### BATH XR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 25.11.21

It's been a busy time over the last few weeks with Bath rebels in actions in Glasgow, London, Weston super Mare, Westbury, Bristol, Trowbridge and Bath.

And our Bath rebel, Steve Pritchard, has been taking action with Insulate Britain. What was at first anticipated to be a couple of motorway roadblocks escalated into multiple sit-ins when the police decided to try and keep this movement low profile by not putting sitters on remand as was expected. Nine Insulate Britain activists are now in jail with many more court cases due in the next few weeks. Steve has now been arrested 12 times and received countless injunctions (he's weighing them in kilos - and has now broken six of them) for his work in trying to persuade the government to reduce our CO2 emissions, protect lives and provide employment. National Highways Ltd are now preparing to sue for damages. Thank you, Steve, for all you are doing.

If you haven't yet seen the images from COP26 in Glasgow, here's the link to see what XR Bath was up to. <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MRR4j0a\_NjzfX3e15IF1586r7FA7tHO1hGcmgNWVBio/edit?usp=sharing">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MRR4j0a\_NjzfX3e15IF1586r7FA7tHO1hGcmgNWVBio/edit?usp=sharing</a>



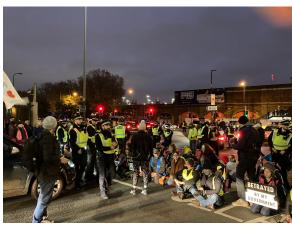


















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#### **PAST ACTIONS**

14 October - <u>march</u> against the Westbury incinerator organised by Westbury incinerator group Fantastic <u>pix</u> from Josh Nicoll

10 September The Rebellion of One - CJ, Bath

Back in May CJ was the first XR Bath rebel to be arrested here in the city. On 10 September he appeared at Bristol Magistrates Court and received a non-guilty verdict. Jubilation from CJ and the group of Bath rebels waiting outside! CJ has shared his thoughts on his not-guilty verdict.

September Bath and BoA rebels on the <u>beach</u> at Weston super Mare with BAAN and at the airport public <u>inquiry</u>. 49 speakers including Bath and BoA rebels

24 Sept Global Climate Strike in Bristol with Bath samba

26 Sept Candlelit <u>vigil</u> outside Bath Abbey for jailed paralympic activist James Brown. https://www.instagram.com/p/CUTFSHFMFi6/?utm\_medium=copy\_link

19 Oct The 3 demands presented to Wiltshire Council in Trowbridge this morning, movement of movements

XR Frome, Bath, Salisbury, BoA, Chippenham, Wiltshire climate alliance, Wiltshire incinerator group and more. With Faceless Bureaucrats leading the Samba, 20 people did a die-in then the FBs with the burning world walked into the Council to the front of the Council Chamber, wearing signs identifying themselves as the councillors who had actually voted for the incinerator and announcing how they had contributed to ecocide.

Incinerator was approved by the Council, supported by tories opposed by libdems and independents. <a href="https://www.wiltshiretimes.co.uk/news/19660494.full-council-meeting-suspended-protesters-asked-leave/">https://www.wiltshiretimes.co.uk/news/19660494.full-council-meeting-suspended-protesters-asked-leave/</a> Louise read out the three demands again outside the council

19 oct - XR Youth back in action, stickering in Bath, raising awareness of the climate emergency and urging world leaders (currently gathering at COP 26 in Glasgow) to take the action needed to prevent climate breakdown.

24 October The Sinking House, Pulteney Bridge, Bath

https://stridetreglown.com/initiatives/sinking-house/

Stunning collaborative <u>project</u> including Anna and Architecture Is collective, installed at the weir throughout COP26, with permission of B&NES, shepherded by Funda - fantastic work!

https://www.somersetlive.co.uk/news/local-news/intriguing-new-sculpture-appears-landmark-6108356?utm source=somerset live newsletter&utm campaign=bath live newsletter2&utm medium=email

30 Oct - 13 Nov COP26 in Glasgow See Bath XR at COP26 for pics

20 November March of Resistance in support of Insulate Britain. Started outside the Royal Courts of Justice, then hundreds of people marched along the north Embankment, past the Houses of P, onto Lambeth Bridge where everyone sat down and listened to powerful speeches as the partners of the nine imprisoned IB activists read from their statements. Four Bath rebels remained on the bridge with 30 others (34 arrests in all), as the remaining crowd moved on to Vauxhall Bridge where three roads were blocked. 124 arrests in all.

24 November Bath rebels at the Science Museum flash mob calling out Adani-sponsorship. More pix

Many people missed seeing the video of the "Shell knew" banner outside the Science Museum in October - here it is again. This amazing banner has been used again and again, by XR Bath and by other local

groups and climate activists - huge thanks to Ros for her brilliant concept and letter cutting and to Mel for endless stitching. The idea and how to make it is now being shared with many others via the XR Rebel Toolkit.

## **UPCOMING ACTIONS AND REBELLION**

### LOCAL

Thurs 25 Nov TONIGHT! Burning House Singers, Thursdays, Green Park Station
Bath's new Climate Justice singing group, the Burning House Singers, is now meeting weekly at Green
Park Station. Led by the inspirational Adey Shaw, the group was formed after the COP 26 demonstration our home is on fire, the time to act is now! Let's stand shoulder to shoulder and be heard.
<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/1026125051283993">https://www.facebook.com/groups/1026125051283993</a>

**Tues 30 Nov Next XR Bath rebels meeting** 6-9pm St.John's Church Hall, St Johns Road BA2 6PT Welcome One and All

6-7 Enjoy a free vegan hot meal

7.15 -7.45 Why connect with nature..& how can we do this? Drawing from her many years experience working with indigenous teachings, Annie Spencer will share the wisdom and ways of living in respectful attunement with glorious nature.

7.45-8.45 Actions Working Group rises again! At last! Welcome to wonderful Dave who has stepped up to become our actions Coord. Come, bring your ideas for actions, share with other keen rebels, working together we can be a powerful force for change.

8.45-9 Closing announcements & learn a new song with Jen

Free parking/child & dog friendly/Can't get there on time? Need to leave early? No problem, you are welcome to do what you can. We'd just love to see you!

# Saturday 4 December, Dirty Scrubbers action

A Dirty Scrubbers action will be going ahead in central Chippenham. There's a spot of cleaning to be done. Costumes can be provided. email us for more info bathxr@gmail.com

**Sat 11 December** The **Green Outreach Hub** will be at Kingsmead Square from 10-3pm with top tips for a green Christmas and ideas for presents including plant a tree with More Trees For Bath, who will be attending the session. Plus natural crafts - making wreaths, table decorations and window displays; inviting people to share their wishes and pledges for the Earth; tree saplings to plant out and vegan bakes to try out.

(New date - rescheduled from this Saturday due to 40 mph winds predicted !) https://www.facebook.com/thegreenoutreachhub/

Here's the GOH October report

# The Climate Emergency Centre plans are steaming ahead . .

Help! Please help us choose the name for the centre we are planning to open in Bath where you will find ideas and inspiration for action on the climate and ecological emergencies. These Climate Emergency Centres are popping up in empty shops on High Streets in the UK and we want one in Bath! The plan is for Green Outreach Hub to evolve into a centre like these.

Please use this form to make your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice:

https://form.jotform.com/213274369606056

There is a Telegram group for the CEC National network, a weekly zoom for all interested parties every Thursday 7-8pm.

#### **NATIONAL**

An Address to the Nation | Extinction Rebellion UK

### **APRIL 2022**

COP HAS FAILED: IT'S UP TO US NOW

Our XR address to the Nation:

In April 2022 we will be back on the streets in numbers. Why is the R word missing? We don't know what April will look like yet. There is much reflection, planning and mobilising to do before we get there.

Full press release

The COP process has failed - we knew it would.

It is up to ordinary people to create the conditions for action on the climate and ecological crisis.

A dynamic strategy is in the making - focussed on mass mobilisation and an action plan with civil resistance at its heart. Watch this space for dates and more info on how to support mobilisation plans.

81% of people in the UK say they believe we are in a global emergency - the highest levels of climate concern in the world. Let's bring them with us!

Donate to help make it happen here: https://chuffed.org/project/xrapril2022 Music by Isa Suarez. Help XR mobilise and donate: https://extinctionrebellion.uk/donate/

### WELCOME TO . . .

- . . . Dave MacMillan our new Actions Co-ordinator. We have really missed having someone in this role so we're very happy Dave has taken it on thank you! He is now forming a new Actions Group and plugged into the SW Actions meetings what this space. Contact us via the email for more info.
- . . . Indra Donfrancesco, our new SW and Bristol 'Gardener' whose role is to support Bath and south west groups with:

Planning of local campaigns or projects, Outreach to new rebels and potential allies, Integration and mobilisation of existing rebels, Local group organisation, including structure, decision-making, meeting culture, and conflict resolution.

Working Group and Local Group Coordinators please contact sw.gardener@protonmail.com with any requests for support ♥

## **EVENTS, ZOOMS, TRAINING, FEEDBACK**

# XR ANNUAL STRATEGY REVIEW

XR is formulating its annual strategy review. They want to know what rebels throughout the UK think about the following questions:

- 1) What are we as a movement good at? What are we built to do well?
- 2) What do rebels want to put their energy into? What are they most inspired to do?
- 3) What are the obstacles to this? What would help grow your local groups?
- 4) What do our rebels on the ground most need from a strategy?

Please send your responses to bathxr@gmail.com and we will collate them into our response. Deadline Sunday 12 December please.

CAN I LIVE? Fantastic film to share with younger peeps to inform and engage . . .

Costs £1 to view but a lot of people are raving about it. Last few days.

An online filmed performance produced by Complicité in association with the Barbican, London, supported by Oxford Playhouse

Why don't we talk about it? Fehinti Balogun asks this urgent question and offers an invitation in *Can I Live?*, a vital new digital performance about the climate catastrophe, sharing his personal journey into the biggest

challenge of our times. Weaving his story with spoken word, rap, theatre, animation and the scientific facts, Fehinti charts a course through the fundamental issues underpinning the emergency, identifying the intimate relationship between the environmental crisis & the global struggle for social justice, and sharing how, as a young Black British man, he has found his place in the climate movement.

https://complicite.ticketco.events/uk/en/e/can\_i\_live\_complicite\_lighthouse\_poole?fbclid=lwAR2mAEnqpOihu-2Oq8jPJy89qLoGe8JpG-Jwu9\_BN1GI6VoAXT0YW8RqJ\_A

# **PROTEST AND POLICING - MY EXPERIENCE!** Every Friday:

How has it been changing over the years, how do we cope with it, what do we expect? How is it in other countries? What is the reality for our XR comrades all over the world? WHAT DO WE WANT TO DO ABOUT IT?

https://www.facebook.com/events/337369774473420

## FOR ACTIVISTS in DIFFERENT TIME ZONES:

🙌 (EVERY) FRIDAY, at 6 pm BST

ONLINE: Use the zoom-link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/707132135

Meeting ID: 707 132 135. BY PHONE: Dial by your location and enter Meeting ID - Click to find your local

number: https://bit.ly/PhoneOnZoom.

# WE TALK IN THE FORMAT OF EMPATHY CIRCLE

Each person has an opportunity to speak and be heard. If you want to learn more about Empathy Circle before the call, you may watch a 9 min. video (https://xrb.link/Nk7ea2h9ki) but it is not absolutely necessary. The method is simple and easy to learn.

PS. You may support Regenerative Cultures Actions HERE:

https://chuffed.org/project/xr-training-and-regenerative-culture

This may make people feel groovy too: www.globalassembly.org from Jamie Kelsey

# **ECOLOGICAL FARM IN BATH**

Message from Hamish: Hi all! 4 of us XR rebels and growers are launching a crowdfunder for a new Ecological farm in Bath on 15.5 acres. After many months of design work and gaining planning permissions we are ready to go but need community funding to make it happen - video and more info here:

https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/ecological-farm-for-bath?tk=MTYzNDk4OTk1ODZmMTNiNjhlOTkyOTAwYjFmZDlwYjEyZWUwOTE0ODk2OWQ0OWQ3ODQ%3D or this one??

https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/ecological-farm-for-bath

I would be grateful if you can share to 5 people or groups you know that may be able to help. Let me know if you'd like to discuss any details or have any questions! Thanks, let's grow the local food movement! Monthly Q&A Zoom session with the co-founders:

Sunday Dec 5, 2021 06:00 PM

Zoom link: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71196753549?pwd=bVlOK3RYSFFRd0Zmbk91WTFyUlJRUT09 Meeting ID: 711 9675 3549 // Passcode: Weston

### **UK ENVIRONMENT BILL PETITION**

calling on Boris Johnson and his government to protect forests by strengthening the UK Environment Bill. Will you join me and sign the petition? <a href="https://act.gp/3mzRfwT">https://act.gp/3mzRfwT</a>

# **AVIATION POLLUTION PETITION**

We face a climate emergency yet the high carbon polluting aviation industry has had the benefit of not being charged tax on its fuel. Time for the polluters to pay. Can you add your signature? <a href="https://chng.it/d2DYprww">https://chng.it/d2DYprww</a>

#### RESEARCH HELP NEEDED

"We're looking for some help with researching the climate crimes of the richest/most powerful governments (which we've defined as those in G20 + Annex II). We're trying to find three charges for each of these countries.

Rosie, Paul, and I are working to divvy up the research, but we would also love a hand from anyone who's aware of what the most devastating climate crimes by each target country might be.

All we'd really need is a one-liner describing the crime and at least one reputable source. Please see our UK charge sheet for an idea of the format we are looking for. For this global charge sheet we are looking only for the actions or "crimes" - so the "what they do" section of the original charge sheet and not the "what they say" pledges."

💥 UK Charge Sheet 💥

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZTWAgbdUAsBZbLN1-lbh7GEGNFsDHCWZ/view?usp=sharing Here's the global charge sheet we're working on which we'd welcome you to add suggestions to.

Global Charge Sheet

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1yoImlowDQePZ46uF4HzS1N\_paUl8u3PlPWcJnZlk0Tk/edit?usp=sharing

# **♦** CALL FOR TIKTOK SUBMISSIONS **♦**

Extinction Rebellion UK are setting up a TikTok account, and we need your help with content.

We're looking for people willing to make videos to feature on our account!

- We're looking for silly songs, sounds, surreal dance, or satire, that use humour to convey our serious message: What is XR? Who makes up XR? Why are we rebelling for life now?
- If you'd like to submit something, please fill in this form: https://forms.gle/MayCQhGqtvDrRYCQ9 Some tips for your videos:
- Film portrait on a mobile phone, either as a normal video or in the app
- Make sure your audio is good quality (e.g. not muffled), or if you're already a TikTok user you could even use a current trending sound. 

  Good lighting is really important film during the day! 

  Ideally no longer than 1 minute

Got experience in managing a TikTok account and want to join the team? Or need some tips/advice on your video(s)? Email socialmedia@extinctionrebellion.uk

### **READING**

Priti Patel has quietly been stuffing even more anti-protest powers into the Police bill. https://inews.co.uk/opinion/priti-patel-anti-protest-powers-stuffed-policing-bill-1316830

Jonathan N Fuller

A major strand of work is the attempt to prosecute 3 senior politicians for crimes against humanity and genocide associated with policies that are killing hundreds of thousands of people every year... www.facebook.com

https://www.facebook.com/100008481997357/posts/2560875030871872/?sfnsn=scwspmo

https://www.cbsnews.com/news/greenland-ends-oil-exploration-to-combat-climate-change-and-focus-on-sustainable-development/

"A wonderful book, Finding the Mother Tree, by Suzanne Simard, a Canadian scientist who discovered how trees communicate, live in communities, and look after their kin. Beautifully written. Profound & timely. Available at the library."

Bill Mckibben: "I'm on occasion a literal tree-hugger . . so it pains me a bit to say, massive tree-planting campaigns are under assault as a climate tool, and that the assault seems to have some real merit" <a href="https://billmckibben.substack.com/p/treewashing-and-other-friday-notes">https://billmckibben.substack.com/p/treewashing-and-other-friday-notes</a>
<a href="https://www.vox.com/down-to-earth/22679378/tree-planting-forest-restoration-climate-solutions">https://www.vox.com/down-to-earth/22679378/tree-planting-forest-restoration-climate-solutions</a>

"I've been banging on about Paul Hawkens new book- he was the lead author of Drawdown and now he has authored Regeneration. Its a book from Penguin and a website. Jack has kindly typed out the first page. I feel it as a coherent speech / vision of transformational reparations, of co-liberation, of what XR has always been "for" through our PnV. There's never just one way to say these things and this way works for me and Im glad for it because it is going to get traction in the mainstream."

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KxaJXK64iEJ7UTnD8QSsYGqQ9gZWXK3iYhhquXCuwn4/edit

https://phys.org/news/2021-10-net-policies-emperor-academics.html Net zero policies are 'emperor's new clothes" academics warn

the climate disaster is here

https://www.theguardian.com/environment/ng-interactive/2021/oct/14/climate-change-happening-now-stats-graphs-maps-cop26

https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/norway-will-continue-explore-oil-gas-incoming-government-says-202 1-10-13/

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-58897805 emissions from richest countries are going up

https://www.standard.co.uk/comment/eco-disruptors-insulate-britain-are-right-prince-charles-the-reader-b96 0302.html

"The increase in GDP is in profound contrast with the arrest of climate change" Nobel-prize winning physicist

https://www.italy24news.com/local/216311.html

New Climate War - new book by Michael E Mann

Noam Chomsky has drawn up the list of the 10 strategies of manipulation through mass media. https://freshmag.com.au/noam-chomsky-10-strategies-mass-media-manipulation/

Useful backgrounder here on the vehicle behind so many of the denialists who've morphed into green wash merchants, delayists & inactivists tangling up the climate crisis in culture wars <a href="https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/nov/11/inactivists-tangling-up-the-climate-crisis-in-culture-wars-manston-airport-kent">https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/nov/11/inactivists-tangling-up-the-climate-crisis-in-culture-wars-manston-airport-kent</a>

Dr. Aaron Thierry (@ThierryAaron) Tweeted:

So, @BorisJohnson has warned that unless leaders at #COP26 address the #ClimateEmergency, we risk the collapse of civilization. Is this really a possibility? Unfortunately, yes, many leading climate scientists are indeed warning of collapse 1/n

https://t.co/LsfrnCtJPU https://twitter.com/ThierryAaron/status/1455286720329617408?s=20

https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/dark-money-investigations/the-brexit-dark-money-lobby-has-a-new-targ et-climate-change-action/

How to Blow up a Pipeline by Andreas Malm: "It's a difficult one for XR to engage with as he is critical of NVDA and XR; plus there are better works that map the limits of NVDA as single strategy (such as Gelderloos' How Non-violence Protects the State, available online free from the anarchist library). However, there are some good arguments about targeted actions. .. So the line he is pushing is more in the direction of ecotage, monkey wrenching the system etc., so closer to the position of some Earth First and Deep Green Resistance activists. . A nice short commentary and critique can be found here":

https://canadiandimension.com/articles/view/how-to-blow-up-a-movement-malms-new-book-dreams-of-sab otage-but-ignores-consequences"

Capitalism is killing the planet – it's time to stop buying into our own destruction - George Monbiot <a href="https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/oct/30/capitalism-is-killing-the-planet-its-time-to-stop-buying-into-our-own-destruction?CMP=Share iOSApp Other</a>

Shared from National CEC network .... "Slightly random, but also v informative- I just found this great blog which gives you a 'book in five minutes', with titles like 'the limits to growth' distilled for us overly busy people who like to learn about stuff" <a href="http://www.fraw.org.uk/blog/book">http://www.fraw.org.uk/blog/book</a> in 5.shtml

#### LISTENING

EarthMatters on RadioBath, a new environment based programme hosted by Ben Aldiss, Nick Aslett and Joanna Wright. Sundays 3 to 4pm.

28 November The next show has items on COP26 and a carbon tax motion for BANES Council https://radiobath.com/schedule/

25.10 Peter Hetherington on Start the Week: land-use and how we should be able to be self-sufficient with food. <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m0010wy1">https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m0010wy1</a>

### **VIEWING**

Chris Packham post-COP Chris Packham <a href="https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=wczb8CJ-cO0&feature=youtu.be">https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=wczb8CJ-cO0&feature=youtu.be</a>

Great little film.share with friends and ask them to switch banks if they are still supporting these dinosaurs <a href="https://fb.watch/9gEX1upqND/">https://fb.watch/9gEX1upqND/</a> Also this film rebels made in Swansea- <a href="https://youtu.be/O0LGaLhB0vE">https://youtu.be/O0LGaLhB0vE</a>

Life at 50C: Fleeing Sahara's shifting sands <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-58925616">https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-58925616</a>

How to stop the climate crisis in six months - Roger Hallam <a href="https://youtu.be/CkZT0tSdUog">https://youtu.be/CkZT0tSdUog</a>

Has everyone seen 'The Trick'? Probably the best thing to come out of the BBC on climate ever! (There's not much competition, I know.) very powerful moment where professor Phil Jones describes what will happen if the world fails to act on climate change. And the film ends with a call to action for young people to take to the streets. <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0010s10">https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0010s10</a>

The Earth's hot Prize Repairing our Planet <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p09w80wb">https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p09w80wb</a>

another link to the soil sequestration film on Netflix. A bit America centric, but definitely worth a watch <a href="https://kissthegroundmovie.com/?">https://kissthegroundmovie.com/?</a> cf chl jschl tk =pmd WBYXnq8M5aUaiSpnjqPC04fa7mMqEeDCE <a href="mvaXi4R2m8-1634241474-0-qqNtZGzNAeWicnBszQi9">mvaXi4R2m8-1634241474-0-qqNtZGzNAeWicnBszQi9</a>

Kate Raworth's RSA lecture last year on doughnut economics: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJghmr0K-4M

Join the XR INFO & MEDIA chat on Whatsapp for a wealth of interesting material - links to media coverage of all things environmental and ecological - including XR: <a href="https://chat.whatsapp.com/JGRqp0RBKZkLcVwzDnf7EE">https://chat.whatsapp.com/JGRqp0RBKZkLcVwzDnf7EE</a>

## **XR NEWSLETTERS**

UK newsletter: <a href="https://extinctionrebellion.uk/news/">https://extinctionrebellion.uk/news/</a>

UK Global newsletter blog: <a href="https://rebellion.global/news/#blog">https://rebellion.global/news/#blog</a>

### **XR SW CALENDAR**

https://xrsw.uk/xrevents/

## **XR TALKS AND TRAINING**

https://www.facebook.com/XRUKTalksandTraining

Please stay in touch bathxr@gmail.com

https://xrbath.org.uk/
https://www.facebook.com/extinctionrebellionbath/
https://www.instagram.com/extinctionrebellionbath/
https://twitter.com/XRBath

Please send details of any events, trainings, etc to calendar@xrbath.org.uk

We are now meeting up in person at St John's Church, St John's Road on alternate Tuesday evenings. https://xrbath.org.uk/events/

Come and share a free vegan meal with us at 6pm, then talks, discussion, planning from 7pm to 9pm. Contact us at welcome.bathxr@protonmail.com for more info.

Some working groups continue to meet via video conferencing.

If you have any access needs about XR Bath events or meetings, please contact us on welcome.bathxr@protonmail.com.

We want everyone who wants to be involved, to be able to be involved.

WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT ANYONE WHO IS STRUGGLING IN WHATEVER WAY.

PLEASE REACH OUT TO US. Vicki is on swrc@protonmail.com

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