



Horsforth Climate Action Newsletter

September 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apple Day

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

Save the date for our Apple Day! We are planning to repeat our popular Apple Day event from last year.

- Bring along your spare apples (or use some of the donated fruit) and a container to takeaway your freshly pressed apple juice!
- Have a go on the "Smoothie Bike"
- Kid's Crafts and Activities
- And much more...



We need your fruit!

If you live in Horsforth, have fruit trees, and know that all the fruit won't be used, please contact us on

info@horsforthclimateaction.org

HCA volunteers can either collect fruit already picked, or pick fruit (providing it's accessible). Apples and pears can be juiced at HCA Apple Day, other fruit can be used by Horsforth Community Pantry and Horsforth Community Cafe.

Any surplus veg from gardens or allotments can also be used by the Pantry and Cafe.



Repair Cafe

Saturday 5th October 2-5pm (New winter times)

St Margaret's Parish Centre

Do you have an item that needs a fix rather than throwing away?
Leeds Repair Café is once again in Horsforth on Saturday 5th October 2-5pm

Working with Leeds Repair Café the Horsforth café aims to fix items that may be broken and can range from clothing, jewellery, electronic equipment, garden equipment, children's toys, tv remotes, fans, electrical etc. – we will have a go at repairing anything. (Bikes are not included at the moment due to weather and facilities to repair them). If you have a faulty item we will try and fix them and if you have the parts then we will fit them for free!



State of Yorkshire Nature Event

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

Save the date for this exciting talk on the State of 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!

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

Eventbrite booking for the event will be available soon!



PREVIOUS EVENTS

Energy Day

Our first HCA energy day took place on Saturday 7th September. It was a great afternoon with people having a chance to find out more about the thermal imaging camera, speak to people about retrofitting and also chat with the [Green Doctors](#) about energy saving techniques and the free home assessments they offer.

There were also kid's crafts, money saving displays and the opportunity to make your own draught excluder.

If you would like to find out more or help us to establish an energy support group, please get in touch. Email info@horsforthclimateaction.org.

Reducing and rethinking the way we use energy is such an important step in working towards a more sustainable future.



Bioblitz update

Have you ever strolled down a street and noticed plants sprouting through the cracks in the pavement, and wondered what they might be? Often dismissed as 'weeds,' these resilient plants thrive in the most unexpected places.

Taking time to notice and explore these plants can reveal the diverse and often overlooked flora that thrives in our urban environments.

Using [this guide](#) you can then add the species to the [Horsforth Bioblitz](#) on the [i-Naturalist](#) website or App.



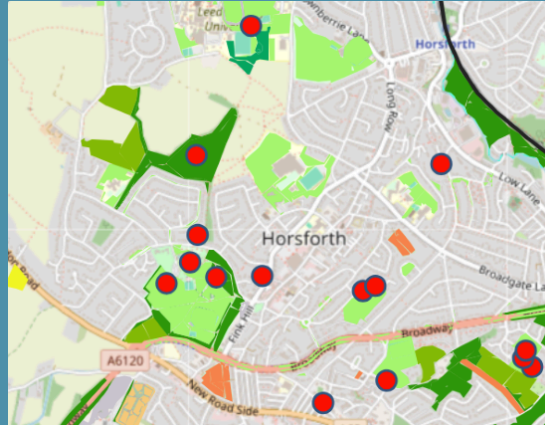
Helping to map nature in Horsforth

We are mapping those public green space sites where action is being taken to help nature.

These initiatives vary from planting trees, relaxed mowing, establishing more diverse flower communities for pollinators and

creating ponds. They include both non HCA and HCA initiatives. You can access the [map here](#).

We are hoping to update the map periodically and if you think of a public site where action has been taken to help nature and which warrants showing on the map please email, info@horsforthclimateaction.org ideally with a photo of the site.



[More information](#)

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

HCA Volunteering

Opportunities - We need you!

Please contact Volunteer@horsforthclimateaction.org if you can help with any of the projects below

Volunteer Apple Pickers

We are looking for volunteers to help pick and collect fruit for our Apple day in October. Please contact us if you are able to help.

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!

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 also looking to set up an energy group, so if you have an interest in all things energy, please get in touch.

Other upcoming Local Activities

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...

Film showing at your local cinema

Friday 4th October 2024 at 6.45pm (7pm start)

"Local Hero"

[Find out more](#)

Abbey House Museum

Revive, Repair, Re-use: Stories of sustainability

Sustainability exhibition featuring Horsforth Climate Action extended to the end of January 2025. The exhibition has inspired a number of eco friendly activities taking place over September and October, including:

- [Seeding Collecting Walk, Thursday 26th September](#)
- [Making scrap Halloween garlands, Monday 14th October](#)
- [Make a hedgehog scrap family, Monday 14th October](#)

[Find out more](#)

Regional National & National climate Activities

Read more about what other regional and national events are happening in the area. These aren't organised by Horsforth

Walk to School Month

The 1st October is the start of Walk to School Month, when students around the globe celebrate the benefits of walking and wheeling to school. You can find out more about the month and ways to get involved in the walk to school initiative on the [Living Streets website](#).

Six ways to lower your carbon emissions

Interesting article by BBC Futures looking at [easy ways to reduce your carbon footprint](#).

Wilding by Isabella Tree - book and film

A really interesting book and now a film about the "Knepp rewilding project" in West Sussex. It shows the way nature can thrive if it's given the space to grow and breathe.

[Watch the trailer for the film](#).

[Attend a screening of the film at Heart in Headingley](#).

Or borrow the book from your local Library:

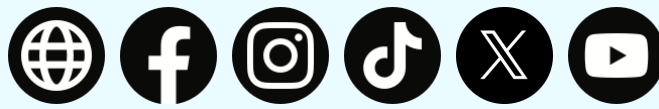
[Audio Book](#)

[Book](#)

[Young Adult illustrated Version](#)

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 **October Newsletter**, please send the details to Info@horsforthclimateaction.org by **Monday 14th October**.

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