

XR Bath Newsletter - Summer 2022

HOW TO KEEP IN THE LOOP

XR BATH BROADCAST GROUP

If you only join one chat group, this is the one - the [XR BATH BROADCAST](#) group on WhatsApp.

We endeavour to put key events and announcements on here.

Only admins can post on this, so it is a lot less “busy” than our general (very interesting) [XR Bath Chat](#).

Also, if you click on “group info” in either chat you will find a links to other chats/groups, in Bath XR.

Bath XR Website Calendar

This is now up to date, particularly for local meetings, events and actions

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

SHARE! SHARE! SHARE!

We are producing some excellent feed on our Facebook; instagram and Twitter accounts. We need to get the message out beyond the “converted”, so please share on your personal accounts - this magnifies the impacts of our actions.

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/extinctionrebellionbath/>;

IG: <https://www.instagram.com/extinctionrebellionbath/>

TW: <https://twitter.com/XRBath>

UPCOMING EVENTS - XR Bath

Rebel meetings

Tuesday Evenings, St Johns Church Hall, BA2 6PT

On the following Tuesdays: June 21st; July 5th; July 19th; August 9th; August 23rd; September 6th

Vegan food at 6, Meeting at 7. **Can you help with food prep?** Join the hosting chat [here](#)

XR Bath Lobbying Group

The group meet via zoom most Wednesdays at 8pm

The group are currently working on: regenerative agriculture, WECA transport forum and BANES Liveable Neighborhoods consultation. Contact annie@phoncoop.coop

Monday, June 20th - 7pm - Public Talk – Look Up, Step Up

United Reformed Church, Avondale Buildings, Larkhall, Bath BA1 6NO

This is for potential new recruits to XR, but would be good if a few existing members could attend

9th July on - Summer Uprising

Coordinated action from XR local groups around the South West

This is still being planned, but broadly:

- 9-10th July - XR CYMRU - opposing new coal mines

- 16-18 July - Plymouth

- 23-24 - July - Bristol Airport

- 30 July - 1 August - Westdown Quarry, near Frome. Background: Campaign [facebook](#)

[page](#) Press coverage [here](#) and [here](#)

12th Aug - **SOCIAL** event at Widcombe social club -

with the ever popular **Gavin Osborne** - Keynsham’s answer to Billy Bragg (with more laughs)

7th & 8th November 2022 - Bristol Airport Expansion - High Court Judicial Review

Bristol Civic Justice Centre. The emissions arising from the proposed expansion would be more than the total current emissions from the whole of the NE Somerset Council area. Let’s stop this madness!

UPCOMING EVENTS/INFO. - Other Local Organizations

17th July - Kidical Mass Bike Ride, Bath City Centre

A great, non confrontational way to push for better cycle facilities in Bath. All kids up to 99 years old welcome.....

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1183769975759124>

Saturday 9th July -

Greenpeace Bath - Oil and Gas Campaign/Stall - Trowbridge

I'm sure they will welcome some support....keep an eye on Whatsapp broadcast

Green Outreach Hub

Potential stall at Bath Carnival, 9th July

Climate Hub B&NES (formerly Climate Emergency Centre) - this will be an indoor physical space in Bath City Centre to publicise the climate emergency and what we can do about it. Well done to the team for all the hard work on the registration to be a charity. Chat with Sue Poole if you want to get involved

JUST STOP OIL

Just Stop Oil is a civil resistance campaign aiming to get the UK Government to commit to no more licensing of fossil fuel exploration in the UK. As part of the development of the movement meetings have been held recently in both Bath and Bradford on Avon. If you'd like to know more please contact: bathxr@gmail.com and we'll pass you on.

PAST ACTIONS

Keynsham - Earth Emergency/Jacob Rees-Mogg

On Saturday 11th June, rebels from XR Bath joined Extinction Rebellion Keynsham and rebels from Bristol and Wales to highlight the urgency of the climate and nature crises.

In particular, we wanted to #TellTheTruth about the stance of local MP, Jacob Rees-Mogg, who recently stated that "every last drop of oil" should be extracted from the North Sea.

Accelerating extraction in the North Sea will not help UK energy consumers - Fossil Fuel companies sell the oil and gas to the highest bidder on international markets, keep all the revenue, and are currently making eye-watering profits on which they pay almost no tax. Almost 80 per cent of UK production of crude oil is exported and plays no part in our domestic energy security.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/climate-change/opinion/north-sea-oil-gas-climate-crisis-b2088725.html?r=58233>



Press coverage here: <https://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/bristol-news/extinction-rebellion-march-through-town-7193699>

Avon Pension Fund

We again lobbied the Avon Pension Fund Investment Panel at their meeting in May. APF are committed to divesting their (small) amount of fossil stocks.....but not until 2050. Thanks to all who came, particularly to Nick Aslett who addressed the panel. We had some useful conversations with councillors and the fund managers as well as some good ol' fashioned outreach to passers by.



Press Coverage: [Extinction Rebellion protesters take over the streets of Bath - Somerset Live](#)

Rockhopper, Salisbury, 19th May



This was an action with XR Salisbury, XR Wimborne, Global Justice Now and other SW rebels to protest about Salisbury's shameful secret: Rockhopper Exploration - and its climate-destroying use of

the archaic Energy Charter Treaty to sue the Italian Government for potential lost profits for attempting to cancel new oil drilling.
Its insane that the **Energy Charter Treaty** allows corporations to sue governments for taking action on the climate emergency—>**PLEASE SIGN THIS PETITION** <https://gju.st/2P5kStp>

XR UK NEWS

<https://extinctionrebellion.uk/category/newsletter/>

XR SW CALENDAR

<https://xrsw.uk/xrevents/>

XR TALKS AND TRAINING

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

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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