



Lincoln's Climate Emergency Centre Newsletter No.35

November & December 2025

Mint Lane Saturday EarthLincs Events 2–4pm

1 November Mindfulness with Rachael & Debbie
Stuff to Borrow Open

8 November Imogen Wilde, Lincs Wildlife Trust talk
Stuff to Borrow Open

15 November Vegan Wax wraps workshop with Nikki
Stuff to Borrow Open

22 November Student Skillshare Day
Stuff to Borrow Open

29 November Amnesty Christmas Market
Stuff to Borrow Open

6 December Earth Weave with Debbie and Rachael
Book Sale, bring and buy
Stuff to Borrow Open

13 December Film showing: 'Fires & Fascism' (at 4pm)
Mint Lane Christmas Fayre 10am–3pm
Stuff to Borrow Open 2–4pm

20 December To be confirmed

27 December We are closed for Holidays

3 January 2026 New Year Clear Out Sale (bring and buy)
Stuff to Borrow Open

Jim Showing

At 4pm on 13th December, we are showing a film **Fires & Fascism** with a discussion following the film and refreshments provided.

This new 57-min documentary directed by Dr Pete Knapp, shows that the wildfires in Europe are more than just climate change and mismanagement. It links the increasing wildfires of Europe with fascism, big business, organised crime, and the rise of the far right. It showcases how communities are engaging in direct action, protest, rewilding, and suppressing the rise of uncontrollable fires and the far right through direct actions.

The film is crowdfunded, independent, and non-profit.

Please contact us to book a (free) place.

Earth Weave sessions

These new sessions are at Mint Lane on the first Saturday of each month with Rachael & Debbie.

Practice Mindfulness, share ideas to declutter Christmas and meet like-minded people. Doors open 2pm for a 2.30pm start (for a one-hour session).

Stuff to Borrow – Library of Things

Each Saturday we are open from 2pm to 4pm for '**Stuff to Borrow**'. Come and see what we have to offer and join as a member for £1. This is proving to be a popular service to the local community as more people find out about us!



Volunteering with us

We need more volunteers – If you have just a couple of hours each week to spare, please join our team to support this exciting new initiative. Pop in on any Saturday 2–4pm to find out more! Our collection of 'Stuff' is growing and benefiting more and more local people, who are giving us great feedback!



Solar Farms in Lincolnshire

The hot environmental topic in Lincolnshire at present is the increasing number and size of solar farms that are proposed for the county. The Tillbridge Solar project is the latest to be approved by Ed Milliband, Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, and will cover around 3,000 acres (1,214 hectares). The scheme, close to the village of Glentworth, will be able to power about 300,000 homes, making it larger than any currently built. This joins a number other projects in Lincolnshire which are at various different stages of the planning process and if all go ahead will cover around 13,000 acres. This latest scheme is proving to be very controversial with supporters pointing to the need to rapidly decarbonise our energy production and solar farms being one of the cheapest and quickest ways of switching to low carbon renewable power. Local residents have voiced concerns about the industrialisation of the countryside and the impact on the peace and quiet of local villages.

This is now embroiled in local and national politics with local Conservative MP Sir Edward Leigh, labelling Energy Secretary Ed Milliband 'a dictator industrialising the Lincolnshire countryside and ruining food production', and claiming that solar is the least efficient source of energy. The Reform leader of Lincolnshire County Council Sean Mathews talks about Lincolnshire being turned into an 'industrial wasteland', and 'vandalism of our beautiful county', and local Reform MP Richard Tice claims that Lincolnshire will be covered by hundreds of square miles of solar panels.

Solar farms do mean a change to the look of our countryside but some of the claims made by Reform should be seen as scaremongering and inflammatory. Whilst the solar farms are big they will not transform hundreds of square miles of Lincolnshire, closer to 20 square miles. All solar farms are required to improve the biodiversity of the area so the natural environment will be getting a boost compared to previously intensively farmed land. Crops can be grown alongside solar panels and can in some instances produce better yields, it's called agrivoltaics. And yes it's true that solar panels do not work at night but the energy they produce can be stored in

batteries for short term use, green hydrogen can be produced from excess energy produced during the day and there are a range of other ways renewable energy can be stored.

Fracking for Gas Instead? – While Reform claim to want to protect rural Lincolnshire they have also promised that if they win the next election they will greenlight a massive fracking project in Lincolnshire. This is immensely hypocritical has the potential to be incredibly destructive. In areas where fracking is allowed, such as the US, it has led to the devastation of rural areas, an increase in earthquakes, the reduction of air quality, and the contamination of nearby drinking water supplies. The last time fracking was tried in the UK, at Preston New Road in Lancashire, it resulted in nearly 200 earthquakes in less than a year. Potentially there would be multiple drilling and extraction sites across the area which stretches from Lincoln in the east, to Sheffield in the west and north towards Doncaster. This really would be industrialisation of the countryside.

So what should we do? At present we are heading for catastrophic climate breakdown with our planet on course to warm by over 2 degrees by the end of the century. This would result in increasing heatwaves, wildfires, and flooding leading to famine, mass migration and social unrest. Climate scientists have been ringing the alarm bell for years and yet we continue to pump increasing amounts of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere from burning fossil fuels, which along with other greenhouse gases are driving climate change. We MUST consign fossil fuels to the past and embrace renewables forms of power generation and the technological advances which will provide a bright future for our Planet.

Further reading:

<https://www.solarpowerportal.co.uk/solar-planning/beyond-the-panels-how-solar-farms-power-biodiversity-and-gains>

www.aquaswitch.co.uk/blog/agrovoltaic-solar-farms/

www.nationalgrid.com/stories/energy-explained/what-is-renewable-energy-storage



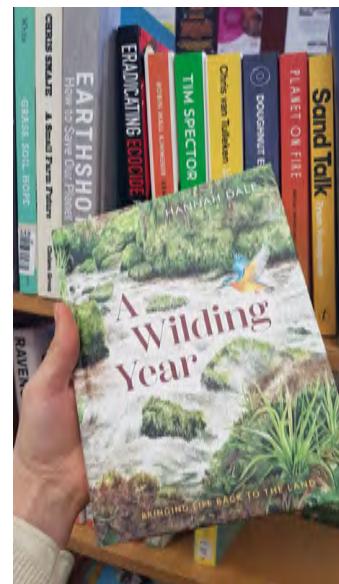
Other local Events and Activities

Climate Hope Community Books

New community books provide inspiration, knowledge, and practical advice to people across Lincoln – A selection of titles have been put together by members of Climate Hope Lincoln to offer communities access to free learning on themes related to climate change. The topics and authors are varied; from providing understanding of the big global picture of environmental breakdown, to the beautiful local story of Wild Wrendale 'A Wilding Year'. #ChooseLocal Food; a campaign by Climate Hope Lincoln has brought many food related titles to the collection too, with a desire to raise curiosity and engagement about where our food comes from, and how our relationship

with food, including learning to grow our own, can offer many angles to supporting the planet in our day to day choices.

There's even some lovely books for children to enjoy. These new community resources have been supported by LocalMotion Lincoln and each book can be identified by a stamp on the inside cover or amongst the first pages. They are intended for sharing and being kept in circulation throughout the city. A popular spot to find them is at Mint Lane Cafe, and you can also drop a book off at any community space in the city once you're finished with it. If you have any questions please reach out to contact@climatehopelincoln.org



Extinction Rebellion 'Sew Good' group

Come and join our friendly 'Sew Good' repairers. We are a mixed group of people that meet on the first Monday of the month to repair or restyle our clothes, sharing skills and creative ideas. Bring items along and we will help you to breathe new life in to your clothes.

The group started as a response to the clothing industry's trail of human and environmental exploitation. In the UK 300,000 tonnes of clothes are donated to charity annually – 80% are incinerated.

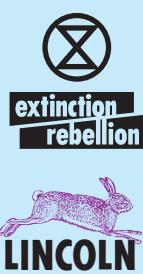
We believe that our clothes can be the start of a creative project and not the end of the journey.

Be part of the solution not the problem – come along to the Wig & Mitre (upstairs),
30 – 32 Steep Hill, Lincoln LN2 1LU

1st Monday
of the month
5pm – 7pm.



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



Other local Events and Activities

University of Lincoln Climate Action Festival

Join us for the Festival for the Future! Whether you're interested in art, research, food or nature, there's something for everyone during the week. From 3-8 November, we'll be running film screenings, research panels, book clubs, a community clothes swap, photography and nature walks and more. This is the fifth year of Lincoln's award-winning Climate Action Festival. Book your places now:

<https://lncn.ac/caf>

EarthLincs will be in the Freezon area of the Library on Wednesday 5th November 11am–2pm.



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Most events are free but booking is required: [LNCN.AC/CAF](https://lncn.ac/caf)

FEATURING:

FILM SCREENING: WE THE POWER (The Big Brayford Litterpick)

THE SAXILBY NATURE PROJECT: TREE PLANTING (Community Clothes Swap)

PORTRAYING ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE (Birding at Boultham Mere)

WILLOW WEAVING AT MOORLAND MAKERS (Health & Climate: Thunderstorms & Asthma)

WEBINAR: EDUCATION NATURE PARK (Mammal Tracks & Trails)

NOT QUITE NORTH: PHOTO WALK (Lark Books: HELM Book Club)

CLIMATE ACTION FESTIVAL 2023 (Webinar: Climate Justice for Museums)

3-8 NOV 25

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Mint Lane Wellbeing Hub

Mint Lane Christmas Fayre – December 13th

10.00am – 3pm.



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

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

Jumble Sale

The next Jumble Sale at Dunholme Village Hall is Saturday 15th November, 1pm.

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

Extinction Rebellion 'Green Friday' Giveaway

On Friday 28th November XR members will be on the streets of Lincoln 11am until 2pm at Speakers Corner (Cornhill) to protest against the consumerism of 'Black Friday'. They will be giving away both new and preloved items to the public and advising people how to reduce their consumption and why: *Buy less, enjoy life more!* Donations welcome! please bring along on the day.



Amnesty Christmas Market

On Saturday 29th November the annual Amnesty Christmas market will be held in the Bailgate Methodist Church Hall, 10.00am – 4pm.

It is hosted by Lincoln Amnesty Group Supporting Human Rights Worldwide and features charity, fair trade, craft, bric-a-brac stalls, gifts, cards, artwork, bargains. We are hosting LIVE MUSICIANS and FOOD, glorious food!

So come and relax, browse and find all those unique gifts in one place and treat yourselves to lunch or light refreshment

EarthLincs will be there with our stall, come along and support this 'alternative' market.

Ample Parking at nearby Castle Hill Car Park.



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