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Tackling climate change in the Horsham District

January 2024

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

Look out for updates on Council and community initiatives and events, 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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Our community grant schemes reopen for applications

1. Community Climate Fund

Do you have a community project idea to help tackle climate change or biodiversity loss? Applications are open once again for funding from the Community Climate Fund, with up to £5,000 available per project to make them happen.

Applications close on Sunday 31 January.



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

2. Nature Recovery Award

The Nature Recovery Award is part of our [Wilder Horsham District](#) project, offering funding to support landowners and community groups to expand and improve biodiversity and networks for wildlife. Applicants can apply for funding for projects of any size up to a maximum of £5,000.

Applications close on Thursday 2 March 2025.



[Find out more](#)

NEW car sharing scheme opens in West Sussex



A new app has been launched by West Sussex County Council to help people arrange car sharing to help reduce car emissions, reduce air pollution, and save on fuel costs.

The West Sussex Carshare scheme will allow you to add your journey, search for other people to share it with, and keep track of your personal financial and carbon savings.

Watch a video introducing car sharing which you can view on YouTube. You can also read their introductory leaflet via the link below:

[Read more](#)

Sustainable management for our waste collection vehicles

You may have heard of the mantra 'Reduce, Reuse, Repair and Recycle' often quoted in our bid to live more sustainably, reduce unnecessary consumption, and limit our waste.



Here at Horsham District Council we have taken this onboard and have been refurbishing our 13 refuse collection vehicles. So, instead of replacing these trucks, we have extended their lifespan, providing a green, cost-effective solution.

Each vehicle part used has also been sourced within the UK, ensuring we support local suppliers and reduce our carbon footprint too.

NEW grant funding supports community waste, reuse, and repair projects



West Sussex County Council, in partnership with Biffa, is launching a **Waste Prevention Community Grant Fund**.

This grant fund is designed to empower local community groups, schools, charities, and social enterprises to take innovative steps in reducing their waste and encourage reuse and repair.

This is an opportunity for communities to make a real difference in waste prevention and sustainability.

Applications open on 13 January 2025 and close on Sunday 2 March.

[Find out more](#)

Didn't get a Thermal Imaging Camera for Christmas?

Community groups and parish councils are now able to hire free thermal imaging cameras to help show where buildings are losing heat, and therefore energy.

Pictures on screen are colour-coded to show temperature differences that identify where to improve insulation, block draughts, save energy, and keep warm.

Judy Tucker, from Shipley Parish Council and the community group Greener Shipley, borrowed a thermal imaging camera from Horsham District Council and was able to work with 11 private homes in her parish to help see where their home may be losing heat. Many showed heat loss from around windows, doors and letter boxes, which is relatively simple to fix. For some, the scan provided reassurance that steps they have taken to insulate their homes are effective.

Find out how your parish or community group may be able to take advantage of our free camera hire.



[Read more](#)

Have your questions answered at a Sustainable Energy event

Thursday 30 January 2025, 7pm
The Cricket Pavilion
Mannings Heath Common

This is your chance to find out how solar panels and heat pumps can improve your home energy efficiency, save you money as well as reduce your carbon emissions.

Organised by Nuthurst Parish Carbon Busters, this event will feature experts in sustainable energy including those in solar panels, heat pumps, and helping clients improve home energy efficiency using natural materials.

If you propose attending, please e-mail Nick Tidey at carbonbusters@nplink.org so they can have an idea of numbers.



News in brief

Amberley Eco Hub and Repair Cafe

**St Michael's Church Hall, Church St,
Amberley, BN18 9ND**

The Amberley Eco Hub takes place on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Please make a note of the following dates and date changes:

Saturday 11 January

Saturday 1 February (a one-off change due to hall renovations).

Saturday 8 March (and back to the 2nd Saturday moving forward).

[More 2025 eco events](#)

Visit the latest Waste Prevention event

**Monday 15 January, 10.30am–12.30pm
Horsham Unitarian Church, Worthing
Road, Horsham RH12 1SL**

Passionate recycling and waste prevention volunteers will be on hand to advise on waste prevention, reuse, and recycling, and are eager to answer questions about the county's recycling services and waste reduction initiatives. If you would like the team to give a talk, visit your school, attend an event, or if you would like more information, please do contact them.

[Contact the team](#)



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[Apply for a Community Climate Fund](#)

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