



Climate Action Stokesley and Villages update October 2022

Hello

Welcome to those who have recently signed up to our mailing list of 220 or joined our [Facebook group](#) which now has 320 members.

From this month we will be back to meeting on the third Tuesday of each month in The Globe Community Library, North Road, Stokesley. Come and join in our discussion about climate change and help plan our activities on **Tuesday 18th October from 7:30 – 9:00pm**. Contributions towards the cost of hiring the room are welcome.

Energy

Look out for our Climate Column on Energy, highlighting the new Friends of the Earth campaign '[United for Warm Homes](#)', due to be published in the Darlington and Stockton Times on Friday 14th October.

Food

Apple pressing

The apple pressing season is now well under way. We ran a successful event at Yatton House, Great Ayton with over 140 litres of juice pressed by Yatton House Society and members of the public. The equipment has now gone on a tour of north east Yorkshire to be used at a number of events planned by different groups in East Barnby, Glaisdale, Leversham and Hutton-le-Hole. The final event will be run by CASaV on **Sunday 6th November, between 10am and 3pm in Faceby**. There is a suggested contribution of £5 per slot to cover costs and you will need to bring your own bottles. To book a slot please get [in touch](#).



Nature

Peat Partnership presentation

Two representatives from the [Yorkshire Peat Partnership](#) came to talk to us about the work done on both the North York Moors and the Yorkshire Dales to restore the peat to health. It was interesting to hear about the damage that has been done to the peat moors and the process the YPP goes through to restore them to health. It was encouraging to see the success the group are having which brings carbon sequestration rather than release and the healthy ecosystem contributes enormously to biodiversity resilience. The YPP do trips to go and visit the areas that have been restored, including Rosedale and Bransdale. Dates will go up on the Climate Action [Facebook page](#).

You might also be interested to listen to the [BBC radio programme](#) The Life Scientific that Anne Mannix spotted, broadcast on 31st May, on why soil matters. Pete Smith (not our Pete) tells Jim Al-Khalili about his life and work and the urgent need for our degraded peat bogs to be restored.

North York Moors Management plan

The final version of the [North York Moors Management Plan](#) is now available. The vision for the plan is that:

“By 2040 the North York Moors National Park will be a resilient landscape at the forefront of addressing climate change and nature recovery. It will be a biodiverse, beautiful and varied place that’s proud of its cultural heritage, all of which lift the nation’s health and well-being. It will be a place with a diverse, innovative, low carbon economy and home to thriving, welcoming local communities.”

Flood Alleviation

The Environment Agency has finished its work on the Stokesley Flood Alleviation project with the scheme better protecting over 500 properties in Stokesley from flooding over the next 50 years. Read about the work including a new fish pass and tree planting at Stokesley School in their [final report](#).

Land use

Our September’s Climate Column in the Darlington and Stockton Times was on ‘The Best Use of Land for Net Zero’ as we are a small country with limited land available which means there are some decisions ahead that will inevitably prove unpopular regardless of the outcome of those decisions.

Transport

CASaV have sent a letter to Stokesley Town Council in support of their plans for installing electric car charging points in Stokesley.

Waste

Great Big Green Week

In Great Big Green Week we held a Repair Café in Stokesley and had an article published in the Darlington and Stockton Times about the Refill Scheme including the following quote from Anne Mannix, our co-ordinator of the Refill scheme who said: *“The brilliant news from Great Ayton is that when the parish council refurbished the public toilets they had the foresight to install an external drinking water point, so a big shout out to them. Clean fresh drinking water always available.”*

Stokesley and Villages Repair Cafes

Great success at the first Repair Café to be held in Stokesley with 40 items brought to be repaired. Take a look at the [photo gallery](#) and below.

Remember, bring your household items in need of repair e.g. electrical appliances, mechanical equipment, furniture, clothing, crockery, laptops, smartphones, etc - to the Repair Cafe and extend the life of your items, learn repair skills, prevent landfill waste and help fight climate change!

- **Saturday 22nd October** 10am-12pm - Stokesley Globe Community Library
- **Saturday 19th November**, 10am-12pm - Swainby Village Hall

Further details here on our [website](#).





Volunteers needed for Repair Cafes

Are you handy? Are you the person everyone comes to with broken items? We need your help. We are looking for volunteers with repair skills in fixing household items such as computers, electronics, small appliances, bicycles, tables, chairs, clothes, ceramics. All skill levels are welcome! Even if you aren't handy, we don't just need volunteers for repairing, we also need people to help run the Repair Cafés.

If you would like to volunteer to help repairing or running our Repair Cafés, then please fill out our [volunteer application form](#) and/or come along to Stokesley and Villages Repair Café open session on Tuesday 18th at the Stokesley Globe Community Library from 6.30-7.00pm to hear about what's involved and meet the Stokesley and Villages Repair Café team - further details are on our [website](#).

Zero carbon planning



North Yorkshire County Council are asking how you'd like to work with the new North Yorkshire Council and what you think they should focus on as part of Let's Talk, the biggest conversation North Yorkshire has ever seen. They will be in Stokesley market on Friday 21st and "want to listen to what matters to you where you live – whether that is education, affordable housing, climate change, public transport or something else". You can also share your views [online](#).

Hope to see you at one our first meeting back at The Globe.

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