



## Climate Action Stokesley and Villages update May 2022

Hello

Welcome, if you have recently signed up to receive our updates. We usually meet on the third Tuesday of the month, therefore our next meeting is **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, starting at 7:30pm in Stokesley Town Hall**. Small contributions to the cost of hiring the hall will be welcome on the night. If you would like to become a member of Climate Action Stokesley and Villages then the next time you come to a meeting or event, please pay the annual fee of £1. We will continue to send our monthly updates to all those who have signed up to our mailing list. By becoming a member, in addition to receiving the monthly updates, you will also have a chance to decide on activities and future direction of the group.

### Energy

#### **George's open home and garden – 17 Riverslea, Stokesley**

Group member, George Carter, is opening his home and garden on **Sunday 5th June from 1pm to 5pm** to showcase the changes he has made. If visitors wish to discuss heat pumps/solar power/house batteries/electric cars, George is happy to show you around. The garden is intended as an ordinary example of Grow Your Own (GYO) and there will be some patio vegetables in pots to take away.

### Food

It was great to see over 60 people turn out for our food, farming and environment event organised jointly with Stokesley Deanery Environment Network. We heard from Howard Petch CBE former Principal of Bishop Burton College and local famers Robert Campbell MBE former Chairman of the national organisation LEAF (Linking Environment and Farming) and David Hugill.

If you weren't able to make it, then listen to the [podcast](#) created by Richard Bradshaw for Leven Online.



## Nature

### Wildflower walks

The most recent [State of Nature report](#) (2019) shows that the UK is one of the most nature depleted nations in the world, it has lost almost 50% of its wildlife. Specific examples include hedgehogs that have declined by 95% since 1950, turtle doves that have declined by 98% and the common toad by 68%. These numbers are shocking and continue unabated. The report also highlights that climate change is driving widespread changes in the abundance, distribution and ecology of England's wildlife.

Therefore, to help ecosystems and biodiversity, CASaV are working with several local councils on projects to improve the biodiversity of the area. Stokesley is participating in the No Mow May initiative. The Town Council has extended No Mow May to include the Let it Bloom June. This is most welcome as it will provide a great opportunity for plants to establish and set seed before being mown. In addition, the flowers that are allowed to bloom will help to provide food for the pollinators.

Great Ayton Parish Council, in conjunction with its Brighten Up Great Ayton group, are working on a [project](#) to create a floodplain meadow on riverside land behind the old Friends School. Following the development of a [Pollinator Plan for Great Ayton](#) in 2019, the field itself has been identified as a potential '[floodplain meadow](#)' a habitat with a nationally rare plant community. Now plans are underway to protect and improve the area.



Local expert botanist Martin Allen will guide the Parish Council in the appropriate management of the area, removing invasive non-native weeds, and adding other interesting and rare varieties of planting to extend the flowering season through working with the local community.

Martin Allen will lead a walk looking at plant ID and the history of the site on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May, starting at 2pm in Waterfall Park followed by an advanced plant ID walk on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June.**



### Wildflower Walks

**Ingleby Greenhow**  
Meet at Bank Foot  
10<sup>th</sup> May - 6pm  
7<sup>th</sup> June - 10.30am  
Led by Anne Press

**Kirkby-In-Cleveland**  
Meet in front of St Augustine's Church  
16<sup>th</sup> May @ 10.30am  
25<sup>th</sup> May @ 6pm  
Led by Helen Herring

These walks are free of charge, please contact [bridgetholmstrom@hotmail.com](mailto:bridgetholmstrom@hotmail.com), 07795 463202, if you wish to attend.

In addition to the walks in Great Ayton, CASaV are also running wildflower walks from:

- **Bank Foot, Ingleby Greenhow 10.30am on the 7<sup>th</sup> June and**
- **Kirkby Lane in Kirkby-in-Cleveland, 10.30am on the 16<sup>th</sup> May and 6pm on the 25<sup>th</sup> May.**

Individuals can contribute enormously to securing biodiversity by leaving a wild area in the garden and to give a 'Mohican' cut to the lawn leaving an area uncut and cutting the rest every month. This will provide habitat to a wider range of wildlife. Find out more on [Plantlife's website](#).

### Transport

We are planning a transport related event for July. What would you like to find out? [Let us know](#).

## Waste

### Repair Café

Bike gears slip? Computer runs slow? Your favourite cooking knife gone blunt? Lamp that doesn't light? A rip in your favourite t-shirt? Wonky handle on your basket? Bring your items for repair to the **Stokesley and Villages Repair Café, Sat 14th May 10am-12pm - Swainby Village Hall.**

<https://www.swainby.org.uk>

Don't forget it will help if you bring the parts needed for the repair e.g. replacement zips, bulbs, etc.. Come even if you don't have the parts, we might have them and if we don't we can still show you how to do the repair when you get the parts, or at our next Repair Café on 25th June. See you there!

## Zero carbon

### North Yorkshire Council elections

The following were elected to the three divisions in our area:

Great Ayton – Heather Moorhouse (Conservative)

Hutton Rudby and Osmotherley – Bridget Fortune (Conservative)

Stokesley – Bryn Griffiths (Liberal Democrat)

Four of the candidates in our area responded to the North Yorkshire Climate Coalition survey of candidates, including [Heather Moorhouse](#). You can see the other responses on the North Yorkshire Climate Coalition [website](#). The survey was mentioned in an [article](#) in the Darlington and Stockton Times. Following this joint working we are looking at how best the various environmental groups in the region can work with the new North Yorkshire Council.

### Friends of the Earth Groundswell



Groundswell (or Egnio in Wales) is Friends of the Earth's flagship programme of annual events for grassroots activists. This year's theme is "From the climate frontlines to climate justice".

**When?** Various dates in May and June 2022.

**What?** A day of inspiring talks, practical workshops and informative sessions.

**Why?** To come together to build a movement that represents everyone, and plan local action for global climate justice.

"We all deserve the right to a healthy environment and a fairer world for future generations. Join us to build a groundswell of action for global climate justice. Anyone is welcome to attend any event, regardless of where you live."

The nearest event to us is in [Newcastle](#) on the 21st May.

### Climate Column

We hope you liked the second of our monthly Climate Columns in the Darlington and Stockton Times looking at Food. The April column will focus on Nature and should be in the edition printed on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

Hope to see you at the meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> May.

Caryn Loftus,

on behalf of the Climate Action Stokesley and Villages Steering Group Steering group:  
Bridget Holmstrom, Caryn Loftus, Jack Turton, Ron Kirk and Simon Gibbon

A poster for the Repair Café Swainby event. At the top, the word 'REPAIR' is written in large, colorful letters. Below it, the website 'swainby.org.uk' is listed. The poster features two photographs: one showing people working on a bicycle and another showing a person holding a sign that says 'Fixed'. A vertical banner between the photos reads 'BIN IT? NO WAY!'. Below the photos, there is a list of items that can be repaired: 'WHAT DO YOU DO WITH a computer that's slow? a phone that won't charge? clothes that need mending? broken crockery and ornaments?'. The text 'REPAIR CAFE IS repairing broken items together, professional advice, encounters and inspiration' is also present. Underneath, it says 'COSTS? A voluntary contribution'. The 'WHERE?' section provides the location (Swainby Village Hall), address (30 High Street Swainby, DL6 3EG), and website. The 'WHEN?' section gives the date (Saturday 14th May 2022) and time (10am to 12pm). At the bottom, it lists categories of items: 'CLOTHES • FURNITURE • ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES • TOYS • BICYCLES • ETCETERA' and provides contact information for 'swainby.org.uk', 'repaircafe.org/en', and 'climateactionstokesleyandvillages.org'.