



## ZCH Annual General Meeting

We are pleased to invite all of our volunteers and members to our AGM on **Thursday 29th June, 7-9pm**, to be held in The Rose Room (upstairs) at [St Mark's Church, Leeds Road, Harrogate HG2 8AY](#).

Our Chair, Jemima Parker, will lead a review of the year, as well as a look at our strategy and focus for the year ahead.

## ZERO CARBON HARROGATE NEWS

### Community Woodland progress

ZCH continues to support Long Lands Common - Community Woodland & Nature Recovery Project. Having received approval from the Forestry Commission to the woodland creation plan, DEFRA funding was secured to plant a new boundary hedge, followed by a £27,120 funding agreement with White Rose Forest for woodland, tree nursery, site office and education space. Work on the



second funding agreement with White Rose Forest is underway.

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## 'High fives' for new walking buddy!

[Harrogate Town AFC](#)'s mascot, Harry Gator joined Highfield pupils on 12th May as they took part in Walk to School Day. Sarah Bowmen, Director of Admissions & Marketing at Harrogate Ladies College said "the children had a fantastic time and it was a great way of raising awareness - every single car journey saved makes a real difference".

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## 20's Plenty for Harrogate

ZCH added its support to a petition delivered to North Yorkshire Council on 12th May (photo courtesy of [the Stray Ferret](#)). Initiated by parents concerned about children's safety when travelling to school, the petition calls for a 20mph limit in south and west Harrogate. Twenty zones are a cost effective way of enhancing road safety, reducing noise pollution and encouraging active travel.

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## ZCH supports Station Gateway

ZCH Chair, Jemima Parker, presented a statement of support to North Yorkshire Council's Harrogate & Knaresborough Area Committee, saying that the scheme would "add Harrogate to the list of forward-thinking, climate-crisis responsive places, that prioritise infrastructure for pedestrians and public transport users ahead of private car drivers". Members voted 10:3 in favour of the scheme. A final decision will be made by the Council's Executive Committee on 30<sup>th</sup> May.

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## ZCH welcomes new volunteers!

We are delighted to welcome new volunteers, Tarry Depledge (pictured), as a new member of our Business Engagement group, and Georgina Ablett, as our new Nature Recovery Coordinator. Tarry is a Sustainability Manager by profession; and Georgina has previously volunteered for the National Trust and been a trustee of a community forest in Manchester. We are excited to welcome them to the team and the wealth of skills and experience that they bring.



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## Let's Talk Transport....

North Yorkshire Council has launched a survey to find out about how people travel and the issues they face. Responses will be used to inform the new Local Transport Plan. The survey closes on 17th July 2023 - complete it at [Let's Talk North Yorkshire Commonplace](https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/LetsTalkNY).

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY





## Yorkshire Rewilding Festival

A variety of events across Yorkshire to explore rewilding through the arts, debate and discussion, and community gatherings will take place this summer. Click [here](#) to find out more.

## 10th - 18th June

The Great Big Green Week is the UK's biggest ever celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. Click [here](#) to find out more and get involved.



## ZCH BLOG



### The climate is changing in the business world

ZCH sees a fabulous opportunity to support this diverse community of organisations and businesses on their sustainability journey as we strive towards a low carbon, thriving economy. Read our latest blog [here](#)

## DOING YOUR BIT!

### National Walking Month

We may be coming to the end of National Walking Month which encourages us all to walk or wheel for 20 minutes every day during May, but if you're still looking for inspiration to get active and do your bit for the environment, check out [Living Street's Try20 Checklist](#). For more information about this UK charity, go to [Living Streets | Home Page | Living Streets](#)



## OTHER NEWS



## Solar Panels for schools

ZCH was pleased to hear that North Yorkshire Council has approved plans to install solar panels on Harrogate primary schools, Rossett Acre Primary School, Oatlands Junior School and Coppice Valley Primary School, which are part of the Red Kite Learning Trust.



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