



Horsforth Climate Action Newsletter

July 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

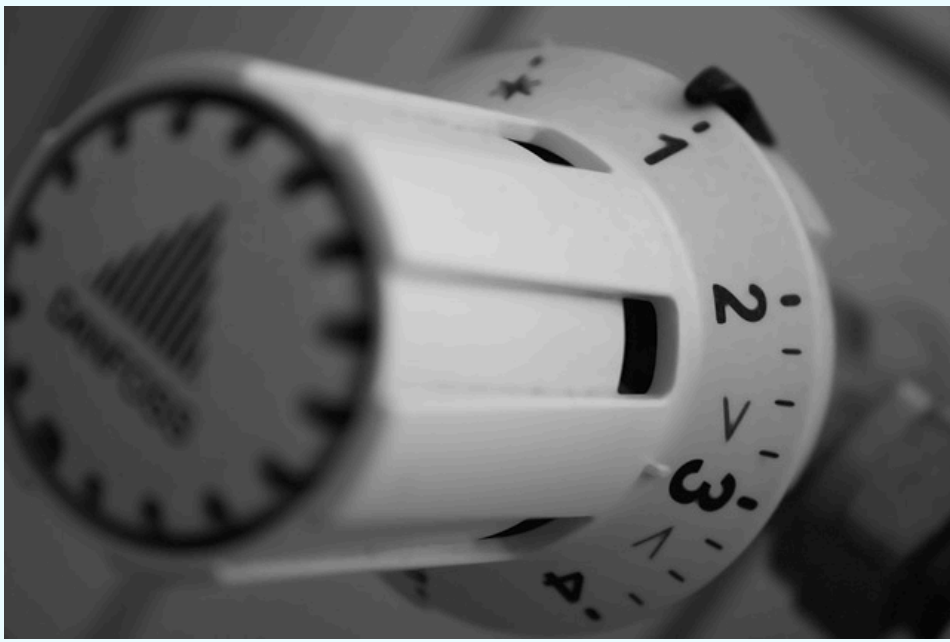
Save the Date - Energy Day

Saturday 7th September 2-4pm

St Margaret's Church

Save pennies, save pounds, save carbon! Come and find out how you can sort out some of your energy issues. There will be information on easy fixes, grants, energy company bonuses and even self generation in your own home. Come and meet the Green Doctor who can help you. We're also hoping to have our own thermal imaging camera so you can see where the heat is escaping from your home!

If you are interested in getting involved in this event please email us on info@horsforthclimateaction.org



Apple Day

October 2024

We are planning to repeat our popular apple day event from last year and we need your spare fruit!

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

volunteer@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.

We are also looking for volunteers to help pick and collect the fruit. If you are able to help with this please email us on

volunteer@horsforthclimateaction.org.



**[Read More about last year's
Apple Day Here](#)**

PREVIOUS EVENTS

Horsforth Walk of Art Making the Green World go Round

HCA was hosted by the Grove Church during the 10th Horsforth Walk of Art weekend. Taking the Walk of Art theme 'Things that Go', we put a green spin on it and thought about 'things that make the green world go round'. We had some beautiful photos displayed of round things in Nature, artwork from Leeds Craftivists, work by children from West End School, and some beautiful banners made by Thursday Grove Cubs and Wednesday Brownies (New Road Side).



We wanted to include some serious issues, so made an arty display about all the cycles that help the world go round - the Life cycle, The Carbon Cycle, Energy Cycles and more. Around 600 people came through the doors, taking part in the treasure hunt, making mini wind turbines, chalking their footprints, looking round and chatting. We collected bikes and digital tech for repair and redistribution. Thank you to everyone who came, took part, or made donations. Thank you also to the refreshment team at the Grove and their delicious homemade cakes and huge thanks to the Walk of Art Team who make it all happen.



[Read the whole story](#)

Open Gardens

Members of the HCA Nature Group recently opened up their gardens to visitors as part of a nature friendly gardens event. Welcoming over 40 visitors the event gave people insight and inspiration about what can be achieved whatever the size of your garden on green space.



**Read more about the event in
our blog post**

Repair Cafe

Our latest Repair Cafe took place at St Margaret's Parish Centre on Saturday 6th July. It was another busy event with 50 items fixed on the day. The next cafe is on Saturday 3rd August 1-4pm St Margaret's Parish Centre.



Childrens Litter Picking Kits

HCA has funded a children's litter picking kit for every primary school in Horsforth. These comprise a 'Graptor the Raptor' picker, hoop, hi vis jacket, plus a risk assessment. The kit can be used in any way the school chooses. One suggestion is children in Reception can take it home each week to go out litter picking with their families. Some schools are going to lend it to their Eco Teams. We hope that it will encourage children and families to be more aware of their environment and less likely to drop litter.



Climate Education for Schools

Primary school teachers from across the Horsforth area recently attended a training course funded by Horsforth Climate Action to help them include climate change education in their curriculum. It was delivered by Leeds DEC (Development Education Centre), an education charity supporting schools and communities prepare for our changing world. The DEC have created a whole school framework with key terms and learning outcomes to help schools plan and assess their climate education from KS1 to KS4. Our schools are now working on delivering climate change awareness to pupils.

HCA VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

We need you!

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

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, Transport , at 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.

Bioblitz Project

Curious about the wildlife in your own garden, Hunger Hills Woods, or the local park? Join us for the Horsforth Bioblitz, a fun year-long event that started in April 2024, where we're working to explore and map the incredible nature all around us.

HOW YOU CAN JOIN:

- **[Download the iNaturalist App:](#)** Join the Horsforth Bioblitz project. It's so easy!
- **Spot and Snap:** Whenever you're out, take photos of any wildlife you see and upload them to the app.
- **Get Involved:** Keep an eye on our social media and newsletter to find out about future fun events linked to the Horsforth Bioblitz



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...

Move Mates - Leeds

[Move Mates](#) is a Walking Buddy Project which makes getting out for a walk a reality for people who would otherwise find it difficult to leave their homes. They are looking for volunteers to help develop the scheme in Horsforth. You can find out more about the scheme and how to volunteer on their [website](#).



Regional & National Climate Activities

Read more about other Regional and National Climate Activities .

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Climate Action Leeds - Community small grants (now open)

Together for Peace and Leeds Community Foundation is providing small grants of up to £5,000 to support neighbourhood-based climate action projects in Leeds which reduce carbon and / or are nature friendly. You can find out more about the grants and how to apply on the [Climate Action Leeds website](#) (Closing date 12 noon on Monday 2 September 2024)

[Register](#)

Love Parks Week

Love Parks Week takes place from 26th July - 4th August. It highlights the vital role that parks make in boosting the health and wellbeing of local communities. A visit to your local park can make all the difference to your day! Why not visit your local Horsforth Hall Park? Find out more about the [Friends of Horsforth Hall Park](#) and visit the Community Garden. You can find out more about all the parks in Leeds on the [Love Leeds Parks website](#).



Kerbside glass collection to start in Leeds

Glass collections in green bins to begin on August 1

Households across Leeds will be able to recycle glass bottles and jars in their green bins for the first time from the start of August.

This includes all colours of glass and means that everything from wine, spirits and beer bottles, to jam jars and pasta sauce jars can now all be recycled in the Leeds green bin.

New Solar Initiative from West Yorkshire Combined Authority

West Yorkshire Combined Authority has partnered with independent experts to make buying solar panels easier and more affordable. Installing solar panels can lower your bills, and by joining a group buying scheme, you can get an even better deal. In similar schemes, participants have saved an average of 10-15% on installation compared to the typical market price.

The scheme is also open to people who already have solar panels installed and are interested in getting battery storage.

To find out more and register interest without obligation go to the [Solar Together webpages](#)

Registration closes on **9 August**

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 **August Newsletter**, please send the details to info@horsforthclimateaction.org by **12 August**.

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