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### **YHACS Spring Meeting Beverley - CANCELLED**

As you will be aware, plans had been made to hold our Spring Meeting in Beverley on 25<sup>th</sup> April. Given the current situation regarding Coronavirus, and in discussion with our hosts Beverley Civic Society, we have made the decision reluctantly to cancel the event. We apologise for any disappointment this may cause but hope members will understand why we thought it necessary to take this course of action. All being well, we will pay a visit for a future event.

Meanwhile, we continue to follow the news and government advice. At the moment, our intention is to continue with the Addingham meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> July but we will keep this in view and let you know should our plans change.

### **Annual Subscriptions Now Due**

Many thanks to those civic societies across the region that have already paid their membership subscription for 2020. At just £50 per year per society, the rate remains the same again and represents really good value.

If your society hasn't yet paid (and there are a few!), could you please let us have your payment, please? You can pay by bank transfer or by cheque. Remember that our treasurer is now Alan Goodrum – you can contact Alan on [alangoodrum@btinternet.com](mailto:alangoodrum@btinternet.com). Alan has been contacting member societies by email using the latest contact details for your treasurer or other contact but it's possible, if you've not dealt with Alan before, that his email is languishing in your junk mail.

If you cannot find anything from Alan asking you to renew your subscription, please drop him an email now.

# YHACS Spring Newsletter – Call for items

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**SOCIETY INSIGHT**

ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

**CLIMATE CHANGE: A TO-DO LIST**

Member of CIVIC VOICE

**Background**  
There have always been floods, droughts and wildfires but there now seems little doubt that these extreme events are becoming more frequent and more severe than in the past. And there is absolutely no doubt that glaciers throughout the world are melting and that sea-level is rising. The global mean temperature for July 2019 was the highest on record (see graph).

We also know that this increase in global temperature is due to human activity, principally by increasing the concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Carbon dioxide is a greenhouse gas and as carbon dioxide concentration rises, so global temperature increases. Today (October 2019) the carbon dioxide concentration of the atmosphere is 412 parts per million (ppm) and rising.

The effects of climate change are already serious. Once the concentration exceeds 450 ppm and temperature increases much beyond 1.5 degrees C (compared to the late 19<sup>th</sup> century baseline) the situation is likely to become dangerous.

The urgency of the issue has been recognised internationally. The UN 2015 Paris Agreement on emission reduction was signed by all countries and in May 2019 the UK Government declared a "climate emergency" setting a target to reach net zero emissions before 2050. Many UK local authorities have gone further aiming to reach net zero by 2030. These ambitious targets are achievable but only if governments and local communities act swiftly and work together.  
What can individuals in YHACS do?  
What can YHACS do as an organisation?

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**Global Temperature**

Temperature anomaly (°C)

Year

1880 1900 1920 1940 1960 1980 2000 2019

1.2 1.0 0.8 0.6 0.4 0.2 0 -0.2 -0.4 -0.6 -0.8 -1.0 -1.2

NSA GISS data for July only relative to 1880-1920 baseline

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With our Spring meeting cancelled, it's important that, as a movement, we stay in touch with each other and our next edition of *Society Insight* will be published as usual.

David Moss, editor of the newsletter, recently emailed our usual contacts asking for articles and photographs for the Spring edition.

If you have something to share, please write it down, type it up and send it off to David! If you were planning to come to the meeting in April with a lively, interesting and informative item for our 'Just a Minute!' round up, please, apply your fingers to your keyboard and let David have your article – however brief – and we'll do our best to include it.

Had the meeting in April gone ahead, our theme would once again be on the environment – so if you have anything you can share with us on this theme – be it a project you're involved with, something your community or local authority is doing, or an item inspired by what you've read elsewhere, we'd be particularly interested in hearing from you.

Whatever the subject, please email it to David on [damoss43@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:damoss43@yahoo.co.uk) by 5<sup>th</sup> April.

**Kevin Trickett MBE, Chair, YHACS**

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