



The **A-Z** of
ideas for

**THE GREAT
BIG GREEN
WEEK** 

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The Great Big Green Week is a national celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature and we're inviting people across the UK to host events and activities in their local area from 24th September to 2nd October.

If you are struggling to know what to do during the Great Big Green Week, check out some ideas below for inspiration.

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Allotment Tours

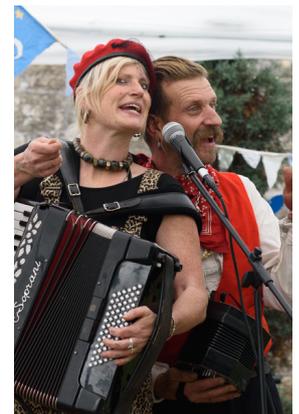
Open up your local allotment for the day or week and give tours to local people. Could you even coordinate some workshops with tips on growing your own fruit and vegetables? Or get help with harvesting, planting overwintering crops or pruning from the community!

Arts & Music Festival

Bring your community together with the power of art and music! Last year, Crossing Footprints hosted a Live and Online mini-festival of songs, art, poetry, media, debate, community connections, raising voices to protect our environment. Titled 'Voices For Action', they worked with local Pakistani and Bangladeshi communities, and with low income communities, who presented the results of creative climate workshops from the previous few months.



Credit: Clive Hunte



Credit: Bradford on Avon Climate Fair

Beach Clean

Fresh air, community spirit, a sense of accomplishment and a tangible difference to your local beach. But, it doesn't just have to be a beach! It could be your local river, street or mountain. Our member, Surfers Against Sewage, are the beach clean pros so check out the [resources on their website](#).



Credit: Rachel Behan

Bike Day

Bring together your local bike shops and repair cafés for a bike day. Let people try out electric bikes or a new commuting bike. Invite local bike maintenance services to help people service their bikes. End the day in a guided bike tour of the local area.

Community Craftivism

Get together with your community to host a craftivism activity. [Local WI groups](#) often host crafting sessions so why not team up with them? Could you craft a green heart? Or craft a post box topper with a climate message for your local post boxes?



Credit: Trebah Garden



C Climate Conversations & Calculations



Work out your carbon footprint with [WWF's Footprint Calculator](#) and use [The Wildlife Trusts guide](#) to see if you can take one action to make it smaller.

There's also the [Climate Calculator tool](#) created by WWF and Demos to explore different ways the government can meet the net zero target and the impacts of different choices on the cost of living and jobs. Their [resource pack](#) to help you run a workshop and engage with your MP.

Or make it part of a climate coffee morning! Use [Climate Outreach's guide on how to have climate conversations](#) to help.



Car Free Day

Put pedestrians first and run a [Car Free Day](#) during Great Big Green Week. Last year [Guildford Council](#) hosted their first ever Car Free Day during the week with market stalls, live music and street play for the family. Could you contact your local council and ask them to support you to run one locally?

Credit: Clive Hunte



Discussion Panel

Are there local climate issues you want to celebrate or tackle? Host a discussion panel and invite local politicians along to help you!



Eat



Eat plant-based feasts in cafes. Connect over recipes to help you reduce food waste. Bring local farmers together to share their produce.

Or, host a community event where people share traditional dishes from their home countries, and learn from each other about experiences of climate change across the world.



Electric Transport Showcase

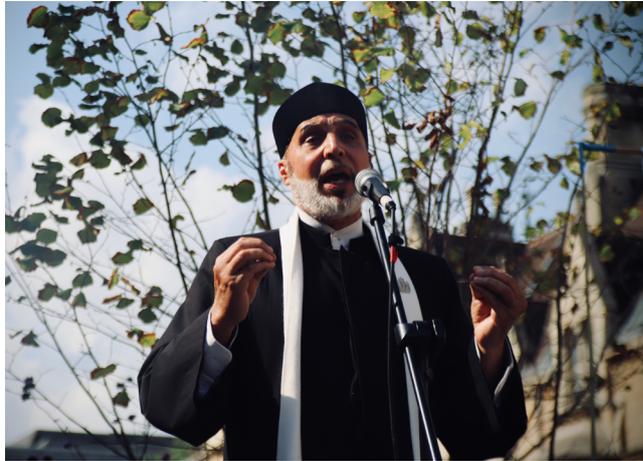
Show off electric transport in your area. You could highlight hireable electric bikes or cars, or new electric charging points in your town centre. Why not connect with a local car dealership to provide an opportunity for people to learn more about electric cars? You could bring in your bike shop to showcase electric bikes and scooters. Or use it as a moment to lobby for more!

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Film Screening

Host a Film Screening of an environmental film. We'll have a list of suggestions on our website soon!

Credit: Feng Ho



Credit: St Davids Peninsula Green Week



Faith

If you're a faith group or work closely with faith communities, then host a faith event during Great Big Green Week. Could you dedicate your weekly prayers to those impacted by climate change? Or host a Climate Sunday Service?

[Faith for the Climate](#) has a number of [resources available](#) to inspire faith communities to take action on Climate Change.

Credit: Hope For The Future



Green Week

Have you got a number of individual events planned during the Great Big Green Week in your area? Or know of other community groups who are hosting events? Then you've got yourself a Green Week!

Make sure to list your Local Green Week on the website so it's easy to find all the events in your area.



Credit: CAVCA Great Big Green Coast



Credit: St Davids Peninsula Green Week



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Homes & Heating

Organise visits to local [low-carbon homes](#) to help your community learn more about heat pumps, solar panels and other energy saving improvements local people have made to their homes. Work with your local council to help signpost any grants or support available locally to help people improve their homes and reduce bills.

Interfaith Service

Are there a number of faith groups in your area? Bring them together for an Interfaith Service during Great Big Green Week. Faith for the Climate's members have some great [resources on Interfaith work](#).



Intergenerational

Bring together people of all ages by having conversations across generations about Climate Change and what action you want to celebrate. Can you make contact with local schools or youth groups? Or connect with charities that work with older people?

J Joy

Climate change can feel overwhelming, but taking action can bring us hope and joy for the future. What brings you and your community joy? Can you bring some of this joy into your Great Big Green Week events?



K Kids

Kids

Get schools, youth groups and kids clubs involved by sharing our school pack which will be available on our website.

It includes some beautiful illustrations for local kids to colour in!

Litter Pick



Organise a litter pick with neighbours of all ages! You could create heart shapes out of litter to highlight the amount of waste collected, and then finish up with a drink, cake and chat in your local green space or community hall. Make sure you connect with your local council so they can collect the waste.



Credit: CAVCA Great Big Green Coast



Credit: Richard Stonehouse

Lobby your Local Politician

Lobbying might sound intense but it simply means trying to persuade a politician to support a particular policy or campaign. Use Great Big Green Week as an opportunity to talk to your local politician - whether your MP or a councillor - on an important climate issue local to you. We have resources on our website to help you.



Credit: Transition Town Ilford

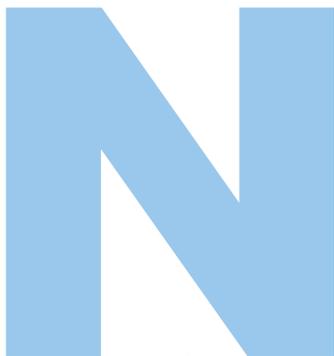
Market

Markets are a great way to get to know the community and take a moment to celebrate all the wonderful things happening locally. Last year Transition Ilford closed off their street for a [Eco Community Market](#). They hosted 30 stalls including lots of local food, second hand wares and thermal cameras for assessing energy loss.

Map

Share with The Wildlife Trusts where you want nature to recover in your community, or where nature is already recovering and you want it to stay that way! Drop a pin on [The Wildlife Trusts' WildBelt map](#), and add a note about the space and why it matters to you.

If your community is helping nature to recover together, you can also add this to [The Wildlife Trust's map](#)!



Nature Trail

Coordinate a Nature Walk & Trail in your neighbourhood to celebrate nature in your local park, nature reserve or green space. If you're not sure where to go, why not team up with your local [RSPB Reserve](#), [Wildlife Trusts Nature Reserve](#) or [Woodland Trust Wood](#) and host an event at one of their sites?

Get creative and design a trail for people to make their way around with facts, activities or quiz questions.

You don't have to be a nature expert - we've got plenty of members who can help you with that:

- The [RSPB's Bird Watching Guide](#) to help you identify birds
- The [Woodland Trust's Tree Identification Guide](#)
- The [Wildlife Trusts' Wildlife Identification](#)



Outdoors

Get outside in any way! Host events outside. Get into nature. Just be outdoors and celebrate the wonderful green and blue spaces near you.

Could you run events that support local people who aren't often able to get outside to experience nature? There are some great organisations such as [Muslim Hikers](#) and [Black2Nature](#) who might have local groups you could connect with.



Credit: Sust Fest St Albans

Plastic Free Picnic

Last year, Leicester City Council hosted a Plastic Free Picnic in the park with local Secondary and College students. Students discussed climate issues and held a climate march which led them to the local park.



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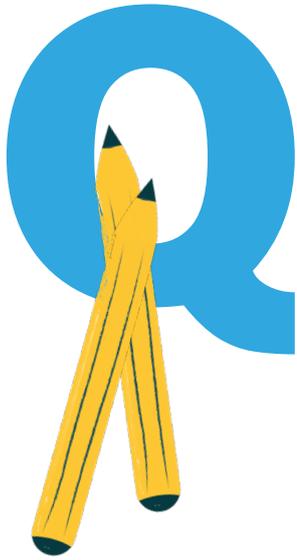
P Planting

Plant wildflowers in a community space and come together again in spring to watch them bloom.

Or identify any seeds falling from trees in September. Use the [Woodland Trust's Tree ID App](#) to help you identify trees & their seeds.



Credit: Sust Fest St Albans



Quiz

Missing the zoom quizzes? Or does your local pub host a quiz that could be climate and nature themed during Great Big Green Week? Plenty of our members have quizzes you can access for free, like [WWF](#).



Credit: Bradford on Avon Climate Fair

Repair Cafe Workshop

Have you got a local repair cafe in your town? Or a person who's just very good at fixing things up and repairing things?

Host a Repair Cafe workshop where people can bring old items that need fixing, learn how to darn their socks or make some old clothes into something new. Add in some tea and cake and you've got yourself a community repair cafe.



Sports



Do you often drive to your local sports fixtures? Could you and your local sports team use alternative forms of travel during the Great Big Green Week? Could you walk, cycle, run, scooter or skateboard?!

Last year, Birmingham FA ran a 'Pass on the Car' campaign during the Great Big Green Week for their Grassroots football clubs and were able to save 63,038.60kg of Carbon Equivalent.

Singing

Connect with a local choir and co-host an event or invite them to sing at your Green Week. Last year at [Bridport's Green Week](#), amongst other events, they hosted a community singing event. It was an opportunity for people to get together and sing meditative songs to celebrate the Earth.



Credit: Bradford on Avon Climate Fair

Theatre

Get together with your local theatre troupe or drama club to host a theatre production that has a climate theme or is inspired by the theme of protecting our planet.

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Credit: Clive Hunte



Credit: Hattie Reeve



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Upcycling Workshop

Are there items your community uses a lot of? Or a local business that has a lot of the same thing that goes to waste? Get creative and think about how you could upcycle these items. Perhaps they could go into creating one big mural in your community or lots of smaller items people could take home.

Credit: St. Davids Peninsula Green Week



V Vegetables



Pick veg! Eat veg! Share veg! Talk about why growing vegetables is so GREAT! You could work with local farmers to talk about how climate change is impacting their crops, or connect with your allotment association to give demonstrations on planting seasonal veg.

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Walk

Getting moving in nature is beneficial for your body and your mind. Walk barefoot in the grass, sand or in water and reconnect with nature. You could even run a 'Forest Bathing' walk where people can really slow down and relax in a local woodland.



Credit: Sust Fest St Albans

X marks the spot

Host a treasure hunt in your local park with eco-friendly prizes. Make sure that there's a running climate or nature theme to your treasure hunt (it could be sites that are vulnerable to flooding, or plant species affected by climate change), and that people leave with a take-home message or action!



Yippee!

Celebrate all the climate action happening locally!

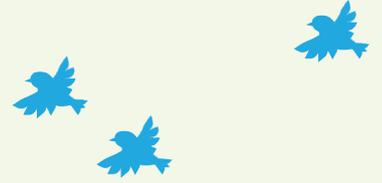


Credit: Trebah Garden

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Once you're done with the Great Big Green Week rest, recover and celebrate all the wonderful things you've done in your community.





We hope that's provided you with some inspiration for your own Great Big Green Week activities! If you're looking for more guidance, make sure you check out our organisers guide and other resources at greatbiggreenweek.com. And, don't forget to register your event on the website too.

We can't wait to celebrate with you from the 24th September - 2nd October!

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