

Kirkbymoorside Town Council
Information for meeting on Monday 20 June 2022

7. To consider financial matters:

a. To report accounts paid since the last meeting of the Council and to approve cheque payments according to the list provided

Description	Supplier	Total
Milk	Kirkby News	0.65
Sports field Electric Bill 25/03 - 24/04/2022	British Gas	56.49
Public Wi-fi	Welcoms	72.39
Compost for tree planters on Piercy End	NYCC	13.60
Manor Vale - removal of overhanging branches	M Bainbridge & Son	72.00
Sportsfield Water Bill - 09.02 -09.05.2022	Business Stream	468.88
Bank Charges	HSBC	38.50
internal audit of TC accounts for 2021/22	Ian Smithson	177.00
Printing Spring 2022 issue of the Moorsider	HPE Print	280.00
Manor Vale - works to dismantle ash tree - Squirrels Lea	Bayes Tree Services	648.00
Bedding Plants for planteron Market Place	Daisys Garden Centre	19.76
Moorside Room Water Charges May 2022	Business Stream	17.23
Grant towards: cost of maintenance of all saint's graveyard and millennium garden and additional costs associated with felling of dying weeping ash	All Saints Parish Church	4,000.00
Grant towards the service provision of the Moorsbus	Moorsbus CIC	500.00
Grant towards costs associated with purchase and installation of defibrillator	Friends of Kirkbymoorside C.P School	1,225.00
Grant towards the annual cleaning costs for Church House	Kirkbymoorside Community Library	1,400.00
Payment 2/2 replacement equipment at Old Road play area	Playdale Playgrounds Ltd	5,891.32
Market Place pre-planted tree planters	R V Rogers Limited	2,090.00
Jubilee event - Traffic Management	Community TM Limited	582.00
Moorside Room - Service of fire alarm	East Coast Fire Services	147.72
Replacement Post Mounted Bin	RDC	198.04
ATC Survey - Keldholme	Matrix Traffic and Transport Data Limited	180.00
ATC Survey - Kirkbymoorside	Matrix Traffic and Transport Data Limited	600.00
Cleaning of Moorside Room	Sarah Simpson	20.00
Notice Board - BX59 Display Case & Carriage	Broxap Ltd	5,226.00
Contribution to Jubilee Medal Project	Sylatech Limited	1,080.00
Paye	HMRC	579.07
Supply and installation on water meters at Sports field	Mark Robinson Plumbing & Heating Ltd	642.38

14. Manor Vale woodland

a. To consider the proposal for additional seating in proximity to bird box no.3 to create an area of quiet reflection





b. To consider a ceiling budget of £250 for the cost of materials

Approximate dimensions: 4ft(L) x 1ft(w) x 20"(h)

Approximate cost of materials to include:

Planks/Decking boards @ £140

Paving slabs and fixings @ £50

15. To consider continued support of Ryedale Community Foodbank and the cost of £468 to cover a further six month's rent of the Kirkbymoorside Methodist Church Schoolroom

As we have had the local council elections I would like to continue our association with Kirkbymoorside Town Council. We are experiencing a great demand for our service due to the high inflation rate at present impacting on the cost of food. The Office of National Statistics reported earlier this week that food inflation is 9% with some items such as pasta having increased by 50%, bread 18% and rice 17% etc.

I would like to propose support for 6 months of rent for our Foodbank at the Methodist Schoolroom. The amount for this would be 26 weeks @ £18.00 week = £468.00

Kind regards

Michael Leighton

Trustee, Ryedale Community Foodbank

18. To receive the latest York & North Yorkshire Climate Practitioners Update

Events

Ø Join staff and researchers from the universities of York, Teesside and Hull as well as industry, funders and investors to hear about the latest bio-based business support and investment opportunities that are available to kick start or progress your ideas. Successes and opportunities for the bio-economy Tickets, Thu 9 Jun 2022 at 10:00 |

Eventbrite<<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/successes-and-opportunities-for-the-bioeconomy-tickets-289417253797>>

Ø Community Energy Fortnight 2022 | Community Energy England<<https://www.communityenergyengland.org/pages/community-energy-fortnight>> 11 - 24 June (More on community energy below)

Ø Richmondshire Climate Action Partnership - Holding an event on Friday 1st July in Leyburn to support local people in low carbon activities whilst also addressing the cost of living rise. "Heat, Eat and Meet." Lots of information and advice about growing your own food, energy efficiency in the home, alternatives to private car travel and more! Home (richmondshireclimateaction.org) <<https://www.richmondshireclimateaction.org/>> for details.

Ø York Festival of Ideas The Next Chapter 11-24 June 2022 York Festival of Ideas 2022 has a wide range of fascinating events to attend and engage with, both in person and online, including a number of environment-related

events in this year's programme. The full Festival programme can be explored at yorkfestivalofideas.com.

Ø Receive a free pack of wildflower seeds from The Wildlife Trust for #30dayswild<https://imsva91-ctp.trendmicro.com:443/wis/clicktime/v1/query?url=https%3a%2f%2fweb.yammer.com%2fmain%2forg%2fnorthyorks.gov.uk%2fsearch%2fthreads%3fsearch%3d%252330dayswild&umid=D12E49F0-DFC7-E905-8E96-9433079FF3DC&auth=de41389fcd07b045c2bf0b8b6a6bb2cde097bfb7-c7e361f25afe8d18573f2b3250754292c179a21c> in June 30 Days Wild 2022: Sign up | The Wildlife Trusts<https://imsva91-ctp.trendmicro.com:443/wis/clicktime/v1/query?url=https%3a%2f%2fwww.wildlifetrusts.org%2f30dayswild&umid=D12E49F0-DFC7-E905-8E96-9433079FF3DC&auth=de41389fcd07b045c2bf0b8b6a6bb2cde097bfb7-374b31868ca7b74ded165cld7ade489e3810b9c1>

Ø Community Energy Training Session: Retrofit with Carbon Co-op - Tuesday 21st June, 10:00-12:30

Northern Powergrid is holding an online training session with Carbon Co-op's retrofit experts to equip you with practical advice on retrofit projects - from how to begin engaging your community in retrofit, to starting a scheme like People Powered Retrofit in your community. The session will help community energy practitioners understand how able-to-pay retrofit relates to energy advice and fuel poverty alleviation work, and how you can build upon this work with more long-term solutions. Book your free place here<https://imsva91-ctp.trendmicro.com:443/wis/clicktime/v1/query?url=https%3a%2f%2fwww.regen.co.uk%2fevent%2fcommunity%2denergy%2dretrofit%2dtraining%2dsession%2f&umid=9C2D5BD9-DFC3-FF05-BB0D-F9DDF4EBD81C&auth=de41389fcd07b045c2bf0b8b6a6bb2cde097bfb7-9fe449fe93fdcab17f734b747cc93f1a05d7046f>. Over the summer, Northern Powergrid will be running another training session, as well as hosting another community energy forum in the autumn. Watch out for details on future events on their community energy webpage.

Ø "Clean Air Day" is coming along next month on the 16th June Clean Air Day | Action for Clean Air<https://www.actionforcleanair.org.uk/campaigns/clean-air-day>. If you are planning any comms, please share!

Ø Centre for sustainable energy are hosting the following helpful webinars on home retrofitting:
No two home are alike. Find out how to make your home more sustainable and what changes could be most suitable for you at one of our free webinars in June<https://cse.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a68fcc0944ec9f4c56efb11ac&id=c54455bbb5&e=b922fa6140>. [7/13/23rd]
Hear from our experts and from other homeowners with first-hand experience of installing air source heat pumps, solar PV, solid wall insulation and other technologies.

Ø Y&H Climate Commission events coming up:
Land, Water, Nature and Food Panel | 31 May | 11.00 - 13.00
Research and Evidence Panel | 8 June | 10.00 - 11.30
Net Zero Working Group | 8 June | 14.30 - 16.30
Main Commission Meeting | 15 June | 15.00 - 17.30
Public Engagement Event | 15 June | 19.00 - 20.30
For all the Commission meetings in 2022:

Consultations

Ø Developing the UK Emissions Trading Scheme (UK ETS) The UK ETS Authority is seeking stakeholder views on proposals to develop the UK ETS

which operates across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.- this includes s for the expansion of the UK ETS to cover waste, agricultural and maritime sectors. Respond by 17 June 2022. Developing the UK Emissions Trading Scheme (UK ETS) - GOV.UK

(www.gov.uk) <<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/developing-the-uk-emissions-trading-scheme-uk-ets>>. This consultation is open to all, but we expect it to be of particular interest to:

- individual companies and representatives of industrial, power and aviation sectors with obligations under the UK ETS
- environmental groups
- individual companies and representatives of maritime, waste, greenhouse gas removals and agricultural sectors

Ø Measures to help councils tackle air pollution

Last month, the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs and National Highways launched two consultations on proposals to make it easier for councils to tackle poor air quality in their areas.

The Consultation on the review of the Local Air Quality Management Policy Guidance seeks views on increased engagement between councils and the communities that they serve, and an increased focus on the impact of air quality on people's health. The consultation will also look at the stronger requirements introduced in the Environment Act 2021 for other organisations to collaborate with councils in delivering Air Quality Action Plans (AQAPs). Meanwhile, the Consultation on Designation of National Highways as a "Relevant Public Authority" proposes to designate National Highways in order to ensure more consistent collaboration with councils to reduce road pollution.

Together, these two measures are designed to significantly contribute to the successful implementation of AQAPs and ensure air quality standards are met in local communities.

Both consultations close on 6 June.

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/industrial-pollution-control/consultation-on-designation-of-national-highways/>

Ø Future of local energy institutions and governance consultation

The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem) has recently published a consultation and seeking views from stakeholders, including councils, into future local energy institutions and governance. Ofgem is seeking views on:

- The energy system functions needed at a sub-national level to facilitate the transition to net zero at least cost and the criteria we consider need to be met for effective delivery of these functions
- The suitability of current and planned institutional and governance arrangements in place for delivery of these functions
- The opportunities and risks of change, and potential options for alternative arrangements

The closing date for submissions is 7 June. Consultation:

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/call-input-future-local-energy-institutions-and-governance>

Ø I also wanted to make you aware of the series of follow-up sessions that the Y&NY Local Enterprise Partnership are doing to respond to the York and North Yorkshire Routemap to Carbon Negative consultation. Please let me know if yourself or a colleague would like to attend of the sessions and I will arrange for details to be sent on:

Marine & Coastal Workshop Session - 1.30 - 3.00pm on 1st June

From the consultation feedback, there was consensus that the marine and coastal section was relatively under-developed. This session will be focused on addressing this issue - further developing the strategic priorities and expanding the interventions. A full agenda for the session will be circulated early next week.

Net Zero Tourism Workshop Session - 9-10.30am on 7th June

Within the consultation feedback, a number of stakeholders highlighted the missed opportunity to create a sustainable, net zero tourism sector. So this session will be focused on discussing the challenges and opportunities around this, and the required actions to deliver the ambition. A full agenda for the session will be circulated next week.

Community Climate Action Workshop Session - 2.00-3.30pm on 9th June

Within the consultation feedback, a number of stakeholders highlighted the need for the Routemap to empower communities to take climate action and create a two-way dialogue between communities and the regional-level, rather than a top-down approach. So this session will be focused on discussing how we can achieve this through the Routemap, and the required strategic actions and priorities. A full agenda for the session will be circulated next week.

Natural Capital Workshop Session - 11.00-12.30 on 10th June

Within the consultation feedback, there were a number of issues raised around land use, including the need to integrate biodiversity into plans and the omission of reduction in land used for dairy and meat farming. At this session, we will be discussing how to best address the land use related feedback. A full agenda for the session will be circulated next week.

Ø The Y&NY LEP and NY Local Authorities are putting together a proposal for North Yorkshire 'Shared Prosperity Fund' which is the next 3 years of Government investment in communities, businesses and people and skills. UK Shared Prosperity Fund: prospectus - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus)) <<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus>>. There is a requirement for the programme to meet national net zero obligations and several of the defined outputs are low carbon related. If you would like to get involved in developing the proposal there are workshops planned, please contact economicgrowth@northyorks.gov.uk <<mailto:economicgrowth@northyorks.gov.uk>> if you would like to help shape the proposals.

Thursday 23 June 10:00am	Support for Business
Friday 24 June 10:00am	People and Skills
Friday 24 June 2:00pm	Communities and Place

Funding

Ø Round two of the Peatland Restoration Grant is now open for applications

The second round of applications to the Nature for Climate Peatland Grant Scheme (NCPGS) Restoration Grant opened on 6 April 2022. The Nature for Climate Peatland Grant Scheme (NCPGS) provides funding to restore peatlands in the uplands and lowlands of England. It is a competitive grant scheme that will run until 2025. The scheme is open to environmental groups, local authorities, charities, public bodies, individual landowners and organisations.

The application window is open until Friday 3 June. If you have any questions, please email Natural England:

peatlandscheme@naturalengland.org.uk <<mailto:peatlandscheme@naturalengland.org.uk>>. Guidance and how to apply: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nature-for-climate-peatland-grant-scheme>

Ø Two New Grant Programmes to Improve Outcomes for Disabled People

National charity Motability has announced it will provide £50 million to UK charities and organisations in the accessible transport sector from 2022 to 2025, starting with two new funding streams:

- Community Transport Grants
- Wheelchair Sector Grants

Both programmes will offer grants of between £100,000 and £4 million for a maximum of three years. Access to Mobility Grants |

Motability<<https://www.motability.org.uk/charitable-grants/access-to-mobility-grant-programmes/>>

There is a focus on medium and large charities and non-profit organisations with well-established ways of working. As such, applicants must have been active for three years, with an annual income of at least £150,000 in that time. Community Transport Grants should be used to cover:

- Staffing and/or volunteer costs to increase supply of Community Transport services.
- Leasing or buying Community Transport vehicles
- Initiatives to influence transport strategy, policy and funding.
- Partnerships/collaborations which drive efficiency at the organisational and systems level.
- Best practice interventions to continue/scale up work.

Ø Funding to Support Energy Consumers in Vulnerable Situations in Great Britain

The Energy Redress Fund has reopened for 2022. There is a total of £23 million to fund new projects, with grants ranging from £20,000 to £2 million.

Registered charities in England, Scotland and Wales that are registered with the Energy Redress Scheme and have passed the due diligence process may apply for the Small Projects Fund, Main Projects Fund or Innovation Fund.

Examples of the kind of activities that can be funded through the Energy Redress Scheme include:

- Engaging vulnerable customers with energy issues and referring them for support.
- Delivering energy advice that does not duplicate existing advice services.
- Installation of energy saving or renewable energy measures that cannot be funded elsewhere and/or are innovative or are being used in innovative ways.
- In-home safety advice and measures related to energy systems.
- Training and education on energy that is targeted at supporting vulnerable customers.

Grants can cover capital or revenue funding for projects lasting up to two years.

Ø Funding to Support a Reduction in Carbon Emissions in Great Britain
Your guide to understanding the new redress scheme
(energyredress.org.uk) <<https://energyredress.org.uk/>>

The Carbon Emissions Reduction Fund supports initiatives principally aimed at reducing the climate change impact associated with energy use, which relate to OfGem's regulated areas of energy generation, distribution, supply and use.

There is a total funding pot of £4 million, with grants of £50,000 to £1 million on offer. Previously only open to registered charities, this fund

will now also accept applications from Community Interest Companies, Community Benefit Societies and Cooperative Societies in Great Britain, provided they are registered with the Energy Redress Scheme and have passed the due diligence process.

The funding is for projects that meet the following criteria:

- Can demonstrate measurable and lasting reductions in the carbon intensity of energy end use and accelerate the transition to net zero carbon dioxide emissions.
- Have a realistic prospect of delivering broadly replicable benefits to existing and/or future energy consumers.

Grants can support both capital and revenue costs for projects lasting up to two years.

The deadline to apply is 5pm on 6 June 2022.

Ø Supporting public owned property to decarbonise. latest Phase of the Low Carbon Skills Fund was released by Government:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-sector-low-carbon-skills-fund-phase-3>
<<https://imsva91-ctp.trendmicro.com:443/wis/clicktime/v1/query?url=https%3a%2f%2fwww.gov.uk%2fgovernment%2fpublications%2fpublic%2dsector%2dlow%2dcarbon%2dskills%2dfund%2dphase%2d3&umid=4C6AC011-DF5B-1E05-88A4-A6C50FCC2756&auth=de41389fcd07b045c2bf0b8b6a6bb2cde097bfb7-95e25d950cadf25f1feb5e492b441dab660bb678>>

Ø Launch of £1m Fund to Boost Reusable Packaging (more about packaging below)

Created by Hubbub, in partnership with Starbucks, the Bring It Back Fund aims to support innovative projects to increase the adoption, and remove barriers for, reusable packaging in the food and drink sector.

Grants of between £150,000 and £300,000 are available. Successful applicants could promote behaviour change, undertake new research, expand an existing approach or attempt something completely new, including technical fixes.

UK registered organisations from any sector may apply. Applications must be submitted online by the deadline of 24 June 2022.

Ø Funding to increase domestic tree production opens: The Forestry Commission, in partnership with the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, announced a new fund providing up to £8.8 million to support domestic tree production in England. The funding, open to councils, will help tree nurseries and suppliers invest in projects which improve, expand, automate or mechanise their operations. This will support efforts to build nursery capacity and grow long-term tree seed and sapling supply. Successful projects will be awarded up to £175,000 in grant funding to cover up to 50% of costs, with money coming from the Tree Production Capital Grant as part of the government's £750 million Nature for Climate Fund <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tree-production-capital-grant>

General News:

Ø Beyond the recent announcement about GCSE Natural History, UK to lead the way in climate and sustainability education - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-to-lead-the-way-in-climate-and-sustainability-education)) <<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-to-lead-the-way-in-climate-and-sustainability-education>> is a package of measures - Sustainability and climate change strategy - GOV.UK

(www.gov.uk) <<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sustainability-and-climate-change-strategy>> for the education sector

- rollout of carbon literacy training to support at least one sustainability lead in every locally maintained nursery, school, college and university.
- National Education Nature Parks (biodiversity on school grounds for e.g.)
- Climate Leaders award.

Ø Circular Economy: The Yorkshire Circular Lab team is busy preparing materials from the Yorkshire Circular Economy Festival held last month. They created an innovative and fun 'festival field' to showcase all the information, available here:

<https://circulareconomy.leeds.ac.uk/yorkshire-circular-economy-festival-festival-field/><<https://imsva91-ctp.trendmicro.com:443/wis/clicktime/v1/query?url=https%3a%2f%2fcirculareconomy.leeds.ac.uk%2fyorkshire%2dcircular%2deconomy%2dfestival%2dfestival%2dfield%2f&umid=0229DF93-DC9F-5A05-8EA4-2DB8042234E1&auth=de41389fcd07b045c2bf0b8b6a6bb2cde097bfb7-08ec277a73c8d547932b7df05a2d3620851a554f>> . They have also created a Circular Economy Map Nearly 800 circular economy initiatives in Yorkshire and Humber communities : Yorkshire Circular Lab (leeds.ac.uk) <<https://circulareconomy.leeds.ac.uk/nearly-800-circular-economy-initiatives-in-yorkshire-and-humber-communities/>>

Ø Innovate UK Announces Net Zero Hydrogen Fund Competitions: The Net Zero Hydrogen Fund (NZHF) is providing capital and development expenditure to support the commercial deployment of new low carbon hydrogen production projects during the 2020s. The aim is to ensure the UK has a diverse and secure decarbonised energy system, fit for meeting the ambition of 10GW low carbon hydrogen production by 2030, and the Government's commitment to reach net zero by 2050.

Ø <https://www.logisticsmanager.com/more-than-three-quarters-of-uk-firms-unaware-of-plastic-packaging-tax/>

Ø FERA in Ryedale, developing innovative approaches to insect protein. [film Yorkshire](http://film.yorkshire) insect laboratory created for sustainable "bioconversion" research | Bdaily<<https://bdaily.co.uk/articles/2022/03/21/lm-yorkshire-insect-laboratory-created-for-sustainable-bioconversion-research>>

Ø Training courses for EVCPs introduced - Harrogate College takes action over electric charging points problems | Harrogate Advertiser<<https://www.harrogateadvertiser.co.uk/education/harrogate-college-takes-action-over-electric-charging-points-problems-3647125>>

Ø The new Geospatial Commission project will explore what electric vehicle chargepoint infrastructure data is needed by local authorities. Project launched to support EV chargepoint infrastructure rollout - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) <<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/project-launched-to-support-ev-chargepoint-infrastructure-rollout>>

Ø Local Access Forum - please circulate to your active travel groups locally - Your chance to help to shape access to the countryside | News | North Yorkshire County Council<<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/news/article/your-chance-help-shape-access-countryside>>

Ø Allerton Waste Recovery Plant - We are recruiting new members for our Stakeholder Panel. With lots of opportunities to get involved, the panel brings together a range of community, environment and industry representatives to explore raising local awareness of waste-related issues, and in particular promoting the 4 Rs of waste - Reduce, Reuse,

Recycle, Recover. North Yorkshire
(amey.co.uk) <https://wasteservices.amey.co.uk/where-we-work/north-yorkshire/> contact: Emilie Knight Community and Communications Manager | Allerton Waste Recovery Park | Waste Treatment e: emilie.knight@amey.co.uk <<mailto:emilie.knight@amey.co.uk>>

Ø NY Liftshare - please encourage your contacts to promote NY Liftshare to share lifts for their daily commute, or any other journey.

"As people start to return to the office, councils across North Yorkshire are encouraging residents to share their work commutes - and save money.

They say that lift sharing can also help to reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions - and a new website can make it easy to access.

Nationally just under 70% of workers drive to work - with the average return commute is just under an hour. And in North Yorkshire this could be even higher with people living in rural communities having longer journeys.

On average, a petrol car emits over 111g of CO2 every mile travelled, which means a 20 mile trip will see 2,237g of CO2 emitted. An average commute can cost £10, so sharing the journey with one or two people will cut a five-day expense of around £50 to £25 or even £16 per person. Over an average four-week month, this is a saving of £100 if you car share with one person, or £133 if you share with two people.

Through the Liftshare website - Liftshare.com/uk<<https://liftshare.com/uk>> - you can input a journey start (your home postcode) and the destination postcode (work address), select whether or not it is a return journey, whether it would be regular or a one-off, and what days you would be wanting to travel. Following this you put in your leaving and return times (if it is a round trip), and find your matches by choosing between being the driver or passenger, then Liftshare does the rest! "

Ø Community Energy: Having been contacted by Northern Powergrid about the level of interest in locally owned renewables in the area, Community Energy England is offering a free annual membership to groups and organisations in Northern Powergrid's region, if they express interest before May 31st 2022. This is an offer to help build the capacity of local groups through access to our national networks, resources, training sessions, events and online tools. If you are interested in joining their 280+ membership for free this year, please send an email to s.jackson@communityenergyengland.org <<mailto:s.jackson@communityenergyengland.org>> before May 31st. Also Northern Powergrid are running a set of new initiatives to build capacity of local groups in 2022 - new fund for groups at the early stages of identifying community energy projects, two training sessions, and a second CE forum later in the year, and a 'Put your community on the map!' <<https://imsva91-ctp.trendmicro.com:443/wis/clicktime/v1/query?url=https%3a%2f%2fwww.google.com%2fmaps%2fd%2fedit%3fmid%3dlxc4LV7wUm5q47krpKLUF%2dKkyGOg8WU8%2611%3d54.26790499823338%252C%2d1.9522597299945499%26z%3d8&umid=92EE3456-DFD5-6B05-AB4A-E00912D5F277&auth=de41389fcd07b045c2bf0b8b6a6bb2cde097bfb7-ela8a7471aaa3869df8f604229a93de07726dd76>> campaign to promote visibility of CE groups, and more. More information: <https://www.northernpowergrid.com/community-energy/> <<https://imsva91-ctp.trendmicro.com:443/wis/clicktime/v1/query?url=https%3a%2f%2fwww.northernpowergrid.com%2fcommunity%2denenergy%2f&umid=92EE3456-DFD5-6B05-AB4A-E00912D5F277&auth=de41389fcd07b045c2bf0b8b6a6bb2cde097bfb7-6b88079d3558ca9379681af12e102b9a5f2b5638>>

Ø An interesting read regarding skills required for Net Zero economy
[deloitte-uk-a-blueprint-for-green-workforce-](#)

transformation.pdf<<https://www2.deloitte.com/content/dam/Deloitte/uk/Documents/consultancy/deloitte-uk-a-blueprint-for-green-workforce-transformation.pdf>>

Ø Clear Skies - There is a new quality assurance for wood burning stoves which highlights that emissions and energy efficiency can be improved in this much used domestic heating method in rural areas Home - Clear Skies (clearskiesmark.org) <<https://www.clearskiesmark.org/>>-

Ø City of York are considering their draft Climate Change Action Plan - see more on their website: Council provides update on work programme for tackling climate change - City of York Council <<https://www.york.gov.uk/news/article/994/council-provides-update-on-work-programme-for-tackling-climate-change>>

Ø Rail news:

o Transpennine Express - info on their net zero ambitions - Environment and Sustainability (tpexpress.co.uk) <<https://www.tpexpress.co.uk/about-us/customerreport/environment-and-sustainability>>

o Some thoughts on rail freight 'parcels' from industry. UK logistics companies yet to be convinced over express rail freight opportunities | RailFreight.com <<https://www.railfreight.com/railfreight/2022/05/17/uk-logistics-companies-yet-to-be-convinced-over-express-rail-freight-opportunities/>>

o Step-free footbridge to revitalise rail journeys in Selby (networkrailmediacentre.co.uk) <<https://www.networkrailmediacentre.co.uk/news/step-free-footbridge-to-revitalise-rail-journeys-in-selby>>

Ø A new study highlights dramatic benefits from local approaches to net zero. Recent research by PwC has found that 'place-based' carbon reduction measures would produce far better environmental, economic and social results, at lower cost, than a national 'one size fits all' approach. The report, 'Accelerating Net Zero Delivery: Unlocking the benefits of climate action in UK city-regions', is the result of a nine-month study commissioned by Innovate UK as part of the UKRI Prospering from the Energy Revolution programme. It was carried out by PwC with Otley Energy and the University of Leeds. <https://www.ukri.org/publications/accelerating-net-zero-delivery/>

Ø North Yorkshire County Council is promoting its small electrical recycling service- please support this with the attached flyer.

Ø Garden Communities programme: DLUHC announced £15 million government funding for garden communities, to support delivery of thousands of new homes. The Garden Communities programme will deliver up to 16,000 homes per year from 2025, breathing life into 43 towns and villages and putting green, wildlife friendly spaces at the heart of new development. The investment brings total funding for the Garden Communities programme to more than £69 million. The programme provides support to progress long-term housing projects from their earliest stages. It enables councils to recruit specialist staff, undertake the required planning and receive advice and support from the housing delivery body, Homes England. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/garden-communities-set-to-flourish-across-england>

Ø North Yorkshire's NYES Catering Awarded 2nd Place in the Green School Menu League 🌿 🍴

NYCC NYES Catering team is proud to have been recognised for being innovative and inclusive in its approach to school meals, as their plant-based menu has gained national recognition. The Green School Menu joint mission is simple:

- inspire and encourage children to eat more sustainable food;
- educate five million children globally about sustainable eating by 2023; and
- to make 15 million school meals meatless in 2022.

Through developing innovative plant-based dishes, the NYES Catering development chefs have been working closely with suppliers to ensure vegetarian menu choices are both tasty and varied, healthy and nutritious. Gaining this accreditation highlights the fantastic work that the team does and the contemporary dishes that are offered from the NYES Catering service.

Ø Nature Connection Handbook: This recently published handbook from Natural England details what nature connection is, why it is important and the research behind it. Also included are case studies from projects that have used pathways to nature connection in their design.