

Hi Bath Rebels



This is the first Bath XR newsletter since lockdown and we hope you are all doing ok. If you know of anyone who might need support, please let us know.

It's been pretty challenging adjusting to a new way of living, communicating, sharing . . . but we've been busy all the same - we haven't gone away!

**Groups are continuing to meet** via Zoom - and we're expecting this will continue for a while yet. But plans are also being made for how meetings might take place when we can once again meet face to face. More on this in the next newsletter.

[All events and zoom meetings on the Bath XR website calendar](#) Click on the link.

**Thank you** for responding to the survey earlier in the year. Working Groups are now implementing the many proposals that came out of that, including . . .

### COMMUNICATING WITH YOU

We are moving to using our website to share info with you all (<https://xrbath.org.uk/> - and huge thanks to Matt Cooper for all his work on this). Many people like receiving info via emails and we will continue to send out the newsletter that way. But it will contain links to the website for more info. (Please let us know if you don't like this via [bathxrmedialobby@gmail.com](mailto:bathxrmedialobby@gmail.com))

**ACTIONS are happening!** Coming up . . . .

**Green Growing Groups.** Saturday 18 July (Today), 1130 by the bandstand, Victoria Park - The first meeting of a group initiated by Bath XR people to bring together existing groups, and form new ones, to support, share and GROW BIGGER!

<https://xrbath.org.uk/event/green-growing-groups-180720/>

### Sunday 19 July, Honk for the Planet - The Finale!

Meet at the junction of Cleveland Bridge / London Road for placard action, then a slow bike ride around Bath starting at 1200.

<https://xrbath.org.uk/event/honk-for-the-planet-finale-190720/>

### Tuesday 21 July, Bath XR Community Meeting (zoom) Planning for Rebellion

<https://xrbath.org.uk/event/bath-xr-community-meeting-planning-for-rebellion/>

The next rebellion has been called for the end of August! What form is this rebellion going to take? How can you get involved? How can you influence the actions that are taken?

This will be the first rebellion planned on-line. Come along to find out how you can emerge from lockdown to get back involved with XR!

### Save the date - Rebellion 2020 - August 28th - Sept 8th... and beyond

<https://www.facebook.com/events/901209047010625>

<https://xrbath.org.uk/event/autumn-rebellion-2020/>

WE WANT TO LIVE

The Government is failing to do what's needed to keep us safe. They ignored the warnings about coronavirus and now they're ignoring warnings of a 4°C world from their official Committee on Climate

Change, a warning that could result in billions of deaths – with racially marginalised communities, and those in the Global South on the front line.

Enough's enough. We have an opportunity NOW as we emerge from the pandemic to make necessary change, but business-as-usual is fighting to regain its hold. We can't let that happen! Keep a look out for further events leading up to this, including events to form Affinity (support) groups.

**Bath XR actions recently completed include:**

**The Banners on Pulteney Bridge** Thursday 16 July - a big and bold shout for action. More here on our website: <https://xrbath.org.uk/2020/07/16/historic-bridge-sends-warning-to-the-world/>



### **The Skylarks Honk action**

Throughout lockdown they've been meeting every Sunday morning with placards urging Build Back Better, Honk if you Agree, followed by a cycle ride around Bath to encourage people to get on their bikes as part of their campaign for safer cycle routes through the city. The final meet is Sunday.



### **Build Back Better, People not Profit** Saturday 20 May

Bath XR rebels stood in front of Royal Crescent, then processed down to the Abbey for a silent protest. The video of the action (thanks, Mat Thomas) made it onto ITV West Country.



### **Inaction=Death, 25 June**

The banner (thanks, Anna Gillespie) got another outing on a slow march to the Guildhall to hand in a letter demanding action.



### **GETTING INVOLVED**

There are many ways to help in Bath XR. Not just by coming along to actions (all non-violent and the vast majority with zero risk of arrest!) but also by helping the groups who make it all happen.

**We are looking for help in our . .**

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**Media and messaging team** (press material and liaison, social media, external and internal communications)

Training given:

- **Facebook admin** - posting articles (provided by others or your own), responding to enquiries
- **Website** - publishing content (provided by others or your own), updating calendar
- **Photo/Videographer** - taking photos and video at events to publish on our social media channels and to provide to our media contacts

**Action & Logistics Working Group** - joint co-ordinator. Planning and organising actions, usually but not always as part of affinity groups.

**Regenerative Cultures Working Group** - joint co-ordinator. Welfare; arrestee support; nature connection; conflict resilience

**Self Organising Systems** Working Group - joint co-ordinator. Helping BathXR run smoothly by establishing clear processes and roles in a non-hierarchical way.

**Talks and training** organiser

All of the above are flexible in terms of time commitment. We will provide assistance and advice.

These roles are also listed on our website. Please pass this on to friends and contacts!

<https://xrbath.org.uk/roles/>

### **KEEPING UP TO DATE**

The survey showed us that we need to make it easier for people to get news and info. We will be doing more on this but if you want to be sure not to miss vital info, then join the Bath XR Broadcast whatsapp group. This provides key info on what's happening. Please click on the link below to join:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/DqFtcHW12YhFCZXmzNQPXC>

If you'd like us to add something to the newsletter:

[xr-newsletter@protonmail.com](mailto:xr-newsletter@protonmail.com)

If you'd like to add something to the calendar:

[calendar@xrbath.org.uk](mailto:calendar@xrbath.org.uk)

### **PLEASE SUPPORT US!**

One way in which you can support us whilst we're all separated . . .

Please follow Bath XR on Twitter [@XRBATH](https://twitter.com/XRBATH) Instagram: [@extinctionrebellionbath](https://www.instagram.com/extinctionrebellionbath)  
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/extinctionrebellionbath/>

Like us! Share us! And if you have stories to post, please let us know.

*Please note: the Facebook page is down at the moment (courtesy of Facebook). We're working to get it back up as quickly as possible.*

We're looking forward to slowly resuming meeting in person - whatever the restrictions, it will be so good to see everyone again.

If you have any access needs about XR Bath events or meetings, please contact us on [welcome.bathxr@protonmail.com](mailto:welcome.bathxr@protonmail.com). We want everyone who wants to be involved, to be able to be involved.

**This has been an extra long newsletter - thanks for getting to the end!**