



Welcoming in the new year

A new year means new opportunities. Over 2025, the Zero Carbon Harrogate team will be sharing more news on how we can take action together. Read on to see what we've been up to in January...

ZCH News and Events

Sustainable transport in 2025

We kicked off the year with an excellent visit to the bus depot, alongside local school leaders to discuss how we can make school commutes greener and safer: Hazel Peacock inspired us with positive updates on the hugely successful, now set to be permanent, Oatlands' ['School Streets'](#) and ['Bike Bus'](#) projects 🚲👏 while Harrogate Bus Company shared exciting news about their ['Bright Sparks'](#) club – designed to get young people excited and informed about bus travel. Here we are after touring one of the new electric buses... Already, so much work is going on!



Shape our work – join the team

If you're passionate about climate action, why not join our friendly and dedicated Board of Trustees? It's a great opportunity to meet community members from business and politics, to education and health. All kinds of skills and experience is valuable. Email a CV and cover note to hello@zerocarbonharrogate.org.uk.

[Find the full details here.](#)



ZCH News and Events

Kindness Festival

It was lovely to engage with many amazing local groups at the [Kindness Festival at Harrogate College](#) this month. We're beyond proud to be part of such a compassionate, driven, and uplifting network of change-makers! 💚🌟



Free training for builders

Take advantage of one of our free Building Air Tightness workshops! **Friday 14th February, Harrogate Rugby Club 8am - 12.30pm.** Part of our [retrofit work](#) supporting industry professionals, you can find [full details and book your place here](#).



Help plant trees in Spring 😊

Help plant 1050 trees at Intake Farm, Middlesmoor on **Friday 7th and Saturday 8th March** with the '[TreesForNidderdale](#)' team. Email Charles Dickinson for details: charles.dickinson@btinternet.com.



Special event: visit an off-grid home!

We're thrilled to invite you to an exclusive ZCH member event — a visit to a remarkable off-grid home on Saturday 8th March. Discover how a derelict farmhouse in Harrogate was transformed into a self-sufficient haven. Gain insights into the costs, challenges, and rewards of living off-grid. **Spaces are limited** so please [register your interest using this form](#). Not a member? Not to worry! You can [sign up here](#) or [make a donation](#) to attend as a non-member.

Seems like a good time to mention that annual ZCH membership is **just £12**. Your contribution will go a long way to supporting our activities and events throughout the year so we can do more exciting stuff like this, and if you sign up, you'll be invited to attend at no extra cost. We've made it even easier to sign up, with our [refreshed, simplified membership page](#), and organisations and individuals can join and we offer concessions at £6. Membership runs from January to December. Thank you



Become a member with Zero Carbon Harrogate today for £12 a year to support our climate action and enjoy exclusive benefits.

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Other Activities and Resources

Unite, inspire, take action!

You won't want to miss this one: [North Yorkshire Climate Coalition](#) are hosting a jam-packed event on **Saturday 22nd March** in partnership with North Yorkshire Council to inspire community action. More details to follow soon.



Have your say on energy performance!

Help shape smarter, greener buildings for everyone by sharing your views in [this consultation on reforming the Energy Performance of Buildings \(EPB\) framework](#) by **26th February 2025**.



Shape a national vision for transport

 The Department for Transport wants your ideas to shape a 10-year strategy to inform a single national vision across England. [Full info here](#). Complete the [survey here](#) by **20th February 2025**.



A champion for our planet!

Through what can sometimes feel like an eternal smog of bad news, just remember there are many people like Chris Stark [quietly helping to deliver the future we need!](#) Formerly CEO of the [Climate Change Committee](#), he's been awarded a CBE in the New Years Honours list for playing a key role in UK climate progress. Nice one Chris!



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