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Tackling climate change in the Horsham District

December 2023

In these newsletters we share with you how Horsham District Council, partners, and communities across the District are working to reduce carbon emissions and improve the local environment.

Look out for news on local community initiatives, national campaigns, plus suggestions on how you too can make a difference. If you have any comments or suggestions please [email the communications team](#).



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In support of COP28: How we can all get involved



COP28: 30 November – 12 December 2023

As you read this, world leaders are meeting in Dubai to take action on a global level to address climate change. Whilst these discussions are on a global scale, we can all get involved in doing our bit to reduce our carbon footprint. Check out our webpage for some ideas on what you can do to reduce your personal impact.

[Get involved](#)

We're getting behind Climate Literacy Action Day

Carbon Literacy Action Day (CLAD) takes place this year on 4th December and coincides with COP28 – the largest international climate event of the year.

To mark the day, we are pleased to announce that from this Spring we will be offering free training to parish and neighbourhood councillors and community leaders to become 'Carbon Literate'.

By training parish and neighbourhood councillors we hope that this will help to further develop and embed their work through the Climate Action Network, whilst community leaders with influence in their local area will feel empowered to become climate advocates.

This project will help to instigate change and support new carbon reduction initiatives across the District.



Supporting business to become net zero

Calling all businesses

Have you visited the business climate support section on our website? It offers lots of resource links, advice and guidance, as well as a video series showcasing how local businesses are taking innovative approaches in response to climate change.



[Visit our business webpages](#)

Sign up to our regular business newsletter including quarterly climate specials. Here you will find signposting to local networking events and initiatives, inspiring stories of environmental action, and details on how to join the Horsham Business Climate Hub which will be launching in Spring 2024.

[Sign up to our sustainable business newsletter](#)



How to enjoy environmentally friendly festivities

Are you getting more conscious of keeping your Christmas green this year? You're not alone: plenty of us are looking for ideas to help us to reduce waste and energy, and recycle more during the festive period.

We have come up with some top tips to help you go green and maybe save yourself some money too. And for more ideas on how to reduce your waste this Christmas, keep an eye on our socials over the next few weeks.



[How to enjoy environmentally friendly festivities](#)

NEW Pop Up Taster Repair Cafe comes to Pulborough

Saturday 9th December, 9am-12pm

Pulborough Village Hall, Swan View, Pulborough, RH20 2BF

Thanks to a grant from Horsham District Council's Community Climate Fund, Sussex Green Living (SGL) will be trialling a pop-up 'taster' Repair Cafe in Pulborough.

Whether you're interested in volunteering with SGL or supporting the establishment of a permanent repair cafe in Pulborough, they'd love to hear from you. [Contact Sussex Green Living](#).



[Find your nearest Repair Cafe](#)

Congratulations to Steyning Parish Church

Congratulations to [Steyning Parish Church](#) which has gained an **Eco Church Silver Award**!

Their climate action work has included installing LED lighting, reducing their use of single use plastics, using ethically sourced goods, improving their recycling, and developing a Churchyard Management Plan which has helped to increase the biodiversity of the churchyard.

They also encouraged their congregation to register for [Creation Care](#), which is similar in concept to [Eco Church](#) but is intended for individual households.



Whilst we didn't support Steyning Church in this instance we have provided funding to other local churches, including St Mary's in Horsham, and St Peter's in Henfield, to help them to reduce their energy consumption. If you are interested in your church becoming more eco-friendly, our Community Climate Fund reopens for applications in January.

[Community Climate Fund](#)

News in brief

How Green is Your Christmas Dinner?

**Monday 4 December 7-8.30pm
via Zoom**

Book your free ticket at this [South East Climate Alliance](#) event to gain valuable insight into making your Christmas dinner not only delicious but also environmentally friendly.

[Book your place](#)

Billingshurst Christmas Fayre

**Saturday 9 December, Billingshurst
Community Centre, Roman Way,
Billingshurst, RH14 9EW, 10am-3pm**

Thanks to funds from the Council's Community Climate Fund, [Sussex Green Living](#) will be showcasing eco-friendly Christmas ideas at Billingshurst's annual Fayre with their partners, [Billigreen](#).

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Useful Links



[Read how we are tackling climate change](#)

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

[Horsham District Community Climate Fund](#)

[Wilder Horsham District](#)

[Sussex Green Living EVENTS calendar](#)

[Greening Steyning EVENTS calendar](#)

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