

## XR BATH NEWSLETTER JUNE 2021

An action-packed month . . . (A REMINDER HERE TO PLEASE SEND ME STUFF YOU'D LIKE INCLUDED IN THE NEWSLETTER, THANKS! Via bathxr@gmail.com)

### RECENT ACTIONS AND EVENTS

#### XR BATH + BOA ACTIONS

**15 June Mineral hospital** outreach successful. Group looking at possible legal impediments to development.

<https://www.inyourarea.co.uk/news/extinction-rebellion-bath-demonstrate-against-major-development-plans/>

<https://www.facebook.com/extinctionrebellionbath/posts/1931476893673264>

"**Protests at County Hall over Westbury incinerator 'travesty'** | Wiltshire Times"

<https://www.wiltshiretimes.co.uk/news/19389508.protests-county-hall-westbury-incinerator-travesty/>

**XR Bath's Green Outreach Hub** - latest report: Here's the report of the last GOH event:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fifMveD3UuS10v8MA0J9-nxiF-BVS3Tq/view?usp=sharing>

#### G7 ACTIONS 11-13 June, St Ives + Falmouth

XR Bath and BoA rebels met up in Cornwall to lend our weight to an extraordinarily creative weekend. Our rebels put together the Drowning in Oil action on the first day, [https://share.icloud.com/photos/05F7ZusAdQGJeslYpi1eSMD\\_g](https://share.icloud.com/photos/05F7ZusAdQGJeslYpi1eSMD_g) joined the 100+ samba band, scrubbed Barclays and HSBC as part of the Dirty Scrubbers, supported Animal Rebellion's sit in at McDonalds as part of the breakaway Pink Menace samba band, supported the final day road blocks in St Ives, again with samba power- amongst other actions . . .

A lively and totally violence-free Rebellion - with the only aggro coming from the police who came down hard on Animal Rebellion, whose campsite was raided resulting in 22 mostly young rebels being arrested and carted off to police stations, some as far as Exeter. Despite hundreds of police, vans and dogs the only justification the police gave for arrests was finding 'scaffolding,' 'paint' and an 'airhorn.' #PlantBasedFoodSystem <https://t.co/EzXYe2kE4D> <https://twitter.com/RebelsAnimal/status/1404040454065332224?s=20>

PIX OF ALL ACTIONS OVER THE WEEKEND HERE

<https://show.pics.io/xr-global-media-breaking-news-content-600ed2733c68d80019a19bc7/search?tagId=60be6c686beb0b00121f48d8>

[https://www.theguardian.com/world/gallery/2021/jun/12/g7-summit-protests-in-pictures?CMP=Share\\_iOSApp\\_Other](https://www.theguardian.com/world/gallery/2021/jun/12/g7-summit-protests-in-pictures?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other)

*XR SW'S report on G7 rebellion:*

Under the banner DROWNING IN PROMISES, XRSW organised a spectacular 3-day action in Cornwall to make our presence felt during the G7 Conference, 11-13 June. The police established a tight security zone around Carbis Bay, the site of the conference, so most of the thousand rebels camped outside nearby St Ives.

DAY 1 was intended to be noisy on the theme, SOUND THE ALARM. A carnival procession with three samba bands made its raucous way through St Ives to the beach.

DAY 2 The action moved to Falmouth with another march through the town centre. The theme for day 2 was GREENWASHING & LIES and included the Dirty Scrubbers washing down the windows of Barclays and HSBC. Towards evening the mood turned sombre with the march of 100 Penitents.

On DAY 3 the focus returned to St Ives for a day of arts and creativity highlighting the failure of nations to honour their commitments made at the 2015 Paris Conference.

The whole action included many memorable moments;

Big Heads of the G7 leaders, sometimes re-arranging the deckchairs, sometimes all lip and no trousers.

An Inquest referencing the link between climate change and pandemics, with testimonies by health professionals surrounded by dead bodies laid out on the beach.

An Ocean Rebellion with stranded mermaids and later a mass gathering of boats and paddles in St Ives harbour.

Some hardy rebels also blockaded the roads out of St Ives to try to impede the departure of delegates.

There were many more wonderful images as rebels let their imaginations rip.

Rebel actions were loud and clear in Cornwall, but unfortunately the G7 leaders still failed to deliver environmental, health and economic security for people in the UK and across the world.

Great interview with Tim Crosland on Sky News <https://youtu.be/bk5at1n3NtA>

GDP = Gross Destruction of the Planet

#### FREE THE PRESS TELL THE TRUTH 26/27 June, London

A small group of Bath rebels went up to London for this weekend of protest. So amazing to see Sue Sidey and Steve Pritchard in the thick of it, carrying the Lebedev and Rothermere big heads . . . later arrested for daring to use craftivism on the streets . . . (charge was Criminal Damage - both released pending further investigation)

Press Selection of actions

<https://show.pics.io/xr-global-media-breaking-news-content-600ed2733c68d80019a19bc7/search?tagId=60d8cfec1f0eb70012c894e5>

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## UPCOMING ACTIONS, EVENTS, CAMPAIGNS

More stickering going on at Barclays and HSBC leading up to Twitter storm on **Monday 5th July**. Always looking for support for this action - contact us to be added to the Telegram chat "Bath XR Finance Actions" [bathxr@gmail.com](mailto:bathxr@gmail.com)

**1 July Roger Hallam's** in Bath tomorrow evening and all 32 tickets (free) went in 48 hours. It will be livestreamed here: XXXXXX

Watch the previous two talks in the series here: This is how Non-Violence Works:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3KaRVhiHm9I&t=2245s>

**3 July 2pm Kill the Bill** demo, College Green, Bristol

**11 July 1400-1600 Bath Anti Racism Collective** event, Victoria Park

**17 July 100-1500 Green Outreach Hub** in Kingsmead Square - following previous themes of Earth and Water, this one's focussing on AIR.

And dates for the diary: GOH in Kingsmead Square on 21 August and in Keynsham on 18 Sept - tbc.

## AN UPDATE FROM MEL!

**"If the Covid restrictions are lifted as expected on Monday 19th July, our 1st rebel meeting will go ahead on Tuesday 20th with a meal from 6pm."**

**Woohoo! A momentous occasion! Watch out for update from Mel via XR Bath Chat and Bath Broadcast on WhatsApp.**

## September to November Camino to COP26

"United for our sacred earth"

"XR Faith Bridges is leading a pilgrimage to COP26 from London and from Bristol. Leaving Bristol on Thursday 9th September and joining the London group on Monday 20th September. Our aim to reach out to communities across the country, making a web of love, hope and action. This is a walk for everyone, although initiated by XRUK Faith Bridge.

We are looking for walkers and talkers, navigators and organisers, cooks and first aiders and everyone who wants to put their best foot forward to send a message to the climate conference that it is time to ACT NOW."

To lend a hand or find out more see the website, join the telegram chat or email [westerncamino@gmail.com](mailto:westerncamino@gmail.com)

## UK ACTION STRATEGY 2021 - just released

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/19pL7ybJ\\_buJEfptC4NscZehXaBKJxaD-/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/19pL7ybJ_buJEfptC4NscZehXaBKJxaD-/view?usp=sharing)

## UPDATE ON XR BATH AND BOA ARRESTEE COURT CASES

Following arrests in 2019 and 2020, six more court cases were heard in May and June. Two more cases are due on 6 and 8 July.

## READING

 THIS WEEK'S POLITICAL CIRCLE UPDATE!  

Our hardworking rebels in Political Circle are now producing The Weekender: a weekly newsletter on principle political developments, along with key news, important events in Parliament and action opportunities!

The Weekender provides you with political insight you won't get anywhere else! 🗣️

13 June edition of The Weekender here: <https://xrb.link/Zp6jOP7>

Message from Bath rebel, Hamish . .

Hi everyone miss you all! I did my dissertation research on Extinction rebellion and prefigurative activism - wanted to share it with you. A shortened version is on my blog titled "beyond resistance" <https://www.middlegroundgrowers.com/blog>

From a Bath rebel:

A couple of book recommendations. I'm currently reading Derrick Jensen and Lierre Keith's Bright Green Lies, a blistering critique of shallow environmentalisms and the misleading statistics and false narratives that surround renewables, green growth, green tech and other alternatives that tout a route to sustaining business as usual; plus the Red Nation's The Red Deal, a similarly potent Native people's critique and political response to the shortcomings of the Green New Deal. Both warrant reading by a wider audience.

<https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20210623-crushing-climate-impacts-to-hit-sooner-than-feared-draft-un-report>

<https://www.bigissue.com/latest/environment/we-dont-know-where-to-start-half-of-uk-feels-powerless-in-climate-crisis/>

<https://www.newcivilengineer.com/latest/legality-of-27bn-roads-building-programme-in-question-as-court-battle-begins-29-06-2021/>

<https://progressive.international/wire/2021-04-19-the-red-deal-indigenous-action-to-save-our-earth/en>

<https://bylinetimes.com/2021/06/18/the-need-for-a-moderate-flank-in-climate-activism/>

New book published to coincide with COP26 – The Great Melt: Accounts from the Frontline of Climate Change by leading climate journalist Alister Doyle, which tells the never-before-told stories from the first victims of climate change and soon-to-be lost coastal communities.

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/jun/10/climate-and-nature-crises-solve-both-or-solve-neither-say-experts>

<https://www.bigissue.com/latest/environment/we-dont-know-where-to-start-half-of-uk-feels-powerless-in-climate-crisis/>

New oilfield in African wilderness threatens lives of 130,000 elephants

[https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/jun/20/new-oilfield-in-african-wilderness-threatens-lives-of-130000-elephants?CMP=Share\\_iOSApp\\_Other](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/jun/20/new-oilfield-in-african-wilderness-threatens-lives-of-130000-elephants?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other)

'The Earth is trapping nearly twice as much heat as it did in 2005, according to new research, described as an "unprecedented" increase amid the climate crisis.' <https://www.theguardian.com/science/2021/jun/17/earth-trapping-heat-study-nasa-noaa>

'The UK is woefully unprepared to deal with changes occurring to the climate, government advisers say.'

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-57487943>

<https://amp.theguardian.com.cdn.ampproject.org/c/s/amp.theguardian.com/world/2021/jun/02/g7-nations-committing-billions-more-to-fossil-fuel-than-green-energy>

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<https://theconversation.com/bitcoin-chinas-crackdown-isnt-enough-only-a-global-effort-can-stop-cryptos-monstrous-energy-demand-161776>

## LISTENING

Dr. Tamsin Ellis GP describes her journey to climate activism, and why she's convinced that looking for 'double wins' is the way forward. From giving a lecture about the environment to a sea of faces all sipping coffee from plastic cups, to the challenges of winning over already hard-pressed colleagues, in this witty talk Tamsin describes the realities of climate activism on the NHS frontline. As she prescribes health interventions with positive side-effects for the planet, she offers a new way to talk about climate change.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000x4vq>

## WATCHING

'Through non-violence, courage displaces fear; love transforms hate. Acceptance dissipates prejudice; hope ends despair. Peace dominates war; faith reconciles doubt. Mutual regard cancels enmity. Justice for all overthrows injustice. The redemptive community supercedes systems of gross social immorality.' ~ James Lawson, Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee' (1961)

[https://youtu.be/srlcN1Eo\\_v8](https://youtu.be/srlcN1Eo_v8)

"This powerful speech by an indigenous politician in Canada really raised the hairs on the back of my neck"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7mqJGG7yUGw>

June 2021 conversation between Rowan Tilly and Roger Hallam about the 1961 Freedom Fighters: <https://youtu.be/3KaRVhiHm9I>

"thanks to @Gail Bradbrook for revealing this bombshell in a webcast chat with @Fergal Livestreaming XR today:

<https://twitter.com/TTTMediaXR/status/1409280772721283072>

Breaking Boundaries: The Science of Our Planet <https://youtu.be/Gb6wQtNjblk>

## TRAINING

A reminder that there is **Mattermost and the Hub Training and support EVERY WEEK!**

Every Monday 5:30-6PM and Every Thursday 6:30-7:30PM

These sessions will support you with:

getting onto Mattermost

any tech issues, e.g. downloading / using the Mattermost app, and questions on How to use the Hub/Mattermost/Cloud and Forums

learn how to use The Hub as XR's Phone Directory - so you can quickly connect / communicate with other groups & those in roles

how to set up your notifications, general account settings and get the most out of Mattermost!

You can drop in to either session to ask a question and/or have training specific to your needs.

The training sessions run at your pace - you can choose when you've had enough & come back to another session when you're ready.

Zoom Meeting ID: 895 2855 8324 | Passcode: 278766

## ARMCHAIR ACTIVISM

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/580646>

In case anyone hasn't seen this petition yet... This one is supported by Caroline Lucas, and needs to get to 100k signatures to force a parliamentary debate. Is onl on 27k currently . . . Please sign and share.

## GOOD NEWS

<https://netpol.org/2021/06/22/new-protest-restrictions-breach-human-rights-say-mps-and-peers/>

'Legal experts from across the globe have drawn up a "historic" definition of ecocide, intended to be adopted by the international criminal court to prosecute the most egregious offences against the environment.'

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/jun/22/legal-experts-worldwide-draw-up-historic-definition-of-ecocide>

Head of Independent Sage to launch international climate change group

Sir David King hopes to emulate success of British Covid advisory body by issuing monthly reports on environmental crisis

<https://www.theguardian.com/science/2021/jun/20/head-of-independent-sage-to-launch-international-climate-change-group>

Supreme court announces protest ok - 25.6 - did i share this with Bath chat?

## XR NEWSLETTERS

UK Global newsletter blog: <https://rebellion.global/news/#blog>

## XR TALKS AND TRAINING

<https://www.facebook.com/XRUJKTalksandTraining>

Please stay in touch bathxr@gmail.com

Please send details of any events, trainings, etc to [calendar@xrbath.org.uk](mailto:calendar@xrbath.org.uk)

We continue to meet via video conferencing and would love to see you.

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.

THINGS ARE OPENING UP BUT THE LAST YEAR HAS TAKEN ITS TOLL.  
WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT ANYONE WHO IS STRUGGLING IN WHATEVER WAY.  
PLEASE REACH OUT TO US. Vicki is on [swrc@protonmail.com](mailto:swrc@protonmail.com)

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