



"They paved paradise and put up a parking lot..."

As part of the response to climate adaptation, we've been reading about communities in America and Canada who are ditching impervious surfacing in open spaces, such as school playgrounds, leisure facilities and church grounds, and replacing it with greenery and natural surfacing to assist with lowering temperatures and reducing flood risk.

A similar trend is now catching on in the UK. [Postive.News](#) recently shared Before and After photos of UK homes whose owners have re-wilded their front gardens. The [Royal Horticultural Society](#) reports that three times as many front gardens are paved over now compared to a decade ago, creating flood risk and a biodiversity disaster. RHS's campaign to get [Greening Britain](#) aims to transform unloved grey spaces into thriving planted places.

Will you join the [Depave Movement](#)?

ZCH News...

Car Free Fridays return!

Starting on **Friday 20th October**, in a joint campaign to encourage car drivers to do their bit to reduce congestion, improve air quality, and choose more sustainable modes of transport, we are re-launching Walk to School Day and Car Free Fridays. [Harrogate Bus Company](#) will continue to promote their [two-people-for-one ticket offer](#) on Car Free Friday.



Net Zero Harrogate 13th November 2023

ZCH is pleased to be part of HDC's calendar of [events](#), where we will be supporting the launch of a brand new sustainable networking forum for businesses and organisations. ZCH members and supporters will be able to attend free of charge as guests. Registration details to follow.



Nature recovery projects get a helping hand

We are thrilled to welcome John Della Pietra to our Natural Climate Solutions team. John will assist with nature restoration projects, including hedge planting at schools and ongoing activities with White Rose Forest. With a background in IT, John has worked on projects to calculate carbon emissions and more recently an automated tree planting birthday scheme. He enjoys walking and working on his Japanese-inspired garden.



Boost for ZCH Comms Team

We are delighted to welcome Georgina Cowley to the ZCH Comms team. Georgina brings with her over 14 years' experience in digital marketing, social media and events management which will help ZCH extend its reach and messaging to a wider audience. Georgina runs her own marketing consultancy based in Harrogate.



Volunteering Opportunities

Make A Difference



ZCH Treasurer

Are you an experienced accountant who can spare two hours a week to support our work? More details can be found [here](#) or please [email](#) if you would like more info about the role - we'd love to hear from you!

Funding for Communities & Businesses

Grants for Climate Change Projects

Applications for capital and revenue grants which enable community-led climate action and support small businesses to progress towards net zero will open on **25th September 2023**. Details can be found [here](#), by emailing UKSPF@northyorks.gov.uk and by [subscribing to North Yorkshire Council's Climate Change newsletter](#).



Other News....



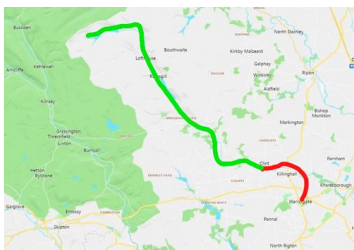
Member Champion for Climate Change

North Yorkshire Council has elected Cllr Paul Haslam (Bilton & Nidd Gorge Division) as its Climate Champion. In this new role, Paul is sharing ideas with ZCH and we look forward to working with him. Join him on 12th October 2023, where he will be hosting a "[People, Planet, Pint: Sustainability Meet Up](#)" at Cold Bath Brewing Co, Harrogate.



Harrogate Bus Company to go all-electric

Last month, Harrogate Bus Company announced that orders had been placed for 39 new electric buses, and that by Spring 2024, the entire Harrogate fleet will be fully electric. Read their press release [here](#).



Nidderdale Greenway Extension

[Hampsthwaite Pathfinders](#) are asking residents to complete this two minute [survey](#) about the [proposed extension](#) from Harrogate through Pateley Bridge and as far as Scar House Reservoir.



York Environment Week 2023

Running from **Saturday 23rd September to Sunday 1st October 2023**, and more than [60 free events](#) taking place, there is something for everyone.



Sustainable Fashion Week 25 Sept - 8 Oct

Taking place across the UK, online and internationally, this year's theme is the Rewear Revolution. With a packed [community programme](#), and 'Hubs', extending from [Bradford](#) to Brighton, SFW aims to take creative action to change the fashion system.



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