

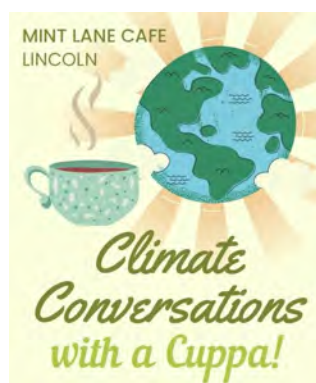


Lincoln's Climate Emergency Centre Newsletter No.30

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Mint Lane Saturday EarthLincs Events 2–4pm

- 29 March** *'Stuff To Borrow'* briefing meeting
(see feature on page 2)
- 5 April** *Climate Conversations with a Cuppa*
with Rachael
- 12 April** Gardening day with Geoff's
composting expertise
Plants, seeds, pots and books available
- 19 April** closed
- 26 April** closed
- 3 May** *Climate Conversations with a Cuppa*
with Rachael



Rachael is continuing her regular monthly *Climate Conversations with a Cuppa* (formerly known as *Climate Circle*) sessions at EarthLincs on a monthly basis.

This is a safe, empathetic, inclusive space for people to come together and explore the myriad of feelings they may be having about the climate crisis.

We will be holding monthly in-person sessions for up to ten people each time (numbers are limited to ensure everyone has chance to talk and reflect).

Please come along!

Want to Find Out More about EarthLincs?

earthlincs@gmail.com
follow us on FaceBook
(scan the QR code)
and via our website:
www.earthlincs.co.uk



When the sea came over

*I saw it coming, long ago
And even then,
I wept, sobbed, grieved, lamented my part in it all.
You can look away now
Wilberforce's words
But you can never again say you didn't know*

*When it came, I turned
To embrace my neighbour, my grandchild, the
stranger within the gates
Whose skin isn't my skin
Together
We sang, played, danced
Cooked and ate
Shared what we had
Laughed*

*It's an act of resistance
What use is misery?*

*We did what we could back then
Held the streets with our carnival of rebellion
Shared our epiphanies
Full of hope*

*Now the sea is here
We share our lives and our tables with people who
feel like strangers
But who speak our language
Who used to live just down the road*

*We had to, they had nowhere else to flee
When the sea came over.*

Sandie Stratford, January 2025



Tool Library coming soon!

We are excited to announce our new project 'Stuff to Borrow' – a new service/resource to be available at Mint Lane Wellbeing Hub.

We were recently successful in our bid for funding to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, via Lincoln City Council and we are currently busy making all the necessary preparations to open as soon as possible!

The first loans will be made from Thursday 1st May,

in time for the spring holiday week, following an internal 'trial' of our lending system and volunteer training.

We plan to be open on Thursdays 4–6pm and Saturdays 2–4pm for collection and return of items borrowed. We will have a good range of gardening and DIY tools and equipment, sewing machines, carpet cleaning machines, kitchen equipment, party items and much more.

We welcome donations of good quality and useful items to add to the library but what we need now more than anything else is a larger team of volunteers to help us with the project. If you can spare a couple of hours per week to help us staff the library, we would be very grateful!

email us on: earthlincs@gmail.com

Come and join us on 29th March at Mint Lane for an informal chat and to find out more about the scheme.

Below: Rosemary and Carolyn stocking the shelves!



Facing the Storm

On March 1st more than 60 people gathered at Bridge Central church, and considered the variety of 'storms' we are currently facing. Organised by Faith and the Environment Lincolnshire, participants shared in our collective grief for the planet, discussed how our faith might help us to build resilient communities, and heard insights from keynote speaker Roy Searle as well as panels of local people (representing People, Place and Politics). Prayer and meditation was offered alongside relevant input.

The organisers realised that a follow up session is needed to offer some of the practical skills and opportunities needed in facing an uncertain future: this event will be on Saturday 27th September, at Alive church on Newland. We are especially keen to engage more younger people.

If you would like more details or to offer ideas, contact:

faithenvlincs@gmail.com

Global Repair Day

Saturday 26th April 2025

Lincoln Station 11am
Parade to Cathedral Square.
Stall with examples of how to repair,
restore, restyle, recycle clothes
and some are free!
Come and join in! 11-3pm.

This is a global campaign in response to the Rana Plaza factory collapse in Bangladesh 23rd April 2013 which killed 1,138 and 2,500 were injured. The fashion industry leaves behind a trail of human and environmental exploitation. Our wardrobes can be the start of creativity not the end of the journey.
Who made your clothes?
What is in your clothes?

www.fashionrevolution.org
rebellionlincolnshire.org



- * A major fashion house CEO takes 4 days to earn what a female garment worker in Bangladesh earns in 30+ years.
- * Cotton production uses 10,000 - 20,000 litres of water to grow 1 kilo of cotton.
- * Cotton requires 200,000 tonnes of pesticide and 8 million tonnes of synthetic fertilizers to produce the yearly supply.
- * 45% of the cotton crop was swept away due to floods in 2022.
- * Cotton farming supports 250 million livelihoods globally which involves forced and child labour.
- * 8,000+ synthetic chemicals used in fashion manufacturing.
- * 99% of brands did not disclose % of workers in their supply chain paid a living wage.
- * 26.6 million tons of textile waste globally.
- * Returned textiles 73% are discarded in UK.
- * In the UK alone, 300,000 tons clothes are donated to charity annually - 80% are incinerated.
- * There is enough clothing now globally to outfit the next 6 generations.
- * Major fashion brands emissions are increasing rather than decreasing. Primark's carbon emissions increased by 11% since 2019.
- * Western secondhand clothes are decimating the local textile economy in Ghana.
- * Coal consumption in the fashion industry is fuelling environmental breakdown and human rights.

What you can do - 6 Rs

Recycle, Reuse, Repair, Restyle, Rent & Refuse.

Check where you buy new clothes that supply chain workers earn a living wage...

If you would like to join the local Lincoln Extinction Rebellion group, please contact
lincoln@extinctionrebellion.uk
 for more information



It's Tree Planting Time!

Free bare-rooted tree saplings - most native species available.

For details contact Rosemary:

Tel: 07809290399

or email: roselizrob@gmail.com

Other local Events and Activities

Mint Lane Wellbeing Hub

For further information about Mint Lane events please contact Mint Lane Wellbeing Hub on 07778 705979 or visit our website:

<https://involveincoln.org.uk/mint-lane-wellbeing-hub-1>



Jumble Sale

The next Jumble Sale at Dunholme Village Hall is on Saturday 26th April, 1pm.

You can bring any items along to the hall on the morning of the sale. All proceeds go to local charities.

Liquorice Park - Save the Date!

Sunday 29th June 2025 - 25th Anniversary celebration.

For more information email Mel Marsh:

mel@liquoricepark.co.uk

STUFF TO BORROW
volunteers needed!



Election of new Mayor for Lincolnshire

You've probably already received your voting card for the election of the new Mayor of Greater Lincolnshire. This will be a major change for our local government and the new Mayor will have responsibility and power to influence transport, employment, energy, food production, and more. So far four candidates are standing for election; Sally Horscroft for the Green Party, Jason Stockwell for Labour, Rob Waltham, Conservative, Marianne Overton, as an Independent, and Andrea Jenkyns for Reform. Nigel Farage's Reform party is targeting this election and believe they can win, despite their policies which many see as racist. They are also anti 'net zero' and will be unlikely to take Climate Action, putting the future of our children and grandchildren at extreme risk. There have been demonstrations in Lincoln with 'Stand Up to Racism' <https://standuptoracism.org.uk> and 'Hope Not Hate' working to counter the Reform message. Hope Not Hate are planning a National Day of Action in April, details here:

<https://secure.hopenothate.org.uk/page/168379/petition/1?sfnsn=scwspmo>

Friends of the Earth (FOE), are running a Mayoral campaign, asking candidates to sign a pledge to implement a Climate Action Plan and build a fairer society for everyone. The full pledge and the FOE Climate Action Plan can be found here,

<https://groups.friendsoftheearth.uk/elections/sign-mayoral-pledge>

You can be part of this campaign by contacting the candidates and asking them to sign up to the pledge, the more people who join the campaign the more effective it will be. Find the candidate's contact details by following this link

<https://whocanivotefor.co.uk/>

and typing in your postcode.

We are at a critical point in combating the climate and natural crisis. Globally, the earth has experienced the ten warmest years on record over the last ten years and at both poles we are seeing record loss of sea and glacier ice. Our planet is profoundly ill and until we take decisive action extreme weather events – such as drought, heatwaves and flooding – will continue to worsen. So please take action today and help build a better future.

On May 1st, make your vote a vote for the Climate.



'E-Waste'

'E-Waste' is all those electrical and electronic items which we discard, everything from mobile phones, computers and cables, to TVs, toasters and kettles. It's the fastest growing waste stream globally, meaning that year-on-year we are buying and discarding more and more, over 60 million tonnes every year. And the problem is particularly close to home as the UK is the second highest producer of E-Waste per person in the world, after Norway. The environmental impacts of manufacturing new electrical products are enormous; making a single smartphone produces over 50 kg of CO2e, uses 14,000 litres of water and depletes 6.5kg of metal ores. We must keep these products in use for longer – and to do that we have to address the factors that are leading to electrical products being disposed of so frequently. Almost half of the electrical products that are shredded for recycling in the UK could be reused. Across the UK this could mean that over 30,000 usable electrical products are being recycled every week.

To counter this it's vital we transform our economy to a Circular Economy where we prioritise Reducing, Reusing and Repairing. At present the government has set up a Circular Economy Taskforce and we have the opportunity to influence it and reshape the future. The Restart Community is campaigning to ensure the Right to Repair is included in the Taskforce's recommendations. You can help by sending an email to your MP, click on this link to find out more:

<https://therestartproject.org/news/defra-update/> (or type it in to your browser). Please email your MP today using the template in the link. MP's of all political parties have signed the Right to Repair Declaration so it can make a difference. Be part of the E-Waste Solution.

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