



# Horsforth Climate Action Newsletter

October 2024

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Ecothreads event

Saturday 2nd November 2:00-4:00pm

St Margaret's Church

Please join us at our next HCA Saturday. There will be so much going on. We are running a Clothes Swap and need 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. All ages and genders welcome. Please help us make it a success.

You can also take part in our fashion show in your favourite pre-loved outfit, let's show off how amazing we can look without resorting to fast fashion.

Bring along your surplus wool and fabric and see what others have to offer.

Plus learn how to rag rug, do some upcycling and other activities and information.



## State of Yorkshire Nature Event

Tuesday 19th November 7pm  
St Barnabas' Church, Alwoodley

**Bookings are now open** for this exciting talk on the State or Yorkshire Nature report recently produced by **Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.**

This event co-hosted with [Alwoodley 2030: Climate Action Hub](#), will be an opportunity to hear about the report from the people most closely involved in its creation.

- Rachel Bice, CEO of Yorkshire Wildlife Trust
- Sharne McMillan, Head of Nature Recovery from YWT
- Pete Gurney, Community Nature Reserves Assistant.

It will also hopefully give us insight into how the Horsforth and Alwoodley hubs can work more closely together around this issue. All ideas welcome!

[Use this link to book your place](#)

There will also be additional information stalls and other nature groups there on the night.

If you are a local Horsforth nature or "friends of" group and would like to have a stall or bring some information about your group please email: [info@horsforthclimateaction.org](mailto:info@horsforthclimateaction.org)



## Upcycling Workshop with Alison Teece

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

St Margaret's Parish Centre

£10 or Pay as you feel

Join us for a clothes upcycling workshop with Dressmaker [Alison Teece](#). Bring along an item of clothing you would like to upcycle!

There are limited spaces on the workshop and booking is essential.

Email [info@horsforthclimateaction.org](mailto:info@horsforthclimateaction.org) to book your place.



# PREVIOUS EVENTS

## Apple Day 2024

What an amazing day we had at our Apple Day on Saturday 5th October!

A big thank you to everyone who came along on the day and thank you to everyone who donated apples - an amazing 677 Kilograms!! Thank you to [Leeds Urban Harvest](#) for all their help and support on the day.

Finally a big thank you to all our volunteers who helped out with the kid's crafts, art works and the smoothie bike!



[Read the whole story](#)

# HCA at Horsforth Farmer's Market

HCA came to the 12th birthday of Horsforth Farmer's Market - we really support shopping local and the production and distribution of local produced food. As the children crafted apple pencil toppers, we had lots of interesting discussions, promoted the fantastic Apple day and our other activities. We would love to do this again and if anyone would like to volunteer with us at future farmer's markets, please contact us on [volunteer@horsforthclimateaction.org](mailto:volunteer@horsforthclimateaction.org)



## Horsforth's latest litter pickers!

In June 2024 Horsforth Climate Action funded "Graptor the Raptor" litter picking kits for [every primary school in Horsforth](#).

We are now starting to get some feedback and images from the schools of the children using their litter pickers.

You can read all about what they have been up to in our [latest blog post](#)



[Read the whole story](#)

## Green Libraries Week

We were delighted to be part of Leeds Trinity University's [Green Libraries week](#). We focused on promoting the Eco threads Clothes swap and pre-loved fashion show, alongside showcasing the [nature map](#) and one of our community group members; [Friends of Hunger Hills Woods](#). We invited students to attend the forthcoming Friends of Hunger Hills' Woods Walk and Talk event on 30th October. We look forward to future work and links with LTU.



## HCAP - Celebrate your Community event

We had a wonderful time at this event organised by [Horsforth Community Assets Project](#) on Saturday 12th October. It was

inspiring to meet so many committed volunteers and a great opportunity to make connections and exchange ideas.



## West End Primary School 'zine available online and on display in Horsforth Library

Last year a 'zine titled "Let's Help Horsforth Save the World" was produced from the art work of some of the children from West End Primary School. You can read more about the creation of the 'zine in our [blog post](#).

The 'zine is now on display in Horsforth Library as well as available [online](#)



[Find out more](#)

## Horsforth Bioblitz

It's been a busy summer for our Bioblitz! If you haven't already joined, it's easy. Download the iNaturalist app to your phone, join the Horsforth Bioblitz and start taking photos!

The latest stats show that we have 109 observers who have been busily uploading images to take us to just over 1500 observations -

incredible work! The species list stands at 643 now.

As the weather changes so do the things that are around to see - 'tis the season of the fungi! It's also good to capture images of things that you have captured earlier in the year as they change so much over the seasons.

Please keep uploading good quality images and sound recordings. and remember, it's a little bit of fun but a big bit of science!



[Find out more](#)

## 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 activities that 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. You can have access to some of our funding to help you realise your idea.

You could take over one of our HCA Saturdays to promote your event.  
What's not to like?

If you would like to talk this over please contact us on

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

We're excited to welcome three new community groups to HCA this month:

- [Friends of Horsforth Hall Park](#)
- [Horsforth in Bloom](#)
- [Horsforth Community Cafe](#)

Looking forward to the great work we'll 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

### 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.

## 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.

[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...**

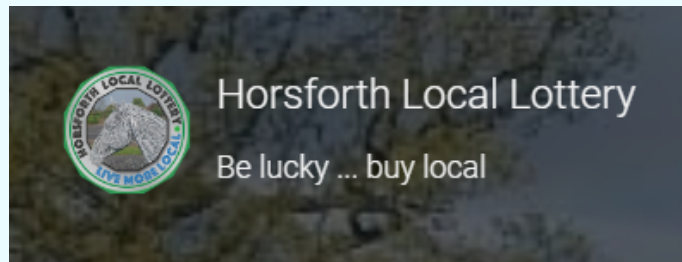
### Horsforth Town Team sets up Horsforth Local Lottery

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 will be sold from limited locations across Horsforth, prizes will be given in a local currency, the Horsforth Pound (£). It is hoped that most Horsforth businesses will accept the Horsforth Pound as a form of payment for their goods and services.

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

**Find out more and get involved**



## Used coffee grinds don't need to be a grind!

If you have a garden, allotment or are part of a community gardening group, ask local cafes for their used coffee grounds to use as a mulch. Greggs, Costa and Cafe Yoga are keen to donate their grounds. Email us on [info@horsforthclimateaction.org](mailto:info@horsforthclimateaction.org) to let us know what response you get from other cafes.

The benefits of using used coffee grinds include improving soil aeration, drainage, and water retention, adds nitrogen, deterring cats and slugs/snails and reducing waste and chemical use. There's more information on this [webpage](#)

## Let's talk pumpkins!

Carved or not, real pumpkins of all shapes and sizes make perfect Halloween decorations, with no plastic required 🙌

Even better, you can eat them as well as carving them. [The Love Food Hate Waste](#) website can help with making the most of your pumpkin, keeping your autumn decor zero waste.

Parts that you can't eat can be composted at home, or join Drury Field or West End community composting projects. Please don't leave them on the ground as they can make hedgehogs ill.

Top re easy and fun to draw and make great bunting when tied to lengths of string!



## Regional and National Climate Activities

"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..."

### November is Buy Nothing new Month

Organised by Keep Britain Tidy, find out more and sign up to get involved on the [Keep Britain Tidy website](#).

### Soil Association Nature Friendly Garden Guide for Autumn / Winter

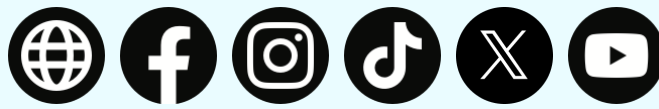
This [handy guide](#) shows you how we can all help to support nature over the Autumn and winter months.

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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 **HCA Newsletter**, please send the details to [info@horsforthclimateaction.org](mailto:info@horsforthclimateaction.org) by **Monday 11th November**.

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



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