



Merger with Harrogate District Climate Change Coalition

At our AGM on 29th June 2023, we were excited to announce our news about merging with fellow climate change charity, Harrogate & District Climate Change Coalition.

Both ZCH and HDCCC share a vision to rapidly reduce carbon emissions across the Harrogate district and move towards a more sustainable future. By pooling our resources and developing a single strategic plan, we hope to reach more people and organisations, giving them the tools and information needed to lead lower carbon lifestyles.

We will still be known as Zero Carbon Harrogate, with ZCH founder and Chair, Jemima Parker continuing in her role, and HDCCC Chair, Danny Wild, also Principal of Harrogate College, will become a trustee of ZCH and focus on particular in training and education.

Public announcements will be made over the next few days, along with details of our new trustees. Please help us to spread the news by having a conversation about zero carbon - whether it's over the garden fence or engaging with us on our social media platforms - your support is much appreciated!



Harrogate District
Climate Change
Coalition



ZCH celebrates Green Transport Week



10,000 students walk for a greener future

Our last Walk to School Day for this academic year took place on 30th June. Over 10,000 students and their families, from 36 schools across the Harrogate district, have put their best foot forward this year, leaving their cars at home for the school commute. The full list of participating schools can found on our [website](#). ZCH Volunteer, Fiona Jones said, "Travelling less and changing how we travel is essential if we're to limit the most damaging effects of climate change - just making one less car journey a week can make a difference."

Let's Talk Transport - ZCH Briefing Paper

We're calling on North Yorkshire Council to take an ambitious, sustainable approach to local transport. To assist respondents complete the [Let's Talk Transport survey](#) which closes on **17th July**, we have compiled a Briefing Paper which is available [here](#).



20's Plenty for Harrogate

North Yorkshire Council is considering the petition that ZCH supported, calling for 20mph limits in south and west Harrogate. Due to the number of 20mph limit requests, NYC is recommending a speed limit review, however this is likely to be a street-by-street assessment rather than area-wide default limits, as adopted across Wales and other areas. Read more about [20's Plenty](#).

North Yorkshire Liftshare

Have you checked out North Yorkshire's Car Share scheme? Whether you're an employee of Bettys, Taylors, North Yorkshire Council or a local commuter, [find your car share match](#) to save money on fuel, reduce emissions and cut congestion.



2023 Membership Renewal



Calling all 2023 Members!

Feedback at our AGM suggested that a number of membership renewal emails hadn't got through, possibly falling into Junk. We're keen to fix this so if you haven't renewed for this year and would still like to (individual membership is still just £10 per year), please complete the online form [here](#) where you can also find payment details. Thank you from all of us at ZCH.

Strengthening ZCH's Voice

Advocacy and Social Media

At our AGM, Trustees, ZCH Jessica and Tim gave two excellent presentations about advocacy and social media. Advocacy is a way of speaking up when decisions are being made that affect our lives. We encourage our supporters to use the power of their voice to achieve our zero carbon vision - whether it's a conversation with friends, engaging on social media, filling in a survey, writing to your MP or the power of your purse. This makes a difference and unites us in our journey towards a sustainable future.





Local climate action : moving out of silos

The importance of local action was the theme of the [Place-Based Climate Action Network \(PCAN\)](#) conference on 19th June. Academics, policy makers, climate commissions and activist organisations came together at the Royal Society in London, with Lord Deben, Chair of the Climate Change Committee, introducing the [PCAN report](#). ZCH Volunteer, Jane Gaukroger said "It was inspiring to hear examples of local partnership work. Essex Climate Commission is campaigning to remove stamp duty on new build net zero carbon houses. We were urged to keep speaking up for bolder, local action."

Volunteering Opportunities

ZCH Treasurer

We are seeking an experienced accountant to take over from our existing Treasurer who is leaving due to relocation. This is an exciting time for ZCH as we continue to seek further funding opportunities to expand our projects. Visit our website to find out [more](#).



Retrofit Programme update

Retrofit - the future of renovation



Meeting the demand for Retrofit

In partnership with People Powered Retrofit, we have developed new, online resources to help builders learn about retrofit. We have also set up the first Retrofit Professional Network, made up of architects, builders, surveyors, developers and mortgage brokers. This aims to stimulate the local economy and supply chain to meet the demand for home retrofit. For more info, visit our [website](#) or email john.kerr@zerocarbonharrogate.org.uk.

Other News....

Single Use Plastics ban - October 23

From 1st October, businesses can no longer supply, sell or offer certain single-use plastic items in England. Full details can be found [here](#).



Home Composting - bargain bins!

North Yorkshire Council is offering compost bins - priced at £12 for a 220L bin; £15 for a 330L bin with a buy-one-get-one half price deal. Visit [Composting | North Yorkshire Council](#) for more info. [West Harrogate Household Waste Recycling Centre](#) at Penny Pot Lane also sells 330L compost bins and peat-free bagged compost.



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