



Climate Action Stokesley and Villages update 12th November 2020

Hello

Welcome to all those who recently signed up to receive our updates. Our next online meeting will be on **Tuesday 17th November**, starting at 7:30pm, to discuss meeting with Rishi Sunak MP, sub-group updates and plans for a Green Christmas event on Saturday 5th December in Stokesley.

Here is the link for the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85917307667?pwd=aEZCeFpsSUZscjZCQ21VZnRDcFdYdz09>

or by phone 0203 481 5240 / 0203 901 7895 0131 460 1196 / 0203 051 2874 / 0203 481 5237

Meeting ID: 859 1730 7667

Passcode: 775965

Now that the group is a lot more established we have the need for a shared online storage space so have set up a new email address climateactionsav@gmail.com which we will be starting to use for formal group communications. Please can you update your contacts list.

Build Back Better

Following the Build Back Better event promoting a green and fair recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic, we sent our letter to our MP Rishi Sunak in which we asked to meet with him to talk with him about our vision for the area, the actions we are undertaking and what we would like the Government to do. He has written back saying, *"I read with interest the group's vision for a net-zero carbon area by 2030 and, if you like to get back in touch with my office to see what can be organised, I would be more than happy to meet with you to discuss this further."* Therefore, we are looking to arrange an online meeting with him. We'll discuss possible formats at our group meeting next week and by then hopefully we might have a date.



Energy

George Carter has been busy over the last few months having an air source heat pump, along with solar panel and a battery, installed plus undertaking other energy saving measures. He has started to collect data to show the difference in his energy usage before and after. Once he has some data, over a longer period, it should make a really useful case study. In the meantime, if you would like to visit George's house to see the bits and pieces and the data so far, then email George, once the current restrictions are lifted.

Environment

Stokesley Flood Alleviation Scheme, November 2020

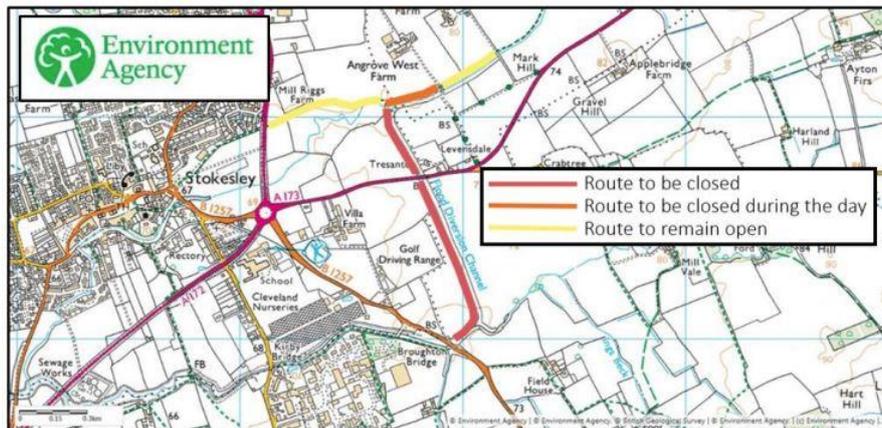
Footpath closure update that the Environment Agency has asked us to share:

"To ensure public safety throughout the work, it will be necessary to temporarily close some footpaths in the vicinity of the flood diversion channel and upstream flow control structure. Bam Nuttall has agreed footpath closures with North Yorkshire County Council. This allows them to close the paths from the 12 October 2020 until the end of the works in March 2021, however they will only close paths if it is strictly necessary for certain stages in the work. The map below shows the routes affected and we will keep the public up to date with any changes.

The current construction plan means:

- The footpath shown in red next to the flood diversion channel north of the A173 will be closed from mid-October throughout the works until spring 2021.
- The path shown in red next to the flood diversion channel south of the A173 will be closed from mid-December until spring 2021.
- Part of the Stokesley to Great Ayton route shown in orange will be closed during the day from 2 November 2020 until the end of February 2021. The path will be re-opened in the evenings and over weekends.

These are approximate dates and are dependent on design of the flood diversion channel and construction programme. We apologise for the inconvenience.”



Missing in action: natural climate solutions in England's national parks

This new [report](#) from Friends of the Earth uncovers the untapped potential of natural climate solutions in England's national parks, and explores how the government and National Park Authorities can better support woodland creation and ecosystem restoration in these treasured landscapes.

There is a [mapping tool](#) so that you can see what the report suggests might be feasible in our area. What do you think of the suggestions for woodland creation near here?

Food

The Food group have been busy finalising their vision and the actions that they are going to focus on over the next few years. They have also been working with the Waste sub-group, exploring starting a Food Share scheme with the local Coops to re-distribute surplus food. Find out more at the whole group meeting next Tuesday.

Transport

Footpaths

Recently we have seen several requests on social media for a footpath that is easy to use between Great Broughton and Stokesley. This ties in with the increased interest in walking rather than using the car.

Several members have mentioned the new [Slow Ways](#) project to create a network of walking routes that connect all of Great Britain's towns and cities.

The Ramblers Association has also launched a campaign to [register historic paths](#) that are not included on official maps. In North Yorkshire they have found there are 2651 miles of paths that could be lost forever if they are not registered by 2026.

Would anyone who is interested in walking be willing to be a group contact with the Slow Ways and/or Ramblers' Association on behalf of CASaV?

Faceby Bus Shelter

If you are a member of the Coop then if you haven't already chosen the community project to benefit from any Coop products that you buy, how about supporting the Faceby Bus Shelter to help promote use of public transport?

"Faceby Community Projects was initiated to host arising projects of benefit to the community. Faceby is a small village of around 200 inhabitants situated on the north end of the North York Moors National Park. It is popular also with walkers and cyclists. Provision of a bus shelter for the particular benefit of school children, but also for others using public transport, is our ambition. Life has changed significantly and irreversibly as a result of coronavirus and we can expect still more change as the drive towards reduced carbon emissions impacts the future. We will be less inclined to use fossil fuels, and increased use of buses will be more prevalent in a rural community. We are also on a popular cycling route and shelter for walkers and cyclists will be an asset for all."

Waste

Reusable water bottles

The Green Group at Stokesley Secondary School recently surveyed parents asking for opinions on the water bottle scheme to encourage the use of reusable water bottles that is planned to start in the school. 94.7% of the 228 responses received said that they supported the scheme. In addition to this, 77.2% of the parents who answered said they would give their child money to buy a reusable water bottle. A water fountain has been installed in every pod area, and the school are now looking at getting them in the canteen and café as well. 56% of students already bring a bottle to school. Although this is a majority, they would like this to be much nearer to 100%.

Hot bins

During our last online meeting, hot bins were mentioned as a way of dealing with kitchen waste and a link, about Bradford and Strath Community Company's [Green Growers](#) project, was shared so that you can find out more.

Climate Conversation

There are several online events coming up which might be of interest:

From the Ground Up –

12 November to 16 November

"This November, COP26 was due to take place in Glasgow. To mark the moment it was originally set to happen, the COP26 Coalition is hosting [From the Ground Up](#) - a global gathering providing space to educate, activate and strategise, to build power and connect within our global justice movements. We will discuss the need for a global green new deal and work towards a global plan of action to create the change we need."



Towards a Carbon Negative York and North Yorkshire – 23rd November

The York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership are holding an [event](#) to explore becoming a carbon negative region. The Building on the Carbon Abatement Pathways study, is the next stage of the journey towards becoming a carbon negative region by developing a roadmap of projects that will take us from high-level objectives e.g. increase cycling 9-fold to specific, projects that will make the difference we need to make e.g. free cycle schemes for schools."

Finally, Amanda shared a link to the [short film](#) of the collective poem 'Murmuration' inspired by climate crisis and coronavirus, that she contributed to. The film was first shown at the Durham Book Festival.

Take care of yourself, each other and the planet.

Caryn Loftus, on behalf of the Climate Action Stokesley and Villages Steering Group