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Along with many other environmental organisations, ZCH was saddened to read [State of Nature Report 2023](#) which found that nearly one in six species are threatened with extinction from Great Britain. On a more encouraging note, the report outlines how we can [take action](#) - from campaigning to greening our gardens. Similarly [Oxfam's Climate Crisis ebook](#) encourages us to adopt three approaches to help the planet:

- **Advocate and campaign** for change and hold our decision-makers to account.
- **Connect and collaborate** with your local community to reduce carbon emissions.
- Make **greener choices** to limit our personal carbon footprints.

For information about local nature recovery projects or what you can do at home to help wildlife, go to the [Help Nature](#) section of our website.

ZCH News...



Date for your diary - 14th December

ZCH warmly invites members, supporters and volunteers to our annual Christmas Social at **The Old Bell, Harrogate on Thursday 14th December 7-9pm**. It will be a chance for us to celebrate our successes this year over a mince pie and mulled wine! RSVP [here](#).

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School Leaders' Sustainability Roundtable

In partnership with Northern Star Academies Trust, and hosted by [RHS Garden Harlow Carr](#), school leaders joined us on 9th October to hear about the recently launched [National Education Nature Park Programme](#). This programme aims to put nature at the heart of education, giving children and young people the opportunity to transform their school sites for nature.



Car Free Fridays re-launch 20th October

In collaboration with [Harrogate Bus Company](#), [Nidderdale Climate & Environment Group](#), [Ripon Together](#), [Boroughbridge Town Council](#), [Knaresborough Town Council](#), [Harrogate AFC](#) and [North Yorkshire Council](#), we are relaunching Car Free Fridays on **20th October 2023**.

Aimed at secondary schools, colleges and businesses, this initiative helps us to do our bit to reduce emissions, reduce congestion and improve air quality. Click [here](#) to find out more.



Net Zero Harrogate Event 13th November

Join us at Harrogate Chamber's next event on **Monday 13th November, 5.30pm-8pm**, at **Harrogate College**. We will be sharing practical steps businesses can take to reduce their carbon footprint including the launch of new service free to chamber members. ZCH members and supporters are welcome to attend as guests. Book your FREE place [here](#).



Green Streets for Schools

[Green Streets](#) aims to plant more hedges and trees to improve air quality, create natural barriers and provide habitats for wildlife. Working with [White Rose Forest](#), we are offering this to local schools, starting this year's planting season at Oatlands and Pannal Primary

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Schools. For more information, please email ncs@zerocarbonharrogate.org.uk.

Decarbonisation Grants

Grants for Communities & Businesses

Details of 3 climate action funding programmes can be found in NYC's [prospectus](#). Available now, for completion by end February 2025, these grants include:

- Specialist advice
- Decarbonisation plans – for buildings and “places”
- Revenue & capital grants of up to £50k.

To check eligibility, email UKSPF@northyorks.gov.uk



Volunteering Opportunities

ZCH Events Manager

We are looking for an enthusiastic volunteer who can put together an events programme to help us raise our profile and engage with the community. Please contact hello@zerocarbonharrogate.org to find out more.



Energy Efficiency & Retrofit



Unblocking barriers for retrofit

Earlier this month, we met with Andrew Jones MP to discuss our ground-breaking [Retrofit Programme](#). Training gaps in the building trade and limited access to funding are just two of the obstacles that we need to overcome to help 64,000 householders across the Harrogate District retrofit their homes. Mr Jones offered his support and agreed to escalate to central government. We await his response.



Save Energy at Home

As the colder months approach, take a look at our [website](#) for tips and advice about saving money on your energy bills.



Passivhaus Open Day - 11th November

ZCH Vice Chair, Tim Lerner, is once again opening his home to visitors on **11th November, 10am-1pm** as part of [Passivhaus Winter Open Days](#). If you can't make it in person or would like to find out more, join Tim and Marilyn on their five minute [online tour](#) of Holly Garth.



Retrofit Networking events

For professionals involved in ventilation systems for retrofit and passivhaus builds, our next event, "Achieving Optimal Building Ventilation" is on **8th November, 12-2pm**. Book your tickets [here](#).

ZCH Blog

Guest blog from Canada!

We are delighted to feature Toronto-based Eleanor who works for [Farm Radio International](#). Eleanor is the niece of one of our volunteers and has just started her own [sustainability blog](#). This month she explores creative ways of [cooking](#) to help reduce food waste and save money.



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ZCH responds to net zero u-turn

Perturbed by the Prime Minister's recent u-turn on a number of climate targets, ZCH wrote to our parliamentary representative, Andrew Jones MP to express our grave concerns about the global and local implications of these policy changes. Sadly, Andrew's response has not brought us any reassurance. Read more [here](#).



Other News...



Scaling up Community Action 9th Dec

[Centre for Alternative Technology](#) is running an online day's course to help communities meet the challenge of the climate change and biodiversity crises. More details can be found [here](#).



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