



Climate Action Stokesley and Villages update November 2022

Hello

It was great to be back last month meeting in The Globe Community Library, North Road, Stokesley. Come and join in our discussion about climate change and help plan our activities at our next meeting on **Tuesday 15th November from 7:30 – 9:00pm**. Contributions towards the cost of hiring the room are welcome.

On Friday 28th October, the steering group emailed our MP, Rishi Sunak, to congratulate him on his appointment as Prime Minister and to say we look forward to continuing working with him on climate and nature related issues as our constituency MP. We asked him re-consider both his decision not to attend COP27 and his advice that King Charles does not attend. We said it is important to be sending signals to the rest of the world that the UK is serious about tackling the climate emergency particularly given our role in creating the problem in the first place. We also signed up to a press release put together by the North Yorkshire Climate Coalition which was printed in the Yorkshire Post.

Hopefully we played a small part in Rishi Sunak changing his mind and deciding to attend the important [COP27 climate change talks](#) taking place from the 6th to the 18th November.

Energy

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

Food

Apple pressing

Following a bumper crop of apples this year there was great demand for using the apple pressing equipment. It was used in Great Ayton, East Barnby, Glaisdale, Levisham, Hutton-le-Hole and Faceby. The final event was run by CASaV on Sunday 6th November, in Faceby. A total of nearly 2,000 litres of apple juice was pressed from about 5,000 kgs of apples.



Nature

Are you a Co-op member? If you are, you can help fund the community garden that CASaV are helping develop with Yatton House, Brighten Up Great Ayton group and local Rotary groups. You can find out more and choose this [local cause](#) to support.

Any funds raised will go to complete phase 2 of the community garden project: seating, picnic benches and an arbor with a gazebo roof, providing a relaxing space to enjoy the garden.



Transport

Following a request from CASaV, Great Ayton Parish Council has signed the following motion:
Great Ayton Parish Council:

- *Supports the 20's Plenty for North Yorkshire campaign;*
- *Calls on North Yorkshire County Council to implement 20mph in Great Ayton; and*
- *Will write to North Yorkshire County Council to request 20mph speed limits on streets throughout North Yorkshire where people live, work, shop, play or learn, with 30mph as the exception on those roads, where full consideration of the needs of vulnerable road users allows a higher limit.*

They join the following parishes in our area that have already signed motions in support of the 20s Plenty Campaign: Carlton in Cleveland, Great & Little Broughton, Ingleby Arnecliffe, Rudby and Whorlton. We will now be approaching Stokesley Town Council to put the case for them to support the campaign and join the nine town councils in North Yorkshire already signed up. The [20s Plenty national campaign](#) provide a lot of useful information on why councils should support the campaign.

Waste

Toy Bank

George Carter is once again running the very successful annual Toy Bank to cut down on toys being sent to waste. Donations of toys and games can be dropped off at the Town Hall Stokesley on Friday 18th November from 9am to 1pm.

George said, "The toy bank will be open for free toy collection to all who come - it is on Saturday 10th December in the Stokesley room. Tradition demands that mulled wine will be served and the mulled wine serving expert is an addressee. Father Christmas has already been booked as he has the stomach for it. Transportation of the toys and a crate of mulled wine is arranged. I will appeal to the better nature of "those friends that I have and their affection tried" But help is very much welcome. Elf hats are available. Donations will be for Zoë's' place tins to be arranged. Charities to be advised that they are most welcome to collect toys at the Town Hall on 10th December at anytime we are open."

Stokesley and Villages Repair Cafes

The most recent Repair Cafe was held at the Globe Library in Stokesley on the 22nd October.



The Stokesley Christmas Toy Bank

The idea – to provide good toys **Free of Charge** in time for Christmas for those who would like them and to give good toys a new life.

Where do the toys come from? - Donations of no longer wanted toys and games in good condition can be dropped off at the Town Hall (Stokesley Room) on Friday 18 November 2022 from 9am to 1.30pm.

What happens to them then? – The toys will be checked over, sanitised and repaired (if needed) ready for display.

When will they be displayed and available? – At the Town Hall in the Stokesley Room on Saturday 10 December 2022 from 10 am to 2pm and from the Globe between 12 December and 17 December 2022. A donation to Zoë's' Place is optional.

What happens if any toys are left over? – They will be offered first to Zoë's' place and other local children's charities. Any remaining will go to the Stokesley Charity Shops.



Nearly 40 items were brought in for repair and most were fixed or advice given to the owner on what action could be taken. Items repaired included a pram cover zip, broken lamps, alarm clock, and ornaments.

The next Repair Cafes, from 10am – 12noon, are:

- 19th November: Swainby Village Hall
- 10th December: The Globe Community library

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!

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

Zero carbon planning Net Zero Review

Thank you to those that contributed at our last meeting to our group response to the Government's Net Zero Review. The questions led to a lively discussion. This review was only open for a short period so there was not long to prepare a response, but we wanted to submit something. We submitted a [response](#) to the overarching questions and those aimed at community groups.

Let's Talk

In last month's Update we mentioned the first in a series of consultation being undertaken by North Yorkshire County Council – Let's Talk Local. We are highlighting this series of consultations in our November Climate Column for the Darlington and Stockton Times and will be discussing them at our meeting in November.

You can respond to all consultations online via the links on the following webpage letstalkny.commonplace.is



Let's Talk – Local (26th September to 23rd December)

This consultation is to help the new North Yorkshire Council set its priorities. You get a chance to comment on:

- What do you like about your local area?
- What makes it a good place to live?
- What improvements would you like to see in your area?
- The new Community Network map
- What should the new North Yorkshire Council prioritise over the next three years?
- The impact on you of the cost-of-living crisis

Let's Talk Money (31st October – 23rd December)

This covers the priorities for the Council's budget and what you think about council tax.

Let's Talk – Devolution (21st October to 16th December)

The Devolution Deal includes:

- new transport powers to improve and integrate the regional transport network
- investment to help deliver affordable, low carbon homes across the area
- new powers to better shape local skills provision to meet the needs of the local economy
- improved funding and working relationships to drive ambition for a carbon negative region

There would be devolved funding for transport, education and business support and an elected mayor would lead a mayoral combined authority.

If you are concerned about the lack of action on the climate and nature emergencies, then this is your chance to say that you want the North Yorkshire Council to taking action the highest priority. North Yorkshire are looking to become the first carbon negative council in the country, but they need to know they have the backing of residents.

Hope to see you on the 15th November.

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