

## York and North Yorkshire Climate Practitioners Update

Dear York and North Yorkshire Climate Practitioners,

Hope you are all safe and well. A packed briefing this month as everyone returns after the festive break with activities and initiatives. To make it slightly more consumable, I've separated into topic areas:

- Local Events
- Various grant schemes
- Consultations
- Nature / Environment
- Energy
- Housing Retrofit
- Transport
- General Interest.

Please do let me know of anything you would like included / celebrated / shared in the next briefing (likely Mid March), or if you no longer wish to receive the emailed update.

Local Events:

Ø Date: Saturday 26th February Time: 10am - 3pm Location: Upper section of the Town Hall, Northallerton

Climate Action Northallerton is a newly formed partnership. We are a broad-based network of groups & individuals across Northallerton and the surrounding area who are meeting, thinking, discussing, developing taking action and creating change to address our climate crisis.

What is involved? During the month of February, ask members of your organisation, groups, schools etc. to take the time to create a green heart out of whatever material they desire. They can add a personal story to the heart about why tackling the climate crisis is important to them. This may include their hopes, fears and inspirations for actions to help deal with the issues created by climate change.

We hope that members of participating organisations will attend Northallerton Town Hall for a drop in session throughout the day of the event to add their groups' green hearts to our bigger green heart. Alternatively there will be provisions in place to create green hearts from recyclable material on the day of the event. You may have your own ideas. Whichever option you decide you can let us know at

[northallertonclimateaction@gmail.com](mailto:northallertonclimateaction@gmail.com)<<mailto:northallertonclimateaction@gmail.com>>

For more details of the Climate Coalition campaign Show The Love - The Climate Coalition<<https://www.theclimatecoalition.org/show-the-love>>

Various grants schemes:

Ø \*11th Feb closing date\* See attached. From Tees Valley Energy / Net Zero Hub - bidding is now open for the COP26 Legacy project. Please see attached Guidance. All queries from interested organisations should be sent to [enquiries@neyenergyhub.com](mailto:enquiries@neyenergyhub.com)<<mailto:enquiries@neyenergyhub.com>> £2K to £10K projects. The closing date for bids is 11/02/22.

We can support the following types of organisation: \* Community Groups \* SME businesses \* Registered charities or Charitable Incorporated Organisations (registered with the Charity Commission) \* Town and Parish Councils \* Schools and colleges \* Sole Traders

Ø British Ecological Society Opens its Outreach Grants Programme for New 2022 Round Individuals and organisations across Great Britain can now apply for grants to organise public engagement events in ecology. The maximum award size is £2,000. However, this may be used as part-funding for larger projects involving other sponsors.

All projects must be consistent with at least two of the following objectives:

- Increase public understanding of, and engagement with, ecology.
- Stimulate discussion about ecology and its implications for society.
- Inspire and enthuse people of all ages about the science of ecology, especially those not previously interested.
- Develop skills in communicating the science of ecology.

All objectives must be aimed at a non-academic audience and all projects must provide a clear demonstration of direct interaction with the public. The deadline to apply is 18 March 2022 (5pm). Outreach Grants - British Ecological Society <<https://www.britishecologicalsociety.org/funding/outreach-grants/>>

Ø National Churches Trust - Foundation Grants Programme 2019-2023 Now Accepting Applications

The National Churches Trust supports and promotes places of worship of historic, architectural and community value used by Christian denominations throughout the UK.

Priorities for the Trust's 2019-2023 Strategy are to:

- Preserve heritage.
- Promote sustainability.
- Inspire support.

UK Places of worship of any Christian denomination and age may apply for grants of between £500 and £5,000.

National Churches Trust | Supporting church buildings across the UK <<https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/>>

Ø The Get Fishing Fund is open for applications - MONDAY 17TH JANUARY TO FRIDAY 18TH MARCH 2022

Building on the successful launch of the Get Fishing Fund in December 2020, the Environment Agency and Angling Trust have announced an additional £100,000 investment to encourage more people to give fishing a go for the first time in 2022. Funded from fishing licence sales, grants of up to £2,500 are available to benefit angling-based projects. The funding can be used to help purchase equipment, fishing tackle and resources to run fishing events and activities to give people the opportunity to get into fishing.

Get Fishing Fund - Angling Trust <<https://anglingtrust.net/funding/get-fishing-fund/>>

Ø Environment - Garfield Weston Foundation [<https://garfieldweston.org/what-we-support/environment/>](https://garfieldweston.org/what-we-support/environment/)

Media Trust's Weston Communicating Climate Programme supports environmental charities to extend the reach, power and impact of their messaging and better engage with audiences on climate issues.

Funding is being provided by the Garfield Weston Foundation, a grant-making trust with a record of support for environmental charities.

As well as the Communicating Climate Programme, the Garfield Weston Foundation also supports groups in tackling climate issues through its environment grant funding stream.

The Foundation offers two levels of funding, which can be used towards capital, revenue or project costs:

- \* Regular Grants of up to £100,000.

- \* Major Grants of £100,000 and above. (When awarding major grants, the Foundation typically expects the project and organisation's overall annual income to be in excess of £1 million.)

Eligible environmental activities include:

- \* Sustainable land use and fishing.

- \* Renewable energy.

- \* Recycling schemes.

- \* Climate change science.

Applications to the Foundation's Grants scheme can be made at any time.

The deadline to apply for the Communicating Climate Programme is 5pm on 15 February 2022.

Smart Energy GB in Communities Fund Opens for New Round

Ø In May 2016, Smart Energy GB launched the five-year Smart Energy GB in Communities Fund, aiming to offer every home in Britain a smart meter within this timeframe at no additional cost.

The Fund is open to regionally based not-for-profit organisations with local links across England, Scotland and Wales. Housing associations and local authorities are eligible to apply.

In 2022, there are three funding streams, each targeting a specific audience:

- \* Grants of £15,000 to £25,000 for organisations reaching people who are over 65.

- \* Grants of £7,500 to £10,000 for organisations reaching people on a low income.

- \* Grants of £5,000 for organisations reaching people who are carers.

Acknowledging the challenges which coronavirus/COVID-19 present, the scheme is looking to fund partners that offer multiple routes into reaching people who are over 65, on a low income or who are carers. There is particular interest in projects that offer a combination of direct and indirect activities to reach people at scale.

Projects should represent good value for money, show strong links with the relevant target group, and demonstrate how they will engage this group either through innovative approaches or building on existing work.

Activities must take place between 4 April 2022 and 7 December 2022. The deadline to apply is 11 February 2022 Smart meters | Join the energy revolution (smartenergygb.org) [<https://www.smartenergygb.org/>](https://www.smartenergygb.org/)

## Consultations

Ø Protecting and enhancing the environment of new housing and infrastructure developments consultation

Plans to ensure wildlife can be better protected and enhanced in developments have been set out in a consultation launched today (11 January) by the Minister for Nature Recovery and the Domestic Environment, Rebecca Pow MP. The proposals set out in the Biodiversity Net Gain consultation will help communities, planners, developers and local planning authorities ensure new developments are

"nature positive" - which means putting nature and biodiversity gain at the heart of all decision-making and design. Biodiversity Net Gain is an approach to development that leaves biodiversity in a better state than before - protecting existing habitats and ensuring that any impacts on biodiversity are compensated for with natural habitat and ecological features over and above what is affected.

The government has also announced over £4 million to help local planning authorities and other councils with planning oversight, to prepare for Biodiversity Net Gain which will become mandatory two years after Royal Assent of the Environment Act. Announcement:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/protecting-and-enhancing-the-environment-to-be-at-the-heart-of-new-housing-and-infrastructure-developments>

#### Ø Joint Fisheries Statement consultation

The UK Government, the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in Northern Ireland and the Scottish and Welsh Governments have launched a public consultation on the Joint Fisheries Statement (JFS) and are seeking views from industry, non-governmental organisations and all affected by policies in the statement.

The JFS sets out the legally binding policies the UK Government and Devolved Governments will follow, at a UK level and individually, as they work together to deliver sustainable fisheries and aquaculture management.

The consultation is open until 12 April and welcomes views from industry and environmental stakeholders, the public and all those interested and affected by the proposed policies. Councils are encouraged to promote the consultation as appropriate. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-government-and-devolved-governments-see-views-on-the-joint-fisheries-statement>

#### Nature / Environment

#### Ø Local Nature Recovery scheme and Sustainable Farming Incentive

The government has unveiled the next stages of its plan to reward farmers and landowners for actions which benefit the environment, supporting sustainable food production alongside vital nature recovery and work towards net zero. Two new environmental land management schemes will play an essential role in halting the decline in species by 2030, bringing up to 60% of England's agricultural soil under sustainable management by 2030, and restoring up to 300,000 hectares of wildlife habitat by 2042. The Local Nature Recovery scheme will pay farmers for locally-targeted actions which make space for nature in the farmed landscape and countryside such as creating wildlife habitat, planting trees or restoring peat and wetland areas. The Landscape Recovery scheme will support more radical changes to land-use change and habitat restoration such as establishing new nature reserves, restoring floodplains, or creating woodland and wetlands. More information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sustainable-farming-incentive-how-the-scheme-will-work-in-2022/sustainable-farming-incentive-how-the-scheme-will-work-in-2022>

Ø Due to launch in near future, with 16 week application window. Landscape Recovery: more information on how the scheme will work - GOV.UK

([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)) <<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/landscape-recovery-more-information-on-how-the-scheme-will-work/landscape-recovery-more-information-on-how-the-scheme-will-work>>

Landscape Recovery scheme is one of 3 new environmental land management schemes. It will complement the Sustainable Farming Incentive, which will support action at farm level to make farming more sustainable, and Local Nature Recovery, which will support action at local level to make space for nature alongside food production.

This scheme is for landowners and managers who want to take a more radical and large-scale approach to producing environmental and climate goods on their land.

This scheme represents a new approach to supporting long-term, significant habitat restoration and land use change of the sort that will be essential to achieve our environmental ambitions. We know there is demand for these kinds of projects, both among those who will deliver them and among the general public who want to see our most precious and beautiful landscapes restored and rejuvenated.

Ø Reports on reducing emissions and sequestering carbon in the agricultural sector, commissioned by WWF and launched at the Oxford Farming Conference last week WWF-UK and Tesco Partnership has commissioned two reports to explore the opportunity farming has to reach net zero. These reports, by expert consultants Eunomia and Green Alliance, provide a fresh perspective on this increasingly important topic, and were exclusively launched on the 5th of January 2022 at the Oxford Farming Conference. In combination, the reports showcase the capacity of agriculture to reduce emissions and sequester carbon, and demonstrate how these two pillars of net zero link to nature, land use and emerging carbon markets for agriculture. Farming for Net Zero | WWF <https://www.wwf.org.uk/updates/farming-for-net-zero>

Ø The House of Lords report referred to in this article is entitled: Nature-based solutions: rhetoric or reality? The potential contribution of nature-based solutions to net zero in the UK

Nature-based solutions: rhetoric or reality? - The potential contribution of nature-based solutions to net zero in the UK (parliament.uk) <https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/8646/documents/87644/default/>

Energy

Ø The Energy Academy

Learning about energy markets should be fascinating, accessible and free. Tune in to The Energy

Academy [https://cq4rw04.nal.hubspotlinksstarter.com/Btc/RF+113/cq4rw04/VWZn118wR SwPW1dxKZD3fLrJLW3trWRD4Dy0h7N5BW0R\\_3lSc3V1-WJV7CgHTzW6-PqWK8h76C7W8XBh9x6Dz0xsW5sPDyg7sRMZwVT-36q3WMmF-W8HG2-X970t8NW685CkZ7B2hjJW6TwH-V2QmCvqW4R5nsG90wltpn50bW8swQ6vWW84GRNc5hS-myW29N-PM1ZzwqzVz5PTP8MX-ffN7BCBgxTSn6VW62-](https://cq4rw04.nal.hubspotlinksstarter.com/Btc/RF+113/cq4rw04/VWZn118wR SwPW1dxKZD3fLrJLW3trWRD4Dy0h7N5BW0R_3lSc3V1-WJV7CgHTzW6-PqWK8h76C7W8XBh9x6Dz0xsW5sPDyg7sRMZwVT-36q3WMmF-W8HG2-X970t8NW685CkZ7B2hjJW6TwH-V2QmCvqW4R5nsG90wltpn50bW8swQ6vWW84GRNc5hS-myW29N-PM1ZzwqzVz5PTP8MX-ffN7BCBgxTSn6VW62-7N06YXhGGW8GM0kS42yPJw8LKCVR12wPnVN6_WLWXtGqsXVjk9VP90hRL9W2JG99q4NN8DTW2wQLJp28TDDfW1Tjcch2bV1h1W7MgKnW4964QWW6zcnK4mxKHLW3L02083cHv-b35tx1)

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Podcast [https://cq4rw04.nal.hubspotlinksstarter.com/Btc/RF+113/cq4rw04/VWZn118wR SwPW1dxKZD3fLrJLW3trWRD4Dy0h7N5BW0R\\_3lSc3V1-WJV7CgHTzW6-PqWK8h76C7W8XBh9x6Dz0xsW5sPDyg7sRMZwVT-36q3WMmF-W8HG2-X970t8NW685CkZ7B2hjJW6TwH-V2QmCvqW4R5nsG90wltpn50bW8swQ6vWW84GRNc5hS-myW29N-PM1ZzwqzVz5PTP8MX-ffN7BCBgxTSn6VW62-7N06YXhGGW8GM0kS42yPJw8LKCVR12wPnVN6\\_WLWXtGqsXVjk9VP90hRL9W2JG99q4NN8DTW2wQLJp28TDDfW1Tjcch2bV1h1W7MgKnW4964QWW6zcnK4mxKHLW3L02083cHv-b35tx1](https://cq4rw04.nal.hubspotlinksstarter.com/Btc/RF+113/cq4rw04/VWZn118wR SwPW1dxKZD3fLrJLW3trWRD4Dy0h7N5BW0R_3lSc3V1-WJV7CgHTzW6-PqWK8h76C7W8XBh9x6Dz0xsW5sPDyg7sRMZwVT-36q3WMmF-W8HG2-X970t8NW685CkZ7B2hjJW6TwH-V2QmCvqW4R5nsG90wltpn50bW8swQ6vWW84GRNc5hS-myW29N-PM1ZzwqzVz5PTP8MX-ffN7BCBgxTSn6VW62-7N06YXhGGW8GM0kS42yPJw8LKCVR12wPnVN6_WLWXtGqsXVjk9VP90hRL9W2JG99q4NN8DTW2wQLJp28TDDfW1Tjcch2bV1h1W7MgKnW4964QWW6zcnK4mxKHLW3L02083cHv-b35tx1)

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Ø Guidance on community benefits and engagement for onshore wind farm developers, communities living in the locality of a wind farm and local authorities. This good practice guidance relates to community engagement and benefits from onshore wind developments in England, and includes examples of good practice from around the UK. Its purpose is to aid:

- understanding of how and when to best begin discussions on onshore wind farm proposals and the provision of community benefits
- the development of benefit packages that best suit the needs of the local community

The guidance is for:

- onshore wind farm developers
- communities living in the locality of a wind farm
- local authorities

Community benefits and engagement guidance for onshore wind - GOV.UK

([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)) <<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/community-benefits-and-engagement-guidance-for-onshore-wind>>

Ø Northern Powergrid

[northernpowergrid@publicaffairscs.co.uk](mailto:northernpowergrid@publicaffairscs.co.uk)<<mailto:northernpowergrid@publicaffairscs.co.uk>>

We are opening meeting requests for our next connections engagement sessions on Thursday 17 February and Thursday 3 March 2022.

Ø A reminder about the NYCC Schools energy service (for City of York too), if you have school based projects in your patch, please refer them

o Display Energy Certification (DEC) officers who visit school sites to provide the regulatory DEC.

o Fully procured energy supply contracts take advantage of public sector bulk buying to get the best possible price for schools as well as relieving schools of the procurement and contract management burden.

o Bill checking to ensure schools only pay for what they use and heating control systems put in place alongside advice and guidance, ensure schools used as little energy as possible.

o The Carbon Reduction Officer's role acknowledges the children's role as building users.. The uniqueness of the approach is personified in one officer's approach to the role. As a self-styled superhero Carbon Reduction Officer Peter Bell is known to children and staff alike as the planet protecting Powerdown Pete! Eco Schools and Circular Schools programmes also run. Contact [peter.bell@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:peter.bell@northyorks.gov.uk)<<mailto:peter.bell@northyorks.gov.uk>>.

Ø Excess? Is it reasonable to put a limit on how much energy we use?<<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/excess-is-it-reasonable-to-put-a-limit-on-how-much-energy-we-use-tickets-226908568637>>

Wednesday 9 February, 2022 at 10:30 - 11:30am.

A team of researchers at CREDS (the Centre for Research into Energy Demand Solutions<<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.creds.ac.uk%2F&data=04%7C01%7C%7C096286d304ed49c88bf608d904b01c46%7C1faf88fea9984c5b93c9210a11d9a5c2%7C0%7C1%7C637545976701668744%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6IklhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C2000&sdata=MIAjRYt6eqU25mgkhAt%2B%2FT7galxbqdpYLmCcfDERnI%3D&reserved=0>> - a research centre looking at how to transform energy demand) undertook extensive quantitative and qualitative research to investigate households with the highest energy consumption for transport (e.g. cars, aviation) and for domestic use (e.g. heating, cooking, washing).

Four policy options were explored as potential routes to lower demand amongst high energy users.

1. Ration carbon emissions e.g. numbers of flights, car mileages, home heating or electricity totals.

2. Structural change e.g. provide adequate public transport, giving more road space to non-cars, and regulation such as banning non energy efficient appliances.

3. Economic (dis) incentives e.g. using taxes, subsidies and penalties to suppress energy demanding things and promote low carbon options.

4. Behavioural change e.g. by informing, persuading and influencing people to change what they do.

We would welcome the opportunity to share the results of our project and invite you to a Q&A session with the research team. Please register at this link. <<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/excess-is-it-reasonable-to-put-a-limit-on-how-much-energy-we-use-tickets-226908568637>>

#### Housing Retrofit

Ø For your local businesses / skills teams, please promote housing retrofit skills course at Harrogate College: <https://harrogate-college.ac.uk/retrofitcourse/>

Ø A skills shortage in four key job roles - coupled with three key sector challenges - have been identified in a review of the skills required to decarbonise UK homes for Net Zero.

The report Foresighting Skills for Net

Zero <<https://es.catapult.org.uk/report/foresighting-skills-for-net-zero-homes/>>

by the net zero innovation centre Energy Systems Catapult and funded by the Gatsby Foundation <<https://www.gatsby.org.uk/>>, found the UK education system and the wider sector were "underprepared for this retrofit revolution". The review found that the emerging Net Zero home retrofit market needed to decarbonise eight homes every minute for the next 29

years [i] <[https://es.catapult.org.uk/news/skills-shortages-holding-back-home-decarbonisation/?utm\\_campaign=804982\\_Energy%20Systems%20Digest%20-%20January%202022&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=DotDigital&dm\\_i=554B,H94M,3M634K,1ZZGD,1#\\_ednref1](https://es.catapult.org.uk/news/skills-shortages-holding-back-home-decarbonisation/?utm_campaign=804982_Energy%20Systems%20Digest%20-%20January%202022&utm_medium=email&utm_source=DotDigital&dm_i=554B,H94M,3M634K,1ZZGD,1#_ednref1)> in order for the UK to achieve its ambition of Net Zero carbon emissions by 2050. This required "substantial growth and change within the supply chain to meet the challenge of quality, scale and complexity within a relatively short time frame".

In the short term, there was skills gaps that needed prioritising to build a sustainable market and help address existing latent demand, including roles in:

- \* Property assessment
- \* Advice and customer care
- \* Low carbon heating installation
- \* Technology integration

• Skills shortage in 4 key job roles and 3 sector challenges holding back home decarbonisation - Energy Systems

Catapult <[https://es.catapult.org.uk/news/skills-shortages-holding-back-home-decarbonisation/?utm\\_campaign=804982\\_Energy%20Systems%20Digest%20-%20January%202022&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=DotDigital&dm\\_i=554B,H94M,3M634K,1ZZGD,1](https://es.catapult.org.uk/news/skills-shortages-holding-back-home-decarbonisation/?utm_campaign=804982_Energy%20Systems%20Digest%20-%20January%202022&utm_medium=email&utm_source=DotDigital&dm_i=554B,H94M,3M634K,1ZZGD,1)>

Ø Housing energy efficiency grants - North Yorkshire County Council with District Authority partners have been successful in bidding for £3,728,747.83 to support low-income households heated by mains gas. This will provide 395 measures such as solar PV, hybrid air source heat pumps, loft insulation, underfloor insulation and external wall insulation. We also have a further £4,652,906.12 for low-income households with homes off-gas grid through the Home Upgrade Grant (HUG) scheme. This will provide 440 measures such as solar PV, high retention storage heaters, air source heat pumps, loft insulation, underfloor insulation and external wall insulation.

The funding will provide upgrades to low-income households living both on and off the gas grid to tackle fuel poverty and contribute towards net zero targets. It will help some of the least efficient homes become more energy efficient and cheaper to heat with low-carbon energy. These upgrades aim to create warmer homes at lower cost, and will support low-income families with the switch to

low-carbon heating, ensuring fuel poor households are not left behind in the transition to net zero.

For further information please contact Carly Walker, [carly.walker@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:carly.walker@northyorks.gov.uk) - Note this isn't an open procurement as yet, but if you want to promote to SMEs as this develops, please get in touch with Carly for updates. All programmes will be delivered via the District Council websites, so check for your area.

## Transport

Ø NYCC are delivering a £42m package of infrastructure improvements aims to increase productivity through improved transport connectivity and promote healthy and sustainable travel. The spending should also deliver a much-needed economic boost after successive town centre lockdowns. The schemes are being paid for from the government's Transforming Cities Fund. The proposals include:

- \* For Harrogate, improved railway and bus station frontages with better access for walking and cycling; improved facilities for walking and cycling in the town centre; and improvements to public spaces in the town.

- \* For Selby, improved station frontage and links to the town centre, Abbey and nearby bus station; improved walking and cycling links to major redevelopment sites, including a new cycle and footbridge over the River Ouse to the Olympia Park site.

- \* For Skipton, improved access for walking and cycling from the railway station to the bus station; improved railway station frontage and improved access to education and employment sites.

Town centres in line for biggest investment in decades | News | North Yorkshire County Council <<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/news/article/town-centres-line-biggest-investment-decades>>

Ø Highway Code changes promote active travel

The Department for Transport has announced changes to 'The Highway Code' that are set to come into effect from 29 January. A hierarchy of road-users will be introduced this weekend, ensuring quicker or heavier modes of travel have the greatest responsibility to reduce the danger or threat they may pose to others on the road. Cyclists will also receive fresh guidance to ride in the centre of a lane on quieter roads, in slower-moving traffic and at the approach to junctions in order to make themselves as clearly visible as possible. Meanwhile, motorists will be encouraged to adopt the so-called 'Dutch Reach', opening the door next to them with the opposite hand so they look over their shoulder, meaning they're less likely to injure passing cyclists and pedestrians. The government's 'THINK!' campaign will soon launch a communications drive, backed by over £500,000 in funding, raising awareness of the changes and ensuring road-users across the country understand their responsibilities. The campaign will run across radio and social media channels, with further campaign activity to follow later in the summer. The new updates are advisory, so non-compliance will not result in a fine. Councils are encouraged to share details of the changes to the Code as appropriate.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/highway-code-changes-set-to-take-effect-this-weekend>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-highway-code-8-changes-you-need-to-know-from-29-january-2022>

Highway Code: <https://www.gov.uk/browse/driving/highway-code-road-safety>

Ø North Yorkshire Public Health team are involved in a regional trial exploring local travel behaviours.

I would be very grateful if you could help with recruitment of our local residents to complete a short survey:

"Are you a car owner living in North Yorkshire? Would you be willing to take part in a two-part online survey about local travel? Participants will be entered into a prize draw with a chance to win one of 10 £200 vouchers! Click this link to see if you are eligible to take part

<https://bit.ly/3tSEKlB><https://imsva91-ctp.trendmicro.com:443/wis/clicktime/v1/query?url=https%3a%2f%2fbit.ly%2f3tSEKlB&umid=E0E0EAAD-D5F1-5505-8920-EA172587C439&auth=de41389fcd07b045c2bf0b8b6a6bb2cde097bfb7-36e649a782e2cae7a27b519535688954d0067440>" The link will only be open for a short period so if you are able to complete it as soon as possible, that would be very much appreciated.

#### General Interest

Ø An interesting video on vertical farming for your info UK farming goes vertical for greener harvest! - Energy Live News<https://www.energylivenews.com/2021/12/21/uk-farming-goes-vertical-for-greener-harvest/>

[It would be good to understand the energy implications though from whole life carbon cost. (They only mention reduced water use.)]

Ø Interesting circular economy proposal from Morrisons Morrisons to feed chickens insects to achieve carbon-neutral eggs - future Net Zero<https://www.futurenetzero.com/2021/12/06/morrisons-to-feed-chickens-insects-to-achieve-carbon-neutral-eggs/>

Ø Our neighbouring region encourages businesses to step up... New video launched to tell Hull's story on tackling climate change - Hull CC News<https://www.hullccnews.co.uk/05/01/2022/new-video-launched-to-tell-hulls-story-on-tackling-climate-change/>

Ø A reminder about Reboot North Yorkshire - recycling your unwanted devices Reboot North Yorkshire is a collaborative project involving a wide range of partners working together across the county. It provides recycled IT equipment and internet access to help our residents stay connected. The scheme takes laptops, smart phone, tablets and iPads no longer needed by their owners and refurbishes them before they're distributed to those in need. These devices can support people to access vital services, help children do their school work and make sure people of all ages can stay in touch with friends and family. If you got a technology upgrade for Christmas and have a device that can be donated to Reboot North Yorkshire, you can find your nearest drop off point and more information about the scheme at [www.rebootny.co.uk](http://www.rebootny.co.uk)

Ø Government publishes UK's Third Climate Change Risk Assessment Yesterday (17 January), the government published the UK's Third Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA3). The five-year assessment, delivered under the Climate Change Act 2008 and following close work with the Climate Change Committee (CCC), identifies the risks that climate change poses to multiple parts of our society and economy. For eight individual risks, economic damages could exceed £1 billion per year each by 2050 with a temperature rise of 2°C, with the cost of climate change to the UK rising to at least 1% of GDP by 2045. The CCRA also includes recognition of the further progress that the UK government will seek to deliver through National Adaptation Programme (NAP3), to be laid in Parliament in 2023. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-climate-change-risk-assessment-2022>

Ø Just a reminder about this website and a nice local story. <https://carboncopy.eco/initiatives/rufus-woods-community-woodland>

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