



DorsetCAN Newsletter 8



66 things you can do for COP26

In the run-up to COP26, we've seen floods, [sewage emptied onto 17 Dorset beaches last week](#), John Kerry calling the event "[the last, best hope for the world](#)" and the pain and despair of young people voiced by Lauren MacDonald, Scottish climate activist and a member of the Stop Cambo campaign at a recent [TED Countdown panel](#).

For hope and regeneration to win through, we need to keep up the pressure. For pain and despair to prevail, no action is needed.

In this issue: 66 things we can do around COP26 to build hope and regeneration.

Job #1 - Communicate and act. Please....

- **Send this newsletter to someone** who doesn't receive it. (Use this link: dorsetcan.org/cop26)
 - **Sign any of the petitions you support (below)**
 - **Join or attend any of the actions/events listed below**
 - **Share** our posts on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#)
 - If you haven't, [join DorsetCAN](#) as a member to make our voice stronger. **Then ask someone else to join**
 - **Ask a local business** to [join DorsetCAN](#)
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How can I make sense of COP26?

Read:

- [Is the UK net zero plan good enough for COP26?](#) - (New Scientist via Planet Shaftesbury - 5 min read)
- [Five things to watch for at COP26](#) - (Climate Outreach website - 3 min read)
- *"It's anarchic"* - [Ed Miliband on the reality of climate talks](#) like COP26 - (New Scientist - 5 min read)
- [Devon Wildlife Trust's six COP26 goals](#) - Devon Wildlife Trust - 5 min read)
- The [Green Party's COP26 Hub](#) details its climate campaigns on community, economy & justice (website - 10+ min read)

Listen:

- [Small Countries, Big Vision \(COP26 Interview with Nicola Sturgeon\)](#) - (Outrage+Optimism - 15 min listen, start at 22:00)
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How can I take part in/follow COP26?

Check:

- The [COP26 Green Zone Programme of Public Events](#) - attend in person or online - (website, 12-day programme)
- [Round-up of public engagement events at COP26](#) - (Climate Outreach website - 5 min read)

Sign up to:

- The [Climate Coalition's Daily COP26 email](#), with updates on events and actions you can take - (email - daily)
- [The Word Forest's live feed from COP26](#) during the conference - (sign-up for their blog, daily updates)

Watch:

- [Climate Fringe TV](#): key live-streamed events from Glasgow every day - (website)

Attend:

- Any of [Stop Ecocide International's programme of streamed talks](#) at COP26 - (online events)
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How can I be heard at COP26?

Sign:

- [Positive Money's petition](#) for the UK government to fully fund the green transition (Positive Money - 5 min read/sign)
- [Word Forest Organisation's petition](#) for a science-led, Weekly Climate Address. (Word Forest - 2 min read/sign)
- The [Zero Campaign](#) (backing the Climate & Ecological Emergency Bill). (Zero Hour - 2 min read/sign)
- The [Avaaz COP26 petition to end all funding for new fossil fuel projects](#), now - (Avaaz - 1 min read/sign)
- [#TheTimelsNow petition](#) for a cleaner, greener, fairer future (Petition - 2 min read/sign)
- [Greenpeace's petition for no new North Sea oil or gas](#) (Greenpeace - 1 min read/sign)

Join:

- The [World Climate \(Virtual\) March](#) - (website, 5 min read, then upload video)
 - The global [Race to Zero](#) (if you're a business) - (website, 5-min read, then apply)
 - The [COP26 Coalition](#) and take part in [many online events 7-10 November](#) (COP26 Coalition - 15 min read/register)
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I didn't expect that...

Read:

- [The ancient stepwells of India - one key to addressing drought in the subcontinent](#) (BBC - 10 min read)
- Female [elephants have evolved to become tuskless](#) as a result of ivory poaching - (*New Scientist* - 5 min read)

Watch:

- [To save the climate, we have to reimagine capitalism](#) (TED Countdown - 8 min watch)
 - [Decarbonizing fossil fuels](#): Remarkable meeting between Shell's CEO + 2 other climate activists - (video - 1 hr view)
 - The inspirational [5 Years Living Off Grid](#) Building A Sustainable Smallholding - (YouTube video - 25 min view)
 - [Futures We Want](#) - 6 visions from around the world of a zero-carbon world in 2050 - (website, 6 x 10 min read/view)
 - [Faces of the Energy Transition](#), inspiring talks from individuals in UK renewable energy - (10 videos - each 2 min watch)
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What can I do about COP26 locally?

Take part in:

- Dorset Wildlife Trust talk: [in the climate crisis, nature could be our greatest ally](#): **28 October** - (Zoom talk - 1 hour)
- [Clang for Climate](#) (6pm, **30 October**) - (Clang for Climate website - 2 min read, then clang)
- [COPnes26](#) - 2 weeks of events in Totnes in response to the Climate Crisis (COPnes website - 10 min read then participate)
- The first-ever [Carbon Literacy Action Day](#), online, **1 November** - (Website - 1-day training)
- The **29 Oct.** launch of [ZeroCarbon Dorset's preliminary vision](#) for a zero-carbon county in 2030 (online - 2hrs)
- **Beaminster Area ECO Group's 4 Nov meeting** to agree a message to COP26 - (**Contact Michael Dower, 01308 863515**)
- [Dorset Global Day for Climate Justice](#) - Weymouth, **6 November** Meet at noon - (Facebook, afternoon action)

- [What Does Climate Change Mean for BCP?](#) 6th November 1 – 3 pm - (Panel discussion, Bournemouth University - 2 hrs)
- [Churches Together Ecology Group COP26 Day Of Action & Conversations](#), Dorchester **6 Nov**. Noon - (Live meeting)
- [SUBU Green Day](#) highlights climate change actions for Bournemouth University students, **10 Nov**. 10am-3pm - (event)
- DorsetCAN meeting: [Restoring Nature's Networks](#) (speakers: Natural England & FWAG) **10 Nov**. 7:30pm ([Zoom link](#) - 90 mins)
- Pilot [Climate Cafés in Bridport](#), at Soulshine Café, South Street, 2-4pm, **18 Nov and 9 Dec** - (Café meetings - 2 hrs)
- [Planet Shaftesbury's walks, talks and meetings](#) around COP26 - (website, 5-min read, then participate)

Check:

- [COP26 Coalition - Dorset Hub](#) regularly for local events/actions - (Facebook)
- [West Country Bylines' countdown to COP26](#) - (Website - regular updates)
- for your local [Extinction Rebellion Group](#) and take action - (website, register, then action)

Join:

- The [Dorset Green Living Project](#) to understand and tackle climate change in your community - (website, commitment)

Learn:

- [How to engage about COP26 with people who are not climate activists](#) - (Climate Outreach video - 1 hour watch)

Read about:

- [Wimborne Community Theatre's](#) inspiring River Allen events this last fortnight - (website - 10 minute read)

Food Stuff

Read:

- [Feeding Britain One Farm at a Time](#): Patrick Holden on farming without nitrogen fertiliser - (website, 10 min read)
- [Landworkers' Alliance \(Dorset-based union of growers & foresters\) wins Lush Spring Prize](#) (website - 5 min read)
- [Farmers can solve the environmental crisis](#) (Dorset farmer Jyoti Fernandes in *The Guardian* - 5 min read)
- Landworkers' Alliance report on [Agroforestry](#): mitigate climate breakdown + feed the country - (Report - 40 min read)
- [Food & Global Security Network report identifies soil health as a national security risk](#) - (Report - 1 hour read)

Watch:

- A talk on the [Slow Food approach to the climate crisis and the food industry](#) - (YouTube video - 40 min watch)
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Local and Global Climate Crisis Updates

See:

- [What will climate change look like near me?](#) - (Interactive BBC website)
- [Carbonmap's amazing climate maps showing emissions, responsibility, vulnerability globally](#) - (website - 15 min)
- [The global movement to restore nature's biodiversity \(tree planting\)](#) (TED Countdown - 11 min watch)

Read:

- [Why has it been raining so hard? Climate change causes heavier downpours](#) (Yale Climate Connections - 5 min read)
 - [Updates on hydrogen, ethanol, ammonia, e-methanol, electric trucks...](#) - (Carbon Commentary news - 20 min read)
 - [Current global fossil fuel extraction plans are double what we can safely burn](#) - (*New Scientist* - 5 min read)
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What Else Can I Do?

Use:

- The [WWF calculator](#) OR the [GIKI Zero Carbon Calculator](#) to measure your carbon footprint - (10 min questionnaire)

Read:

- The [Climate Gap report - it identifies 10 key consumer actions](#) - (ethicalconsumer.org summary report - 10 min read)

Join:

- The [Billion Seed Challenge](#) to plant flower seeds locally - (website, 5 min read, then sowing)

Work for the best outcome but be prepared for the worst:

- [Deep Adaptation](#): A Map for Navigating Climate Tragedy - (Deep Adaptation website - 25 min read) **[*Painful reading*]**

Take care of yourself:

- How younger generations can [move from climate anxiety towards sustainable change](#) - (RSA website - 10 min read)