



Climate Action Stokesley and Villages update January 2021

Hello

Here's hoping to a better New Year and enough energy to play our part in the run-up to the international meetings to tackle to the climate and nature emergencies. Thinking of energy, our next online meeting on **Tuesday 19th January, starting at 7:30pm** will include an update on the Rural Community Energy Fund plus a catch up on our themed groups.

Here is the link for the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83295344131?pwd=L2hpMU1EVWZVMjAyYkd3ZGY1QxU0NLQT09>

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

Meeting ID: 832 9534 4131

Passcode: 315173

Thank you to all those who took part in our **Planting and Keeping Trees** event in December. If you were unable to attend the event, then take a look at the new [page](#) on our website which we have created with a selection of audio recordings and presentations.

Food and waste

Jenny spotted that the BBC has a useful section on its website looking at how to [cut the carbon footprint of your diet](#) providing plenty of food for thought following on from BBC Two's [Horizon: Feast to Save the Planet](#) shown last week.

Nature

Geoff shared a link to [garden nurseries](#) that don't use peat.

The story of Great Ayton's High Street through the eyes of pollinators

Advance notice of an online talk by expert botanist Martin Allen on **Wednesday 10th February, starting at 7:30pm**, following the route of a new [Bug Trail](#) which will be launched in Great Ayton once restrictions allow. The trail aims to interest families in the natural and built heritage of the area by seeing how the planting for pollinators has changed over time as the village has developed and why it is important to now increase the number of plants suitable for pollinators and what part they can play. Booking details will be available nearer the time.



Transport

Following a question from a resident in Stokesley, Cllr Bryn Griffiths has provided the following update on electric charging points in Stokesley. Hambleton District Council (HDC) are installing 3 x 7kW units with a type 2 socket, in the Showfield Car Park which is run by HDC. The charging points in Stokesley are part of phase 2 of the installation plan which is in Summer/Autumn 2021.

Stokesley Town Council are currently exploring the options for locations and costs of charging points in the Town Centre. They are hoping to use expertise from HDC as guidance.

Zero carbon

At this time of year, we often look ahead to changes we might want to make. Here are some possible pledges to consider, in no particular order, based on idea from [Zero Carbon Harrogate](#). Let us know if you make one or more of these or if you have made another pledge.

Some pledges to help address the climate and nature emergencies		✓
1.	I pledge to ring my electricity supplier over the next 24 hours and see if they can switch me to green energy - if not I will find one who can.	
2.	I pledge to educate myself about the science and impacts of climate change.	
3.	I pledge to walk, cycle, use public transport to work or to make regular journeys at least one a week	
4.	I pledge to do a home energy check to find out how I can save energy at home. See the Energy Saving Trust website https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/ or call them on 0800 512 012.	
5.	I pledge to reduce my holiday air miles by 50%.	
6.	I pledge to buy local seasonal produce as much as possible starting with enough for at least two meals a week.	
7.	I pledge to contact my MP and my friends to ask them to make these pledges as well.	
8.	I pledge to work out my own carbon footprint using one of the many, easy to use carbon calculators such as www.footprint.wwf.org.uk	
9.	I pledge to turn my thermostat down or use a thermometer to achieve the lowest temperature that is comfortable and think about putting on a jumper	
10.	I pledge to use at least part of my garden for the benefit of wildlife.	

Finally, to help us engage others with climate change, Geoff spotted a useful toolkit from [Climate Outreach](#).

Have a look and see if you can think how we can use it.

Take care of yourself, each other and the planet.

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