



Climate Action Stokesley and Villages update November 2021

Hello

Welcome, if you have recently signed up to receive our updates.

COP26

COP26 is now well underway. We have been busy preparing for our stalls on Saturday as part of the [Global Day of Action for Climate Justice](#). It would be great if you could call in to one of the stalls for a chat between 10am and 12noon. We could also do with a few more helpers for the Great Ayton stall. If you can help, [let us know](#).

The stalls are at:

- The Discovery Centre, Great Ayton TS9 6NB
- The Hub, Hutton Rudby TS15 0DA
- Old Market Place (behind Town Hall), Stokesley TS9 5DG

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



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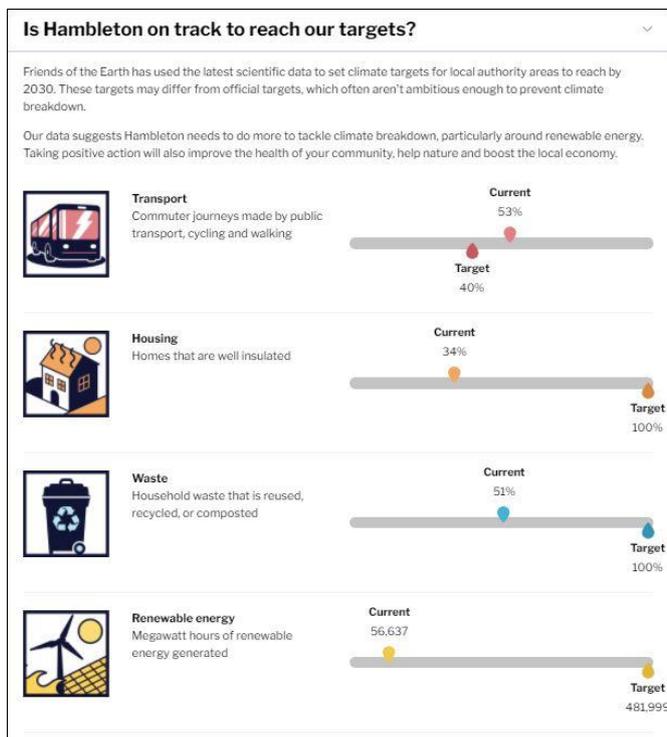
We will have a leaflet based on our current group leaflet with a section on COP26 and writing to our MP.

Another way of getting involved is the digital [World Climate March](#) organised by Oxfam and sign the [COP26: Be Fair With Your Climate Promise petition](#) organised by the Fairtrade Foundation.

Next meeting

Our meeting this month is on Tuesday 16th November, 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 small contribution towards the cost if you are able to attend.

At our October meeting we discussed a new tool from Friends of the Earth called [Near Me](#). It identifies that to tackle climate change in the Hambleton area, in particular, there needs to be more generation of renewable energy. From previous work that Spenser has done we know the grid does not have much spare capacity in the area, therefore we have started thinking about buildings that use a lot of energy during the day in our area e.g. schools.



Simon has started looking at the national programme [Solar for Schools](#). As a result, we have set up a sub-group to look at how we can take this forward with local schools and have already identified contacts with a number of the schools. If you have contacts with Ingleby Greenhow, Kirkby and Great Broughton or Marwood Primaries, then please can you let [Simon](#) know.

Our November meeting will review our COP26 stalls and also agree the next steps for Solar for Schools.

Date for your diary: Retrofitting buildings - Friday 19th November

We are hoping to arrange a separate meeting looking at retrofitting buildings with input from Jonathan Atkinson of [Carbon Coop](#) on the evening of Friday 19th November. We will send out details once confirmed.

If you can't make our face-to-face meetings, 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.

Energy and Nature news

Energy

We have just received information about a new Green Homes grant for residents on low incomes in parts of North Yorkshire aimed at tackling fuel poverty and cutting carbon emissions. The Green Homes Grant scheme is operating in the Hambleton, Richmondshire and Ryedale District Council areas and the Scarborough Borough Council area.

Any household in these areas with an annual income below £30,000 and a low energy efficient property (energy efficiency rating of D, E, F or G) can apply for the full cost of having a range of energy efficient and low carbon measures installed in their home. The measures available include external and cavity wall insulation, double glazed windows and doors, loft insulation, solar panels, air source heat pumps and smart heating controls.

[Find out more.](#)

Nature

We have received an update from the Environment Agency regarding their flood alleviation works. Whilst most footpaths are now re-opened there will be intermittent closures until the end of November see their [map](#) for details.

Fingers crossed for positive outcomes from COP26.

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)