



# Monthly Digest

July 15th, 2024

## News, Events, Updates



Image NGH Member Sandra Parkin

### Hub & Steering Group News

The NGH continues to grow and we'd like to welcome new members Anna, Caitlin, Julia, Thomas, Gillian, David, Christiane, Steven, Graham, Anne-Marie, Tracey and Natasha who have all joined since the June edition of the Digest. NGH now has over ninety members and so many thanks to everyone who has helped to spread the word. Thanks too to those local groups who have agreed to display the NGH logo on their websites.

Over the last few weeks, the Steering Group has been developing a new Resources area on the NGH website at <https://nghonline.co.uk/resources/>. The aim is that this will replace Google Drive as the place where members can find and share information. There are currently pages for the Special Interest Groups, together with information about funding, how to get a news story in the press, previous copies of the Digest and more. Over the coming weeks we'll be adding information about Useful Contacts and other topics. It's still a work in progress, but we'd really appreciate your feedback, together with suggestions for content. You can email us on [Northumberlandgreenhub@gmail.com](mailto:Northumberlandgreenhub@gmail.com).

### **NEXT COMMUNITY EVENT – July 20<sup>th</sup>, 10.00 – 1.00pm (refreshments from 9.30)**

We're looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the next NGH Community on July 20<sup>th</sup>, It's at our usual venue of St James Church Centre, Pottergate, Alnwick. This time it's NGH members taking centre stage as we hear about some of the projects and activities that are happening across the area. It'll be a chance to listen, learn and connect with others – and perhaps be inspired to do something similar or work together.

### **BOOKING and DONATION for ROOM HIRE & REFRESHMENTS**

Don't miss you - **book your place now at <https://nghonline.co.uk/book-your-place/>**. We will be asking you to make a minimum £3 donation in cash on the day. Until now, we have been able to cover our outgoings with donations and generous help from Alnwick Friends of the Earth. However, as a fully

self-funded community network we are now asking for your help towards our costs going forward. We hope you will understand and be happy to contribute.

## MORE DIARY DATES!

Get it in your diary NOW - the autumn NGH Community event is on -

- **Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup> - St James Church Centre, Pottergate, Alnwick 9.30 – 1.00pm**

We're also planning a **Christmas social get together on December 7<sup>th</sup>** - more details nearer the time!

Many thanks  
The NGH Steering Group

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## Tell Us What You Think

NGH is here to support our members – whether you've joined as part of a community group or as an individual. We'd love to get your feedback on how NGH is developing – whether that's about the new website ([www.nghonline.co.uk](http://www.nghonline.co.uk)), the Special Interest Groups, the amount of communication from the Steering Group – or ideas for future events. Whatever it is, we'd love to hear from you on [northumberlandgreenhub@gmail.com](mailto:northumberlandgreenhub@gmail.com)

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## News from the Special Interest Groups



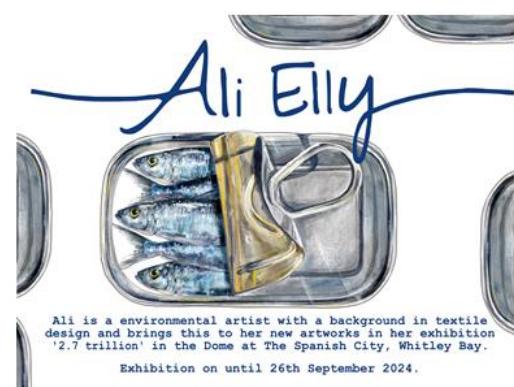
### Biodiversity & Wildlife SIG

There has been a lot of discussion in the group this month about the state of our verges – including concerns that some areas are being indiscriminately mown. The group has shared a number of images of good and bad practise and has been able to obtain information from NCC about their Verge Cutting policy (which you can find in the new Resources area of the website). We've also obtained details of the all the 'Protected Verges' in north Northumberland as well as how to apply to have a verge designated for protection.

Biodiversity group member Sandra Parkin has also produced a How To guide with top tips for growing an invertebrate friendly wildflower garden which you can find on the website. And Pat Fuller has shared some beautiful photos of Bankside Wildflower area in Morpeth – you can find more details on the Meadows in Morpeth Facebook page.

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## Upcoming Events



### 2.7 Trillion - Art Exhibition. Every day until Sept 26<sup>th</sup> at The Dome, Spanish City, Whitley Bay

NGH member and climate activist with Surfers Against Sewage, Ali Elly is a Northumberland environmental artist. Her current exhibition is entitled 2.7 Trillion and encourages us to have important conversations around the number of fish we haul from the oceans each year as seafood.

With this exhibition there is an opportunity to join a FREE

Creative Walk at Low Lights, North Shields on August 24<sup>th</sup>. This is fully funded working with the [Helix Arts](#), Please sign up using this [link](#).



## Rothbury Climate and Nature

### July 21st: Herbalism with Anna Willow

12.30-2.00pm

Cheviot Room, Jubilee Hall, Rothbury

Join Anna from Willows Herbal Therapy to learn about the healing powers of herbs. At this session Anna will give a talk on different herbs, plus tasting and mixing. Anna will show us how to mix a variety of herbal teas.

Booking essential

Free event, donation appreciated for the room hire.

Details on the website: [www.rothburycan.org](http://www.rothburycan.org)

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## Hauxley Wildlife Group – Wildlife Talks

### Hauxley Wildlife Group

The Hauxley Wildlife Group (run by Northumberland Wildlife Trust) has a programme of talks that are open to both members and non-members. They include:

Wildlife in our Seas – August 21st

All talks are at 7pm at the Hauxley Visitor Centre. They are FREE to Members, suggested donation for non-members £3 (including tea / coffee).

It's well worth looking at the [NWT site for details of other groups and local events.](#)



## British Food Fortnight

**What is British Food Fortnight ?** *A fun and delicious national celebration that everyone is invited to take part in!*

The national celebration of the diverse and delicious food that Britain produces is coming to Warkworth from September 20<sup>th</sup> – October 6<sup>th</sup> 2024.

### Reasons to support British food

- **Environmental** – eating local food in season gives the lowest carbon footprint.
- **Welfare** - The UK has some of the highest welfare and food safety standards in the world.
- **Food security** – We need to support our farmers, horticulturalists and food producers to make sure they can keep feeding us.

Every year communities across the country take part with foodie festivities in villages, towns and cities fun, activities for children in schools menu promotions in pubs and restaurants and British food on the plate in hospitals and care homes.

In Warkworth the celebrations will start with an event in the Memorial Hall on 21st September with foodie stalls, demonstrations and talks. This will be followed by events including:

- Hauxley Dairy speaking at the WI
- A Food Quiz at the Hermitage Inn
- The Film Night will feature a food themed film and local food
- The History Society will feature a talk on the History of Cheese
- Harvest Festival in the Church

Plus, throughout the fortnight an art exhibition in the Memorial Hall and an exhibition in the church.

For more details see the **Warkworth British Food Fortnight page on Facebook** or contact Sue Brown via email [suecbrownscb@gmail.com](mailto:suecbrownscb@gmail.com).

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## Women's Workshop

### Women's Workshop, Amble

#### Mondays @Women's Workshops

#### 10.30am - 12.30pm Women's Workshop @Amble

A weekly group for women living in or near Amble, taking place at the Women's Workshop on Coquet Enterprise Park.

'Wonderful Women' sessions with Sally Roach, 'weaving self-care with earth-care.' Mindful and gentle movement activities. You're welcome to just turn up and see what is on offer.

#### 1.00pm- 3.00pm Drop-in to the Women's Workshop on Monday Afternoons

Pop along for a hot drink and friendly chat or find out more about the Women's Workshop activities.

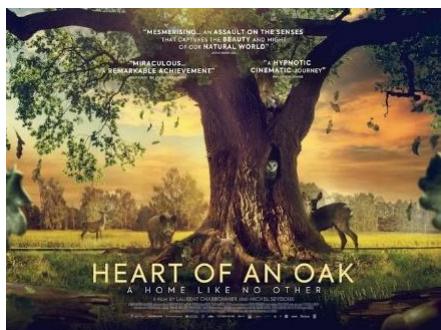
#### Wednesdays at the Women's Workshops

#### 1.00pm - 3.00pm Wednesday Gardening Activities & Weekly Gardening Group

Come along to the Women's Workshop and join in our weekly gardening group. A cup of tea/coffee/hot chocolate, biscuit and friendly chat is always available.

Contact [angela@womensworkshop.net](mailto:angela@womensworkshop.net) for more information, or just pop along on the day.

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### New Film - Heart of an Oak

This documentary follows a year in the life of a majestic 210 year-old oak tree and its many inhabitants, exploring the immensely rich universe thriving beneath its branches.

The film offers a unique insight into the heart of a vibrant ecosystem. Find out more at [HEART OF AN OAK - Alnwick Playhouse](#).

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 1.15pm

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August at 1.15 and 4.15 pm

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm.

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### Environmental Dates for Your Diary



#### Plastic Free July – 1st July 2024 to 31st July 2024

This month-long campaign has grown year on year encouraging us to adopt sustainable habits to reduce our plastic consumption. We don't realise how much power we have as small changes can make a huge difference. #PlasticFreeJuly is a great way to find ideas on what you can do for this month.

#### The Big Butterfly Count – July 12 – August 4th

This is a UK wide survey to access the help of our butterflies. It's so easy to sign up and take part and it's a great way to help encourage little ones to care about nature.

#### Love Parks Week – July 26<sup>th</sup> – August 4th

Having access to green spaces is vital to our mental health and this week is dedicated to celebrating these spaces and everyone who contributes to them. Go for a walk in the park and enjoy nature and the blue skies.

### **National Bog Day – 28th July 2024**

Held annually on the fourth Sunday in July ‘...in celebration of bogs, fens, swamps & marshes is an opportunity to raise awareness of peatlands – the benefits they provide, the threats they face and the ways we can all help protect them.’

### **National Allotments Week – 12th August 2024 – 18th August 2024**

This week is where The National Allotment Society encourages us to celebrate the benefits of having an individual or community allotment. They also promote the benefits of having healthy soil. Check their website to see how you can get involved.

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## **Repair Cafes**



### **Greener Berwick Zero Waste Group Repair Café – Saturday 27th July 2024 in the Salvation Army Hall, Church Street, Berwick. 10.00-1.00pm.**

Darning, sewing repairs, toys, phone software, computer software, blade sharpening, general repairs. The repair café runs on the last Saturday of every month, same venue, and same time. Repairs are free but donations very welcome. Tea, coffee and cake provided by Northern Soul Kitchen (Zero Waste)

If you've got a skill and want to experience the thrill of community repairing, please get in touch. The more, the merrier. We're always looking for volunteers. You don't have to be a professional - all skills welcome. We're especially looking for clock and watch repairers.

Bought to you by Greener Berwick and kindly supported by Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Council and NCC Climate Fund. For information contact [info@greenerberwick.org.uk](mailto:info@greenerberwick.org.uk) and put FAO Repair Cafe Team in the Subject heading.

**Felton Repair Café – August 10th, 2024, at Gallery Forty5, Felton 11am – 3.00pm** Bring along your sewing, clothes, bicycles, knives, and tools for sharpening – and if you need help with that tricky bit of IT – bring that along too. Join the Repair Revolution! [Find us on Facebook.](#)

### **Coquetdale Repair Café – Sat Sept 28th, 2024, in the Jubilee Hall Rothbury 10.00-2.00pm**

Combine fun & learning with reducing waste. Have your broken items repaired or learn to repair them yourself with the help of friendly volunteers. Tea and cakes available!

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## **How to Get Your News Story Published**

Got a great story about your project? Need to engage with the local community or drum up more volunteers? These days you can write your own story and send it in via the newspaper's web portal. Do it right – and you'll get it published

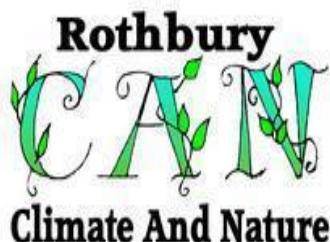
We've put together some practical tips for making sure your story gets published - from thinking about an attention-grabbing headline to how to write for your target audience.

The new guide focuses on making sure your story engages the reader from the start. A great photo can make all the difference, so plan your images and make sure they're high quality.

**Find the full How To guide on the website at [how-to-get-your-news-story-published.pdf](http://how-to-get-your-news-story-published.pdf) ([nghonline.co.uk](http://nghonline.co.uk)).**

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## News from Members and Local Groups



### Rothbury Climate and Nature

#### FREE or LOW-COST Events

Rothbury Climate and Nature host a number of mostly free events throughout the year. Here is blog which tells about recent ones:

<https://www.rothburycan.org/post/passion-pollinators-and-pastels-this-week-s-rothbury-can-s-events-may-2024>

We now have a [Calendar of Events](#) on our website.



### What a Wonderful World Festival Success!

Over 1,000 people took part in the What a Wonderful World Festival over a weekend in Alnwick. And many more visited the "My Northumberland" photography exhibition at the Playhouse Gallery.

The Festival of arts, science and nature explored the theme of 'air' through drama, music, poetry, dance and talks by leading experts on wind energy, air pollution and wildlife.

Highlights included the 'The Air We Breathe' performed by young people from four local schools, a sell- out concert by Northumbrian piper, Kathryn Tickell and the Northumberland Wildlife Trust's speakers Dr Laura Keast, Professor Alasdair McDonald and the RSPB's Bethany Chamberlain. There was also the premier of a new song by composer Janet Wheeler performed

by the Sing for the Planet Workshop choir joined by award-winning choir Voices of Hope who went on to close the festival with a delightful concert of music old and new from around the region and beyond.

Organisers, Alistair and Liz Anderson said "we are delighted that so many people of all ages became so engaged in a wide range of artistic activity all focused on the wonders of our amazing planet, the problems of climate and biodiversity that face us and the solutions which are there to be developed if only the world could agree equitable ways forward".



### Coquet River Action Group Launch Event

Coquet River Action Group are holding a launch event on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Swarland Village Hall. Steve Lowe from the Northumberland Rivers Trust will be chairing a meeting which will bring together Northumberland Wildlife Trust, Northumberland Water and Natural Landscapes to look at some of the work, ideas and environmental factors influencing the River Coquet today. For more information contact Julia on wariversgroup@gmail.com.



### Cramlington Wildspaces Hub

There are currently 14 environmental groups that make up the Cramlington Wildspaces Hub, a network of organisations who meet every two months to plan events and share what their individual organisations are doing.

The hub has an annual conservation day showcase event where they share displays celebrating their environmental activities, raising awareness of climate issues and promoting local eco-friendly opportunities. This takes place in Manor Walks Shopping Centre, Cramlington.

On June 13<sup>th</sup> Cramlington Town Council was presented with the LOVE Northumberland 2024 Highly Commended award in the Climate Change Emergency Project category for their instigation of the Wildspaces Hub and continued support for environmental groups.

**Contact:** Maggie Martin, Community & Youth Manager

**Email:** Maggie Martin [maggie@cramlingtontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:maggie@cramlingtontowncouncil.gov.uk)

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/cramlingtoncommunityengagement>



### A Mini Beast Journal

NGH member Sandra Parkin has written a fascinating account of a walk from St Mary's Lighthouse to Blyth Southside Beach. Called 'A Mini Beast Journal', it's illustrated with Sandra's photos of the wildflowers and invertebrates that can be found there.

Full of fascinating facts about the different species she's encountered, we'll be publishing Sandra's article in full on the NGH website shortly.

**Opening  
Doors Project**

**Final Phase of the Strawbale Build**

1) Render internal walls with clay  
2) Build an access ramp  
3) Create a green roof

**Starting from 22nd July 2024**

We are looking for Volunteers with skills to offer, in woodwork and diy, or come along, join in and learn new skills.

The project also includes: Expanding our Outdoor Kitchen Garden - Building an Outdoor Kitchen - Building a Clay Oven - Creating a Wildflower area ++

To get involved or find out more contact [angela@womensworkshop.net](mailto:angela@womensworkshop.net)

Funded by: UK Government, LEVELLING UP, North East Local Authority, Northumberland County Council

### Amble Womens Workshop – Get Involved!

The final phase of the Strawbale Build starts on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. This will consist of rendering the internal walls, building an access ramp and creating a green roof.

Volunteers needed with skills in woodwork and diy – or alternatively come along and learn some new skills.

The project will also include expanding the kitchen garden, creating a wildflower area and creating an outdoor kitchen!

For more information, contact [angela@womensworkshop.net](mailto:angela@womensworkshop.net).

### Greener Berwick Seeks Climate Café Facilitators for August



Greener Berwick need one or two facilitators to help run a Climate Café at the Berwick Food and Beer Festival on August 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be four sessions over the weekend. Members of Greener Berwick will work with the facilitators. If you're able to help, please contact Laura Hawken, Greener Berwick Co-ordinator at [laura4wood@aol.com](mailto:laura4wood@aol.com).

### Climate Action Wansbeck (CAW)

#### Climate Change Reading Group

Meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.00pm upstairs in Morpeth Library. Come along, grab a cup of excellent Caribe coffee (decaff available!), and join a lovely discussion about what you have been reading, watching or listening to on eco-themes. For inspiration, try these short stories:

<https://writershq.co.uk/7-short-stories-about-climate-change/>



## Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan

After welcoming Morpeth Town Councillor Elaine Skinner to our June meeting, a group of CAW volunteers will be working with her on a project to review Morpeth green spaces for the neighbourhood plan over the next couple of months. If you would like to be involved, drop us an email at [climateactionwansbeck@gmail.com](mailto:climateactionwansbeck@gmail.com)

## Annual General Meeting

After a busy summer, we are taking a break from organised activities. Our next meeting will be our AGM, scheduled for Thursday 5th September at 7.00pm, venue to be confirmed. There will be a speaker on an environmental topic. We are looking for new members to join the organising committee. If you would like to know more, watch this space and our Facebook page or email us at

Please check out our website [climateactionwansbeck.org.uk](http://climateactionwansbeck.org.uk) where you can sign up for membership and our newsletters.

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## News from around Northumberland



### Northumberland Farmer Launches Green Acres to Promote Environmental Awareness

**Source: Northumberland Gazette- June 27<sup>th</sup> , 2024**

A farmer from Stannington is pioneering a “local and visible” approach to help businesses and individuals become more environmentally conscious and offset their carbon footprint locally.

Farming has been a cornerstone of the Dungait family for generations, but in recent years Mike has focused on integrating environmental practices into their farming operations. His regenerative agriculture approach involves planting crops such as bumble bee bird feed mixes and grasses to rejuvenate the soil and attract predators that protect crops naturally.

Now he has developed Green Acres. Through planting trees, hedges, cultivating bee hives and maintaining grasslands, the initiative allows businesses and individuals to offset their carbon footprint directly in Northumberland.

Mike said: “*We manage people’s sustainability commitments with the knowledge that the offsetting is being done ethically and locally. We’re also giving people solid green credentials that literally don’t cost the earth.*”

The system works by people paying a monthly subscription with the basic package planting 17 trees per year, sequestering 60 tonnes of CO2 per annum.

Mike and his team are committed to involving the local community in their efforts. Green Acres offers various packages for families, individuals and businesses to join their mission and schools will soon be able to visit the site.



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### New ‘Wild’ Network for Northumberland

The Wilder Northumberland Network is a new network for nature recovery in Northumberland. It seeks to support nature recovery and increase connectivity, creating more space for water, trees and scrub.

Membership is open to landowners who have a minimum of 5ha designated for nature recovery or 1km of linear corridor such as hedgerows, riparian woodlands or field margins.

Membership offers a range of benefits, including peer learning, access to resources and funding opportunities and services such as access to Northumberland Wildlife Trust volunteers or grazing animals. Members are asked to sign up to a number of principles such as letting nature lead, making space for water and increasing connectivity.

Current Wilder Northumberland spaces include Benshaw Moor, College Valley Estates, Earsdon Hill Farm, Fen Letch, Hadrian's Wall Recovering Nature, Hepple Wilds, Moss Peteral, Whitelee Moor, Wild Kielder and West Chevington.

For landowners with an area less than 5ha, membership of the complementary North East Rewilding Network (NERN) is an option. NERN is coordinated by Climate Action North and supported by Rewilding Britain.

Find more details at [Wilder Northumberland Network | Northumberland Wildlife Trust \(nwt.org.uk\)](https://www.nwt.org.uk/wilder-northumberland-network).

## Other News

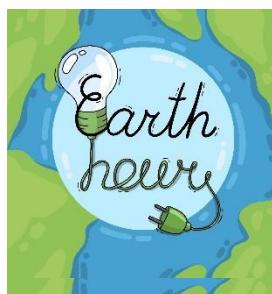


### Climate Action North – Rewilding Hope, Land – Sea Online Conference

This 2 day online conference, hosted by Climate Action North, sponsored by Rewilding Britain and supported by NWT was timed to coincide with World Environment Day in June.

With a wide range of speakers including Libby Drew from Knepp Wildland, Graham Holyoak of Wilder Northumberland and Sandra King from the Beaver Trust. Climate Action North's CEO, Sharon Lashley said *"This is our most ambitious conference yet and by gathering rewilders from across the UK we hope to have ignited more passion and action for rewilding."*

The talks can still be found by visiting the Climate Action North YouTube channel.



### EU's Nature Restoration Law Passed

Source: The Guardian – 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024

At last, the new European law that's rare good news for our forests, coastlines and wildlife. After months of controversy and bitter protests that saw biodiversity become a culture war issue, the EU's nature restoration law has finally passed. On Monday June 17<sup>th</sup>, a knife-edge vote by member states gave the green light to a first-of-its-kind law to protect and revive Europe's beleaguered forests, coastline, grasslands and wildlife.

Member states are now tasked with restoring 20% of the bloc's land and sea by the end of the decade, focusing on natural ecosystems that will store the most carbon, and halting the decline of Europe's rapidly vanishing biodiversity.

[Read the full story here](#)



### Controversial UK Offshore Petroleum Licensing Bill Dropped

Thanks to so many people raising concerns, debate on the bill had stalled.

The bill was widely condemned as a political gimmick, doing nothing for energy security while sending the wrong signal on climate across the world. With collective action, the bill met fierce opposition from members of all political parties, even leading to the [resignation of Tory MP Chris Skidmore](#).

The new proposed legislation would have required the UK to hold annual licensing rounds for new oil and gas projects. The bill also appeared to weaken already deeply insufficient climate measures by proposing new 'tests' for licences designed to be 'impossible to fail'.

The Stop Rosebank action group recently delivered a petition with 108,933 signatures, to the Norwegian ambassador to the UK, calling on the Norwegian government to halt the Rosebank oil field. The Norwegian government is a majority-owner of oil giant Equinor and the action group asked it to:

- Immediately stop Equinor's Rosebank oil field, all new fossil fuel projects and fossil fuel expansion.
- Significantly ramp up investments in renewable energy projects, while ensuring a just transition for workers.

The Ambassador promised that Stop Rosebank's concerns would be relayed to Norway's Foreign Minister and Trade Minister.

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### Restore Nature Now

Tens of thousands of people marched through London on June 22<sup>nd</sup> joining more than 350 charities, businesses and direct-action groups to demand that the government take action to protect wildlife.

Under the 2021 Environment Act, the Government made a pledge to halt the decline in biodiversity by 2030. However a report in January 2024 found the Government were on course to meet only four of the forty legally binding targets.

As a result, a coalition of 83 wildlife groups has challenged the government's lack of progress. *"We are trying to demonstrate that the British public cares about the nature and climate crisis and that they don't think politicians are doing enough to address it"* said Craig Bennett, chief executive of The Wildlife Trusts. *"Whoever forms the next government....needs to understand these issues matter to the people of this country."*

Labour commitments include 'taking action to meet our Environment Act targets' and 'restoring and expanding wildlife habitats such as wetlands, peatbogs and woodlands'. It has promised to create nine new national river walks and three new national forests.

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### Additional funding for community energy projects

The new Labour government has pledged up to £400m / year in low interest loans to enable areas to develop and build community-owned energy projects. The Local Power Plan is one of three priorities for Great British Energy, a publicly owned company that will deliver investment in projects to enable the UK to be powered by 100% clean energy by 2030.

Labour has also promised to fix the delays in getting grid connections which have hampered many renewable projects and to extend shared ownership in commercial renewables projects.

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### Support a Micro Entrepreneur

For as little as £15 you can support a micro entrepreneur

One of our Hub members thought some of you might be interested in the microloan scheme she contributes to regularly, since a friend gifted it to her.

Lendwithcare is a revolutionary way to help people in low-income countries to work their way out of poverty with dignity. You can lend as little as £15 to fund a small business. Once your money is repaid, you can choose to

recycle your loan to support more low-income entrepreneurs, make a donation or withdraw your funds.

Our contributor said "*I like that you can contribute relatively small amounts but still see it making a positive contribution. You also get the money back. It is your interest you are contributing.*"

If you would like to make a difference this way, then [Click here for more information.](#)

## NCC Climate Champions



At the end of May 2024, NCC held an online meeting for Climate Champions. This was an opportunity for new officers in the Climate Change team to engage with the group and discuss how the Champions Network will work in the future.

So what is a Climate Champion ? They are engaged, active and involved residents who are interested in sharing their dedication to Climate Action. The network is run by NCC and gives members an opportunity to share practice and support climate engagement. The network will meet once a quarter online, with an in-person meeting once a year.

A number of NGH members have been Champions since the scheme started and we will make sure to pass on regular updates here.

## NCC Climate Change Team - July Update

Thank you to the NCC Climate Change Team for their latest newsletter. We've captured some of the highlights here.



### NCC Climate Change Action Plan Published

The new NCC Climate Change Action Plan 2024 – 26 has now been published. The Plan focuses on reducing emissions from heating, energy and transport and includes emissions from methane and nitrous oxide, both of which are major contributors to the county's greenhouse gas footprint.

The plan sits alongside the Council's Environmental Policy Statement and explores adaptation to the effects of climate change such as flooding, coastal erosion, infectious diseases and extreme weather events.



### Help to reduce agricultural emissions

NCC want to hear from farming communities, related businesses and supply chains about the barriers to reducing greenhouse gas emissions across agriculture and forestry in Northumberland. NCC are running a survey to gather views from across the sector, or email [agriculture@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:agriculture@northumberland.gov.uk).

## Funding



### Where to apply for funding

It can be difficult to know who to apply to for funding. So we've pulled together a range of information about funders who support climate and environmental groups and projects.

We've also included the list of funding opportunities published earlier this month by the Climate Change Team at NCC.

There are lots of funding opportunities out there – find out more at <https://nghonline.co.uk/funding>.



### Community Foundation

The Community Foundation considers applications for core running or project costs all year round, with no set deadlines or special criteria. Like the general applications, rolling funds are open all year round but have criteria covering specific issues and areas. There are also specific funds to support environmental and climate-related activities in 2024-25. Go to <https://www.communityfoundation.org.uk> to find out more.



### Get FREE Tailored Energy Advice for your Property

Expert advisors from Energy Saving Trust are providing over-the-phone advice to support you in making energy-saving home improvements such as insulation or heating system updates. Advisors can help you access funding, signpost you to local installers and provide a one stop shop to help you reduce your energy bills and improve your home's energy efficiency. Call **Home Energy Advice North East on 0808 175 9345**.



### Funding for home energy upgrades

Eligible residents could access a range of energy-saving improvements, including insulation for walls, lofts and floors, air source heat pumps and solar panels. You could be eligible if you live in a private home in Northumberland which is not heated by mains gas, have an income of up to £44,000 per year (depending on your circumstances), receive a means-tested benefit or you live in a specific postcode area.

[Please see Council website for full eligibility information.](#)

## August Digest – Copy Deadline

Please send your items for the next edition by email together with any attachments to [northumberlandgreenhub@gmail.com](mailto:northumberlandgreenhub@gmail.com) by **August 10<sup>th</sup> latest!**



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You know who you are, and your efforts made pulling this edition together so much easier.