



Horsforth Climate Action Newsletter

February 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

Climate Conversation - Air Quality and Community Action

Thursday 20th February 6:30 - 8:15pm
St Margaret's Parish Centre

This Climate Conversation will discuss the challenge of air quality in the local area and wider, and how local communities can respond.

The event will provide an opportunity to hear from Leeds-based experts on the issue of air pollution and is aimed at a public, non-expert audience.

Our keynote speakers will be:

- **Dr Jim McQuaid** from the University of Leeds, who will be introducing the drivers of air quality and discussing local trends in the context of global change. Jim's work includes the widely reported 'Air Quality Stripes':
[These colourful diagrams show how air quality has changed in over 100 countries around the world since 1850](#)
- **Andrew White** from Leeds City Council, who will be presenting on the city-wide effort to improve air quality and local successes. Andrew's team are responsible for the Leeds Air Quality Strategy.

Following the speakers, Horsforth Climate Action will host a short interactive workshop to discuss collaboration on community-led solutions to create a cleaner, healthier neighbourhood.

Hot drinks and light refreshments will be available.



Air Quality and Local Action

Climate Conversations

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You are invited to join us for an evening of talks and discussion.

Speakers are Dr Jim McQuaid from the University of Leeds and Andrew White from Leeds City Council.

Thursday 20th February 2025
6:30pm – 8.15pm
St Margaret's Parish Centre

For more information and to book your place, please head to our eventbrite page or head to our website and follow the link.

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Climate Action Leeds

Book Your Place

Get Growing

**Saturday 1st March 2:00-4:00pm
St Margaret's Church**

Please join us at our next HCA Saturday. We are running a Get Growing Seed Swap event on Saturday 1st March 2-4pm at St Margaret's Church.

As well as the seed swap there will also be nature friendly gardening giveaways, kid's crafts, video game - "explore the unseen world of soil" and composting information.

Come along with your spare seeds to swap and find out lots more about growing your own and much more.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Get Growing

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St Margaret's Church

Seed swap: edibles and flowers

Composting

Nature friendly gardening giveaways

Video game: 'explore the unseen world of soil'

Children's art activity

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We are winners!

We were delighted to be awarded our [Heart of Horsforth](#) - Environmental Award by Horsforth Town Council at a presentation on Thursday 30th January. A huge well done to all the winners and a big thank you to our nominees and especially to all of our volunteers and supporters who contribute so much to our continued success.



[Find out more here](#)

Wilding screening at The Grove Cinema

Friday 2nd May 2025

HCA are running a screening of the film - ["Wilding"](#) in conjunction with the [Grove Cinema](#). The screening will take place at 7:00pm on Friday 2nd May at the Grove Cinema. The film tells the story of a couple who attempt to rewild their 400 year old estate. It is the beginning of a grand experiment that will become one of the most significant rewilding experiments in Europe.



PREVIOUS EVENTS

Reduce, Recycle, Reuse and Regift

We had a great response to our recent Reduce, Recycle, Reuse and Regift event on Saturday 1st February. We exchanged over 40 toys and gifts We also collected 23 tech donations for [Solidaritech](#).

By providing a second life for these items and hopefully saving them from landfill, we potentially saved -3,355 kg of CO2e. The equivalent of driving 13,993 miles of flying 20,457 miles.

There was lots of positive feedback about the Toy exchange:

- "Brilliant idea toy swap. Would come again"
- "Incredible idea - love it - hopefully the first of many!"

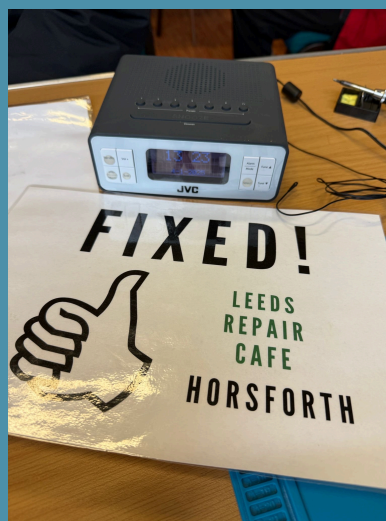
Thank you to everyone who came along to the event and all our volunteers who helped on the day.



Horsforth Repair Cafe

The February repair cafe was well attended with over 29 items fixed, saving -740.9 kg of CO₂e. The equivalent of flying 4,518 miles.

The next cafe takes place on **Saturday 1st March 1:00-4:00pm St Margaret's Parish Centre.**



Horsforth Bioblitz

With first signs of spring flowers we are beginning to get more updates to the [Horsforth Bioblitz!](#)

We now have 115 observers, 1570 observations!

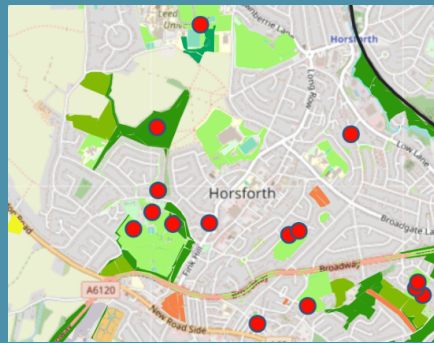
If you haven't already joined, it's easy. Download the [iNaturalist app](#) to your phone, join the Horsforth Bioblitz start taking photos, and recording your sightings!



Horsforth Nature Map

Our Horsforth Nature Map has recently been updated to include a legend explaining the different types of sites. Webpage links to additional information have also been added to some locations. You can access the map using the link below.

If you have suggestions for any additional areas that could be added to the map please email: info@horsforthclimateaction.org



Horsforth Nature Map

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 groups who 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, or join in with a free training session on a variety of topics.

The next free training session will be on **Wednesday 5th March** in the evening (venue to be confirmed) and will be about **FUNDING**:

- What funding might be available for my group
- How to apply and
- Where to go to for support.

It will be delivered by Kaye Wilson who has over 30 years experience supporting community groups around funding.

If you are interested in attending the training please email

Info@horsforthclimateaction.org

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:

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.

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...

Leeds Libraries collect old costumes for World Book Day

Reminder that Leeds City Council Public Libraries are collecting children's fancy dress clothes for a costume swap for **World Book Day** in March.

The aim is to make World Book day for sustainable and affordable by hosting costume swaps in some of the public libraries.

They are looking for donations of suitable children's fancy dress costumes in good, clean condition.

Donations can be dropped off at your **local public library**.



Litter Free Leeds Conference 2025 Tuesday 25th March 6-9pm

Celebrating their volunteering achievements. Join Litter Free Leeds for an informative and fun event at the Civic Hall hosted by Leeds City Council.

[More information and Booking](#)

Climate Schools - eco conference 2025 Friday 28th March 9:40-14:00

How climate-friendly is your school? Whether you're just beginning and don't know where to start or you're a green pioneer with a fully embedded climate curriculum, bristling with solar panels and with compost coming out of your ears (or somewhere in between!) - you're not alone and we'd love you to join us at Leeds Civic Hall for the **Climate Schools Eco-Conference 2025!**

- Hear from other **schools** who have taken climate action
- Learn from **climate specialists**
- Talk to organisations who are offering **resources and support** for schools
- Share successes and challenges in planning, creating and implementing your school **sustainability action plan**
- Share ideas about **collaborating** with other schools to contribute to Child Friendly Leeds Wish 5 - "Everyone takes more action to protect the environment from climate change"
- Find more out about the role of a school **Sustainability Lead** (for adults) and what a **Climate Action Plan** looks like

Up to 5 pupils / students from **Upper KS2 and KS3** are invited to attend along with up to 2 adults from each school.



[More information and booking](#)

Recycle your medical blister packs!

Medical blister packs can now be recycled at Boots the Chemist. You can find out more about the scheme and how to register in the link below.



[Find out more](#)

Wildsong: An immersive celebration of the wild through voice and music with the Wildsong Collective

Saturday, March 1st 2025 - 7.00pm - 8.00pm.

**Headingley Enterprise & Arts Centre,
North Leeds**

Join us for a magical night of musical improvisation.

Following the success of their debut performance Wildsong: The Voice of the Mother Tree at the Yorkshire Rewilding Network Festival in

2023, the Wildsong Collective are back with an evening of musical improvisation on the theme of rewilding.

Experience the hope and possibility of rewilding through musical imaginings inspired by words, images, stories and audience reflections.

This Wild@HEART event is brought to you in partnership with Yorkshire Rewilding Networks's North Leeds Rewilding Hub. This local Hub is connecting, inspiring, and enabling more people to get involved with rewilding across North Leeds and beyond.

Doors Performance: 7.00pm - 8.00pm.

Tickets: £12, £10, £5

[More information and booking](#)

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 **March Newsletter**, please send the details to info@horsforthclimateaction.org by **10th March 2025**.

Regional and National Climate Activities

How to talk to children about climate change

Adults understand the importance of talking with the next generation about climate change - but many also feel worried about how to approach it.

You can help other parents, grandparents and carers by [downloading and sharing this information booklet from Greenpeace](#) with friends, family, schools or parenting networks. It could give someone else the confidence to have valuable conversations with the children in their lives, helping them be more ready to handle the climate related challenges to come.

Free home energy assessments

[Thermafy Eco Solutions](#) are offering free Home efficiency Surveys to home owners whose energy is supplied by Northern Power Grid. The survey takes approximately 1 hour and you receive a customised PDF report on your home.

NB HCA does not endorse any particular companies but wanted to pass on this information in case anyone wishes to explore it further:



The graphic features the Thermafy Eco Solutions logo at the top left. The central text asks 'How energy efficient is your home?' and promotes a 'FREE Home Efficiency Survey (normally £150) Free with discount code - NPG123'. It includes a QR code labeled 'Book Here' and the phone number '01573 219350'. The URL 'https://thermafy-eco.com/' is also present. On the left, there is a logo for the National Energy Foundation and Northern Powergrid, with a note that surveys are available via their partnership. The graphic also contains illustrations of a house with a question mark, a piggy bank with coins, and a vertical bar chart with letters A through F.

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National Energy Foundation
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