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Tackling Climate Change in the Horsham District

June 2023

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You are invited to join this year's Great Big Green Week - The UK's biggest ever celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature.

We all have a part to play. We have created a snapshot of some ways that Horsham District Council has been tackling climate change and protecting nature this past year. These range from introducing a new Draft Climate Change Action Strategy for the District and reducing our own carbon emissions by almost 60%, to supporting businesses to become more sustainable and providing grant funding for community-based carbon reduction and biodiversity projects.

[See a quick snapshot of some of our key projects](#)

[Find out about the Council's Climate Action work](#)

District events during Great Big Green Week

Here below are some events that we know are taking place in the District during Great Big Green Week, 10-18 June 2023:

- Sat 10 June - [BN44 Repair Cafe](#)
- Sat 10 June - [Home Energy Helpdesk](#)
- Sat 10 June - [Amberley Eco-Fair](#)
- 10-24 June - [Youth Eco Forum display in Horsham Library](#)
- Sun 11 June - [Thakeham Fun Day](#)
- Sat 17 June - [Climate Cafe](#)

[Take part in Great Big Green Week](#)

Stay up to date during Great Big Green Week via our social media channels on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn: @HorshamDC

Share your green business stories during Great Big Green Week



Great Big Green Week is a great opportunity for you to share with your customers why the environment is important to your business and how you are making your processes and products more sustainable.

How we can help

We can help you to make those changes with our new advice and support webpage. This includes a great new video series highlighting the changes businesses are already making to ensure a sustainable and eco-friendly business.

Our latest video, due out next week, highlights the great work [Hepworth Brewery](#) is doing to become more sustainable, from the use of reedbeds and solar panels, to recycling and specialist heat capture technology.

[Helping businesses become carbon neutral](#)

Top tips to reduce single plastics on World Refill Day - Friday 16 June

World Refill Day aims to encourage everyone to choose to reuse; making one small change to their everyday routine to reduce single-use plastics.

Join the Refill Revolution

More and more refill shops are popping up in Sussex. Sussex Green Living volunteers have kindly compiled a list highlighting where these are across the District - so far!



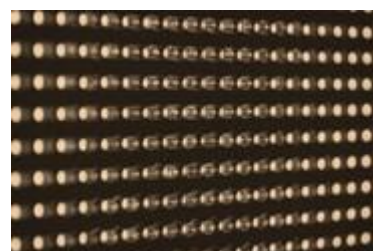
[List of refill shops in and around Horsham District](#)

[How you can make a difference this World Refill Day](#)

[Top tips for reducing your use of plastics](#)

Eco lighting installed in more of our Horsham District car parks

Last year we started work on switching lights in our car parks across the District to LEDs. Sites completed include four car parks in Horsham, as well as our car parks in Bolney, Henfield, Roffey, Southwater, Steyning, Upper Beeding and Warnham. In total this will save over 1300kg of CO² emissions - that's the equivalent of over 6,600 litres of petrol consumption!



We will continue this work in the coming months, hoping to switch to LED lighting in another 41 car parks this year.

This work will not only reduce our carbon emissions and energy bills, but it will also reduce our maintenance costs as the LED lights last longer.

What you can do in your own home

Did you know that lighting accounts for some 15% of energy consumption in the average UK home? Just by switching lights off when you are not in a room, and replacing bulbs with energy-efficient LED ones, you will be reducing your carbon footprint and your bills. The Energy Saving Trust has a good [overview of home lighting options](#) and things to consider when changing light fittings and bulbs.



Look out for a new green roadshow for the District

Thanks to part funding from Horsham District Council's Community Climate Fund, Sussex Green Living will be visiting and working with 10 parishes across the District in a '3Rs Roadshow' focusing on the themes of Reduce / Reuse / and Recycle.



[Read about the roadshows](#)

The **Community Climate Fund**, which is available to local voluntary and community groups that share our vision of becoming a carbon neutral District, will reopen for applications on Monday 3 July 2023.

[Find out about our Community Climate Fund](#)

How well do you know your recycling?



West Sussex County Council are running a survey to help improve recycling rates.

The survey will gather information on how much you know about recycling and what information would help you to recycle more.

It just takes a few minutes and your answers will help us to help you in the future. Please click the link to take part. The survey closes on 2 July.

[Complete the survey](#)

Stay informed through our Climate Action blog

Did you know that we post regular updates on our work across the District in our Climate Action Blog?

Find top tips, news stories and ideas, and inspiration to help us all to get involved in tackling climate change.

[Read our blog posts](#)



Help share the news of the District's Climate Action work



Please forward this email to anyone you know who might like to receive news about the District's climate action work.

Thank you.

[Sign up here](#)

Useful Links

[Find out about how we are tackling climate change](#)

[Read our latest climate action blog posts](#)

[Tips for reducing your energy use and bills](#)

[Horsham District Community Climate Fund](#)

[Wilder Horsham District and Nature Recovery Fund](#)

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