



Lincoln's Climate Emergency Centre Newsletter No.36

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We wish all our readers, helpers, followers and borrowers a Happy New Year!

We had an eventful 2025 with numerous events both at our Mint Lane base and elsewhere. We have had book sales, clothing sales, film showings, workshops. Our *Stuff to Borrow* Library of Things project has taken off – don't forget to tell your friends about it!

Mint Lane Saturday EarthLincs Events 2–4pm

3 January	New Year Clear Out Sale (bring and buy) <i>Stuff to Borrow</i> Open
10 January	<i>Stuff to Borrow</i> Open
17 January	<i>Stuff to Borrow</i> Open
24 January	<i>Stuff to Borrow</i> Open
31 January	<i>Stuff to Borrow</i> Open
7 February	Debbie Mace Earthweave* t.b.c.

Other local events and activities

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 into your clothes.

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.

XR at the Wig & Mitre – Sew Good repair sessions

Join us the Wig & Mitre 5–7pm on the first Monday of the month, starting from 2nd February 2026
Bring a textile item to repair, learn and share skills.
Join in with a banner-making project. All welcome!

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

Visit the EarthLincs website!
use this url or scan the QR code
www.earthlincs.co.uk



The National Emergency Briefing

On 27th November a National Emergency Briefing on the Climate and Nature Crisis was delivered to around 1,200 of the UK's leaders across politics, business, faith and culture in Central Hall Westminster. 81 MPs and 52 peers signed up to attend and many others arrived at the last minute without tickets.

Much like the televised national briefings delivered during COVID, the aim was to deliver sober, science-based overviews of the various climate and nature crises that the UK faces. Chaired by the academic and author Mike Berners-Lee, the aim was to set off a tipping point of engagement among politicians, faith leaders, CEOs, sport and cultural figures.

TV presenter and naturalist Chris Packham opened the briefing, reminding everyone that this is our one home, we have nowhere else to go and billions of lives are at risk. Academics and experts spoke about the importance of our natural world, the rapid cuts we need to see in greenhouse gas emissions and the benefits that a rapid transition to renewables will bring, including greater stability and security for the UK. It was explained how more plants in our diets are necessary to reduce climate and nature impacts, improve our health, increase food resilience and reduce reliance on imports. Climate-driven changes in ocean currents may impact the UK with extremely cold winters very hot summers and an increasing risk of flooding, and an Intensive Care doctor described Climate change as, 'the greatest threat to human health in the 21st century'.

The science was news to many present and these are not distant projections but rapidly accelerating realities that will profoundly affect every aspect of British life. It's important to realise that MPs radically underestimate the urgency of the situation. Fewer than 15% of 100 MPs surveyed in one study knew that global emissions needed to peak by 2025 to have any chance of limiting warming to 1.5°C.

It is vital that everyone understands the profound risks this crisis poses to themselves and to their families. This is why we urgently need a televised national

emergency briefing, so that what happened in Central Hall Westminster can reach the public.

There is an open letter we can all sign calling on the prime minister, Keir Starmer, and the heads of the BBC, ITV, Channel 4, Channel 5, S4C and the media regulator Ofcom, for urgent, honest communication about the scale of the crisis and the solutions available. I urge you all to join me in signing this letter.

At the briefing the letter was read aloud by actress Olivia Williams who finished with these words, 'We are not safe, this is an emergency, now is the time for courage and to put our trust in the public. The UK has a track record of uniting to face difficult challenges, now is the time to do this again'.

To read and sign the letter click on this link,
<https://www.nebriefing.org/open-letter-keir>

and for more information about the National Emergency Briefing visit the website:

<https://www.nebriefing.org>

There is an excellent 27 minute video with highlights of the briefing from Dave Borlace at 'Just Have a Think', click on this link to watch:

<https://youtu.be/8sa7uh192r0?>

Finally please share this information with your family and friends.

Best Regards

Tim Grigg

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The National Emergency Briefing at Westminster in December was recorded and there is a Crowdfunder to help finance the making of a film to be screened across the country. It will be very powerful and we hope to show it in Lincoln. Small amounts from many people can make a huge difference. Help make it happen. Spread the word.

https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/qr/Dy42q3QW?utm_campaign=thanksShare&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=shortlink

Earth Weave sessions *

These new sessions are at Mint Lane on the first Saturday of each month with Debbie Mace
Practice Mindfulness, share ideas and meet like-minded people. Doors open 2pm for a 2.30pm start (for a one-hour session).

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Volunteering

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!

Please share this newsletter with family, friends and colleagues.