



We can all play our part in helping nature recover

It's early spring and wildlife is emerging from its winter routine. Crocuses, snowdrops and hazel catkins are always early to the party - promising warmer days ahead. Bumblebees are being tempted out of hibernation and ponds are beginning to bubble with mating frogs, creating clumps of frogspawn.

Whilst major policy intervention and cooperation is essential, everyone can help the natural world, often in way that are not immediately obvious. Read ZCH volunteer, Anna Slatcher's [blog](#) to see what you can do...

ZCH News...

Thank you for supporting us

We would like to say a huge welcome and thank you to our 2024 Members! The fees help us to fund resources and training for our Trustees and Volunteers. For a minimum contribution of £12 for individual annual membership (concessions available), you will receive an invitation to our AGM, networking events,



newsletter, updates, member offers and have your say on our key priorities. If you would like to join us, please click [here](#).

We are hiring!

We are sadly saying goodbye to Kath Clark, our Operations Manager, as her contract comes to an end this month. However to continue to support our work, and that of [North Yorkshire Climate Coalition](#), we are looking to recruit two new part-time **Climate Action Coordinator** positions. More details and how you can apply can be found [here](#).



Tree Planting Volunteers needed

[Harrogate Rotary Club](#) is looking for help to plant 580 trees on **1st & 2nd March** at Scar Road, Lofthouse. If you can help please [email](#) or check [Trees for Nidderdale](#) Facebook page for more details.



Are you interested in sustainable transport?

If you are, please [get in touch](#) to find out more! We are looking to recruit more volunteers to our Transport Group to develop our campaign and project work.



Harrogate Spring Water - comments by 4th March

ZCH has been unable to secure a meeting with Danone to gain a better understanding of the technical details of this proposal, however we strongly object to the dismantling of a significant carbon store in the partial destruction of Rotary Wood, planted so carefully by school children over 20 years ago. The carbon capture by the planned replacement trees will fail to compensate for this loss. We will keep you informed of our position. For information on how to object, please click [here](#).



Energy Efficiency & Retrofit



We want to hear from you!

There's still time to complete ZCH's Energy Efficiency survey which closes at the end of February. We're keen to hear what residents know about retrofit, what work they've done, or planning to do to make their homes more efficient and reduce bills. Click [here](#) to complete the survey.

News from North Yorkshire Council

Local Nature Recovery Strategy

ZCH has submitted a detailed [response](#) to the above. The Council is now seeking views from farmers and land managers at a series of in-person workshops. Click [here](#) to book your place on **Wednesday 28th February 11am-12.30pm** at **Ripon Community House**.



Let's Talk Food

Share your views about access to nutritious, affordable food from sustainable sources, and how to reduce food waste. Click [here](#) to have your say before 1st April 2024.



Great British Spring Clean 15th-31st March

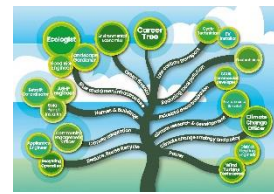
North Yorkshire Council is supporting [Keep Britain Tidy](#) community litter picks by loaning equipment such as litter pickers, high-vis vests and sacks. Click [here](#) to request litter pick equipment in the Harrogate area.



Other News...

Thinking about a career in sustainability?

As more jobs emerge within the environmental sector, we'd like to share this useful resource, known as the [Green Careers Tree](#), which outlines different pathways. We would also like to share Eleanor Woodroffe's [journey](#) to becoming North Yorkshire Council's recently appointed Woodland Creation Officer.



DEFRA Bees' Needs Champion Awards

This award recognises the efforts of people and organisations to help pollinators thrive, such as creating a wildflower patch, educating the local community or encouraging pollinators at the workplace. To nominate yourself or someone else, click [here](#) before 12th May 2024.



People, Planet, Pint - Sustainability Meetup

Hosted by Paul Haslam, the next Harrogate Sustainability Meetup is on **Thursday 14th March 5.30-8pm** at Cold Bath Brewing Co. Attendees range from sustainability professionals, council workers, students, people looking to shift careers, to business owners and beyond. There's no agenda and everyone is welcome. Reserve your spot [here](#).



Free Trees from Woodland Trust

The Woodland Trust are giving away hundreds of thousands of trees to schools and communities. Click [here](#) to find out more and apply.



Volunteer Days at Walled Garden

[Living Potential](#) is looking for volunteer help during March to restore its historic Walled Garden. Individual and corporate volunteers can register their interest [here](#) (10am-4pm, lunch & refreshments included!).





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