

Please email [info@horsforthclimateaction.org](mailto:info@horsforthclimateaction.org) to register.



**JOIN US**

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The image shows a person's hands working on a yellow fabric piece, possibly a garment, with various green and blue patches and patterns. The background is a wooden table.

## PREVIOUS EVENTS

### HCA Saturday Eco-threads event

Thank you to everyone who came along and volunteered at our Eco Threads event in on November 2nd. There was a great buzz in the air. We welcomed the talent of the West Riding Rugger and some beautiful patches were made for upcycling. The fabric and knitting wool exchange was a busy corner and there were some amazing super hero costumes made by our younger visitors. The Clothes Swap was very successful and we will be working to make this a more regular event. If you would like to get involved, please contact [volunteer@horsforthclimateaction.org](mailto:volunteer@horsforthclimateaction.org)



# Horsforth Repair Cafe's big carbon savings!

Horsforth Repair Cafe takes place on the first Saturday of every month (excluding January). The cafe repairs everyday items from lamps to clothes to lawn mowers to vacuum cleaners!

The cafe has recently been able to measure the carbon it have saved by repairing items and preventing them from going to landfill.

Over the last seven months, the cafe has saved the equivalent carbon emissions of ONE of the following activities:

**Driving 21,497 miles OR Showering 3,235 times OR Flying 31,563 miles.**

You can find full details of the savings made and the tool used to calculate the savings in this [Facebook post](#).

The next Repair Cafe takes place on Saturday 7th December 1:00-4:00pm St Margaret's Parish Centre



## Compost Collective Horsforth Bin Build Day

In August the [first community composting bin was built on Drury Field](#). This scheme was part of a trial, as this is the first time that Leeds Parks and Countryside have had composting on their land. The project has been funded by HCA, including support from Zest/FoodWise Leeds. The site has been successful, with over 20 members bringing food waste to compost regularly and the bin is now more than half full. There have been no problems with litter or vandalism, so we were given permission to build the final 2 compost bins.

These were built on Sunday 10th November by volunteers from Compost Collective Horsforth, ably assisted by local handyman Stewart Woodeson. We even managed to recruit a new member to the scheme, as they were walking their dogs on the field.

By the time the 3rd bin is full, the compost from the 1st bin will be ready to use by scheme members or community gardens.

We have capacity for a few more members who would like to compost their food waste here. If you are interested please email

[volunteer@horsforthclimateaction.org](mailto:volunteer@horsforthclimateaction.org)



[Find out more](#)

## Land Art on Drury Fields

On Sunday 10th November a group of volunteers got together to clear the cuttings from the relaxed mowing area on Drury Field. To make this activity more engaging, we employed a 'land art' idea, raking the cuttings into linear piles shaped into a stylised 'Horsforth Horse' with waves representing the 'Ford'. The simplistic lines, reminiscent of the white horse of Uffington, were meant to make the job easier! To record the creation another volunteer, Oscar stepped into the breach with his small drone that linked to his phone. As land art is usually ephemeral, the piles of cuttings were then distributed under the hedges, to mulch down and 'feed' the hedge.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with this!



[Find out more](#)

## Horsforth Bioblitz

Despite the change in seasons and the general slowing down of nature, there are still plenty of things to see and record for the Bioblitz. Fungi seem to be stealing the show at the moment and the names are amazing and funny, like the 'Blewit' in the photo! We're pleased that 114 of you are currently supporting this citizen science project. There are now over 1500 observations and in excess of 650 species. Fantastic! If you haven't already joined, please download the [iNaturalist app](#) today and encourage as many others as you can to join.



## Community Group Membership

Do you belong to other community groups in Horsforth? There are benefits in encouraging them to become affiliated with HCA. Take a

look at the [community page](#) on our website and see if there is a good fit between the groups you support.

Recently one of HCA's affiliate groups, [Friends of Hunger Hills Woods \(FHHW\)](#) led an enjoyable guided walk around the woods for staff and students from [Leeds Trinity University](#). The walk was invigorating on an autumn afternoon and provided the history of the woods, current projects being undertaken by the Friends group and how those projects are supporting climate action. There was even opportunity to do a bit of Bioblitzing!

The Friends Of Hunger Hills Woods had the opportunity to showcase what their group can do for the University. HCA were also able to share that opportunity, with both groups encouraging involvement from the community and building beneficial links between all three organisations.

Please consider community membership to HCA for your group.



We are excited to welcome another new community group to HCA this month:

- [Horsforth Farmer's Market](#)

Looking forward to all the great work we can do together!

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

# **HCA Volunteering Opportunities**

## **- We need you!**

Please contact [Volunteer@horsforthclimateaction.org](mailto: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 posters 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 weekish and is responsible for governance, funding and keeping us going.

### **Regular Group**

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

### **Energy Group**

We are currently carrying out some assessments using a thermal imaging camera and we're looking to people to help with this. We are also looking to set up an energy group, so if you have an interest in all things energy, please get in touch.

# 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...

## Grove Cinema

The [Grove Cinema](#) is showing **One Life** - the true story of Sir Nicholas 'Nicky' Winton, a young London broker played by Johnny Flynn, who, along with Trevor Chadwick (played by Alex Sharp) and Doreen Warinner (played by Romola Garai) of the British Committee for Refugees in Czechoslovakia, rescued 669 children from the Nazis in the months leading up to World War II.

**Friday 6th December 6:45pm for 7:00pm showing.**



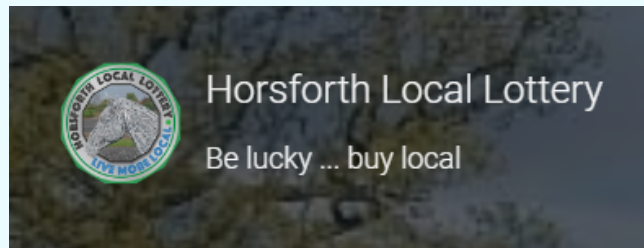
## Horsforth Local Lottery

The Horsforth Local Lottery has been set up by Horsforth Town Team to encourage everyone to shop locally and support all Horsforth businesses. The lottery is fully licensed by Leeds City Council and is managed by a sub-committee of the Horsforth Town Team.

Lottery tickets are now sold at various locations across Horsforth, prizes are given in a local currency, the Horsforth Pound (H£) and can be spent at a number of locations across Horsforth.

Draws will take place monthly (1st Tuesday of each month) and there will be 5 prizes at each draw.

[\*\*Find out more & get involved\*\*](#)



## Regional and National Climate events

**Read more about other events happening across the region and country. These aren't organised by Horsforth Climate Action, but we wanted to share them with you...**

**South Leeds Green Film Festival**

The South Leeds Green Film Festival started on 8th November and runs until 31st November.

Showing a variety of films, the festival will explore themes of environmental activism and the human impact on our planet.

For tickets or more details, please contact

[tyvin@stlukescares.org.uk](mailto:tyvin@stlukescares.org.uk) or [sally@stlukescares.org.uk](mailto:sally@stlukescares.org.uk)

Beeston Hill Community Cinema  
SAVE MONEY SAVE THE PLANET PRESENTS

# THE SOUTH LEEDS GREEN FILM FESTIVAL 2024

8th - 31 November 2024

08.10.24 - The Great Green Wall, Hope  
and The Invention Of Less @6pm

15.11.24 - LPFF Flying Paper alongside  
Kite making workshop @5.30pm

19.11.24 - Ghana: Fast Fashion Dumping  
Ground. Threads of Resistance:  
Crafting Against Waste Colonialism  
Workshop @3.30pm

21.11.24 - Can I Live? @5pm

28.11.24 - Rising Tides, Resilient Voices  
- Climate Change and the Bangladeshi  
Experience @11pm

30.11.24 - Tomorrow @6pm

All Screenings are free of charge and refreshments  
are provided. To book your tickets please get in  
touch with [tyvin@stlukescares.org.uk](mailto:tyvin@stlukescares.org.uk) or  
[sally@stlukescares.org.uk](mailto:sally@stlukescares.org.uk)  
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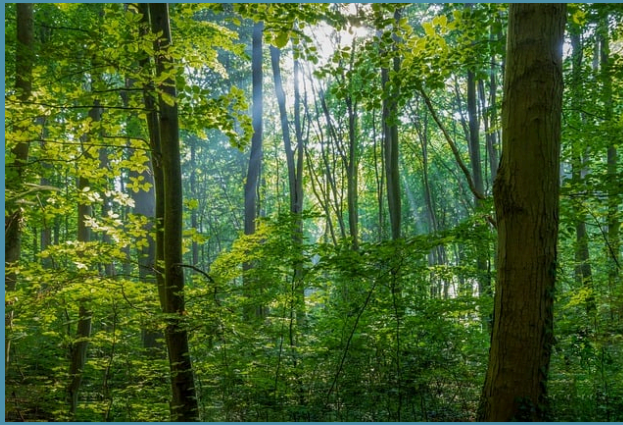
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## National Tree Week

National Tree Week runs from 23rd November - 1st December.

Organised by the Tree Council it brings together the conservation sector, volunteers and tree-lovers to mark the start of the annual tree planting season.



[Find out more](#)

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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 **December Newsletter**, please send the details to [info@horsforthclimateaction.org](mailto:info@horsforthclimateaction.org) by **Monday 9th December**

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**Don't forget to follow us...**



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