



Climate Action Stokesley and Villages update October 2021

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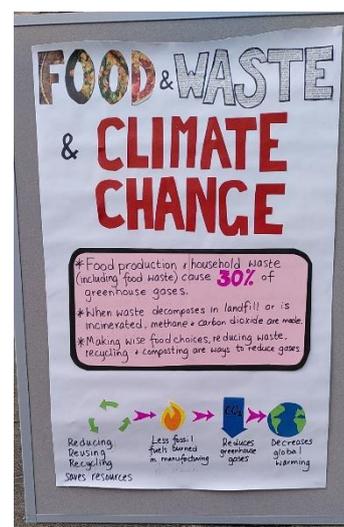
Thank you to all those who helped with our **Great Big Green Week stall** or who called by to say hello. Despite Stokesley being on the quiet side, we had a steady stream of people stopping by to talk about food and waste. Kate's demonstration of making bags from old magazines was a great draw as was Wendy's fantastic display of locally grown veg and Anne's waste and food symbol quiz that tested us and a number of visitors to the stall found informative.



There was a lot of interest in the [leaflet](#) highlighting which soft plastics can now be recycled in the two Co-op stores in Stokesley and the store in Great Ayton.

Our meeting this month is on **Tuesday 19th October, starting at 7:30pm in Stokesley Town Hall, High Street, Stokesley.**

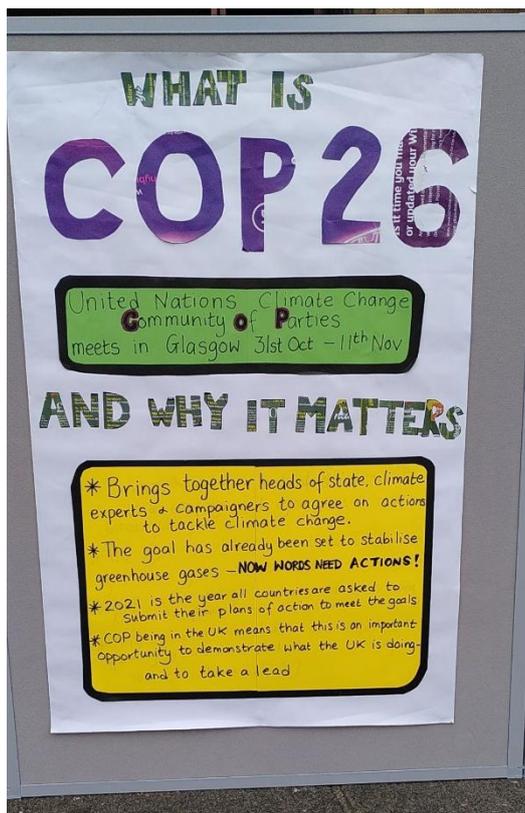
As we have to pay for the hall, we would be grateful for a contribution towards the cost if you are able to attend.



If you can't make our meetings in Stokesley, then how about joining either our Food or Waste groups which are meeting monthly online? Contact [Wendy](#) for details of the Food group and [Simon](#) for details of the Waste group.

Our October meeting will focus on planning for our COP26 Global Day of Action events on Saturday 6th November.

COP26



Following a steering group meeting, we have decided to see if we can hold stalls in Great Ayton, Hutton Rudby and Stokesley on Saturday 6th November, between 10am and 12 noon, as part of the [Global Day of Action for Climate Justice](#).

On each stall will be a large sketch map of the area to which we will attach examples of what is already happening to mitigate/adapt for climate change in the area. We will then ask people to add on what else they know is happening, write to Rishi and pledge to undertake more action themselves.

Key messages:

- Deeds not words
- Act at speed and scale
- Immediate, rapid, and large-scale reductions in greenhouse gas emissions to keep increase at no more than 1.5°C

We will have a leaflet based on our current group leaflet but with a section on COP26 and writing to our MP.

If you can't make the meeting on the 19th, please send us what actions you have undertaken with photos if possible so that we can add them to the map in advance of the events on the 6th November.

Other ways to get involved are:

[The Billion Seed Challenge](#) to plant a billion seeds across the UK in October, the digital [World Climate March](#) organised by Oxfam or the COP26 Prayer Walk in Great Ayton on Saturday 30th October. Details of the Prayer Walk coming soon.

Climate conversations

Our MP

Following the last group meeting we [wrote](#) to Rishi Sunak in his capacity as our MP. Here is his [reply](#) and the suggestion that he will meet with us during one of his surgeries. We await to see what will be announced in the Spending Review.

Macroeconomics

If you want to know more about macroeconomics then Eileen and Pete recommend a policy brief brought out by the Peterson Institute for Economics titled '[Climate Policy is Macroeconomic Policy, and the Implications Will Be Significant](#).' Pete said, "*This is an excellent document and complements Mark Carney's book, dealing with macroeconomic issues which will surely lead to urgent action at COP 26.*"

Hope to see you on 19th October when as well as planning our COP26 action, we will look at how we get our key messages across effectively.

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

(The steering group consists of Bridget Holmstrom, Caryn Loftus, Jack Turton, Ron Kirk and Simon Gibbon)