



# Lincoln's Climate Emergency Centre Newsletter No.21

## April 2024



### Mint Lane Saturday 2–4pm 'Drop-In' Events

- 6 April** Knitting & Crochet skill-share
- 13 & 14 April** Permaculture weekend
- 20 April** Climate Café with Rachael
- 27 & 28 April** Lush fundraising weekend (Mint Lane Drop-In closed)
- 4 May** Climate Exhibition
- 11 May** Earth, Mindfulness & Seed Bombs with Debbie (tbc)
- 18 May** Climate Café with Rachael

### An opportunity... short course in Permaculture

There are still a few places left to join this short course led by expert Hannah Thorogood of Inkpot Farm. <https://www.the-inkpot.co.uk/>

It will be possible to visit the farm and following this 2-day introduction in Lincoln (13-14 April 2024), you can move on to a Permaculture Diploma course.

A donation of £20 per person per day is requested but we have some funding available to support participation so don't be put off by this. Apply now via [earthlincs@gmail.com](mailto:earthlincs@gmail.com) to secure your place.

### Message from Lincoln Womens' Institute.

Lincoln WI are planning an environmental marketplace on Thursday 2nd May between 7.30pm and 9pm at the Grandstand on Carholme Road. The aim is to showcase local environmental groups/charities and inspire members to get involved.

It's little-known that the WI has always been a campaigning group on environmental concerns, for example, as early as 1936 there was a campaign about the large scale pollution of rivers and streams in rural areas. The WI is a founding member of the

Climate Coalition and more recent campaigns are: 2009 – 'SOS for honey bees' and in 2017 'End Plastic Soup' about microplastic pollution. Last year's issue was 'Clean rivers for people and wildlife'.

They would love members to get involved with local conservation/environmental work and to encourage this are going to hold this event, where local groups/charities can explain to members what they do and how they can get involved. They are able to supply a table and chairs, cups of tea and (as you would expect) cake! This would be provided at no cost to exhibitors and a great opportunity to showcase what you do to WI members.

*Expect to see EarthLincs there!*

### A new film with a powerful message

EVERYTHING IS FINE is a new feature documentary from the award-winning director of FINITE: The Climate of Change, Rich Felgate, that tells the inside story of the people on the frontlines of climate protests in the UK.

*A vicar, a student and an ex-oil and gas worker are part of an unlikely alliance of concerned citizens risking their lives and liberty to halt plans for over 130 new oil and gas projects in the UK. As their protest tactics become increasingly controversial, they make more than a few enemies.*

*Vilified by many, seen as heroes by others – this is the inside story of Just Stop Oil.*



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## Lets green the city!

It's down to all of us to do our bit...

### Living Plants v Fake Foliage

Have you noticed the proliferation of plastic flowers and foliage on shop frontages and outdoor eating areas in the City Centre? They may brighten up the 'shopping experience' but are no match for real, living plants and flowers.

Most fake plants are made from synthetic, non-biodegradable materials such as plastic and PVC. They contribute to plastic pollution, emit VOCs (volatile organic compounds) which are harmful to human health, ultimately ending up in landfill.

On the other hand, living plants naturally raise our spirits, provide food and habitats for birds and insects and help reduce CO2 emissions. City centre trees also provide much-needed shade and have been shown to reduce urban temperatures by 5%. Carole from Washingborough has been in touch – she is constantly grappling with plastic leaves which blow into her garden from a neighbour's fake foliage screen. Carole points out that 'fake plants quickly discolour and rot in the sun and the wind carries the leaf shapes in all directions so local soil is constantly filled with more and more'. She asks if there is a way to get these products banned. Perhaps we could lobby local garden centres to stop stocking them?

*Well done, Tortilla restaurant in the Cornhill! They have replaced their fake plants with real ones.*

*We have seen lovely hanging baskets at the William Foster on Guildhall Street, too!*



### Guerrilla Gardening

Guerrilla Gardening is defined as the act of cultivating plants in a public place, usually in a spot not otherwise being cared for, often with the aim of improving the surroundings and protecting the environment. Climate activist, Ellen Miles, elaborates 'It's direct action against nature deprivation and depletion – highlighting the issue of biophobic urbanisation while fighting it. It's fighting for people, plants and the planet by taking action into your own hands'.

Guerrilla Gardeners have been out and about in Lincoln this spring and some patches of earth have had a makeover:

*Photo 1: Cowslips, moon daisies, forget-me-nots and foxgloves behind The Collection Museum.*

*Photo 2: Birch and hazel saplings on a by-pass roundabout.*

*Photo 3: Silver birch saplings on Dunkirk Road. Please send us photos of your own guerrilla activities, and let us know of any suitable planting places we can use.*



## Funeral for the Future

On 25th May, XR Lincoln will be staging a *Funeral for the Future* in the City. The funeral procession, complete with a fake coffin, will depart from the Cathedral at 11am, solemnly walk to Speakers Corner where there'll be a 'funeral service', followed by a die-in outside Barclays bank (Europe's worst bank for investing in fossil fuels). The aim is to highlight the threat we all face because of the Climate Crisis and that the future of all life on our planet is so uncertain unless we take drastic and immediate action. The more people that take part, the greater impact we will have, and so XR invites you to join them and be part of this dramatic theatrical event. For more information sign up to the XR Lincoln mailing via details below.



If you would like to join the local Lincoln Extinction Rebellion group, please contact [lincoln@extinctionrebellion.uk](mailto:lincoln@extinctionrebellion.uk) for more information



## University of Lincoln Events:

### National Mammal Week 2024 theme:

#### **Forgotten mammals – April 22nd to 28th**

This year, the spotlight is on celebrating the rich diversity of both mammalian species and the individuals who dedicate their lives to studying them. Throughout the week-long event, the focus will be shedding light on the stories of forgotten and underrepresented mammals, such as species that are critically endangered, extinct, invasive, urban, small and under-recorded.

[www.mammalsociety.org.uk/national-mammal-week](http://www.mammalsociety.org.uk/national-mammal-week)

## City Nature Challenge 2024

### April 26th – May 5th 2024

City Nature Challenge is a bio-blitz style competition where cities across the world compete to see who can make the most observations of nature, find the most species and engage the most people.

To find out more about the City Nature Challenge, visit the webpage:

<https://www.citynaturechallenge.org/participate>

## Other local Events and Activities

### Jumble Sale

at Dunholme Village Hall Saturday 20th April, 1pm. All proceeds go to local charities

### St Giles Church Open Day

4th May, 2–4pm, the event will be highlighting Climate Change and Pollution Issues.

### Mint Lane 'Thrift Fashion Thursdays'

Since December, Mint Lane Hub has been holding regular 'Thrift Fashion' events where anyone can donate and buy pre-loved clothing at bargain prices.

All proceeds go to the Mint Lane Café.

The events are planned for 10am–12noon on the first Thursday of each month. The next event will be on 4th April.



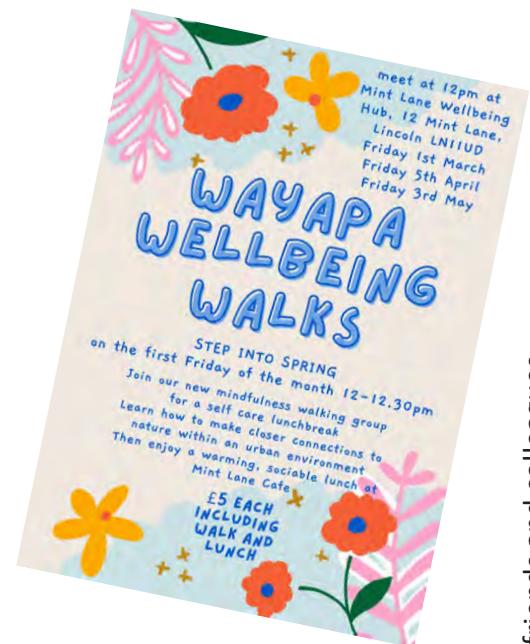
### Charity Pot Event at Lush

On 27th and 28th April, 11 to 4 pm, come and visit our stall in the Lush Store (Cornhill) and help EarthLincs to raise funds.

(Mint Lane Drop-In will be closed on 27th.)

### Wayapa Wellbeing Walks

Join this new mindfulness walking group on the first Friday of the month (5th April) 12–12.30pm. £5 including lunch.



### Want to Find Out More about EarthLincs?

To book a Drop-in session, get involved as an individual or find out more about our plans, contact the EarthLincs team on

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