

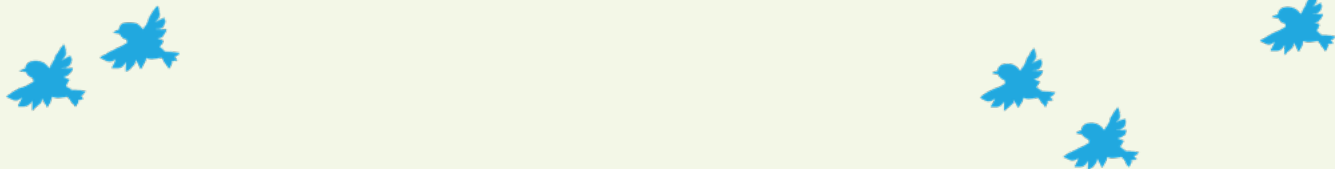


The **A-Z** of  
ideas for

**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 10th to 18th June 2023.**

**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

## 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.



## Clean Air Day

Clean Air Day takes place on 15th June this year. It is the UK's largest air pollution campaign which focuses on both raising awareness of the health risks of air pollution and encouraging people to take action to make change. Could you host an event that highlights how to reduce pollution in your local area? For example, you could host a car free day.

[Guildford Council](#) hosted their first ever Car Free Day during Great Big Green Week in 2021 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? Check out the [Clean Air Day website](#) to find out more about the campaign, and find resources to help you plan your activities.



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!



## Film Screening

Host a Film Screening of an environmental film. Why not host a screening of [WWF's Our Planet: Too Big To Fail](#), or head to our [resources page](#) for some different film screening suggestions.

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.



## 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.



## 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.



# Invite your MP

You could host an event to engage your local MP on climate and nature issues, both nationally and locally, to help influence and inspire local politicians to take action and compel them to advocate for a particular area in their work. Through engaging your local politician, you can build a strong relationship based on common ground that will allow you to shape the climate agenda. You can find advice on how to organise a politically impactful event at [greatbiggreenweek.com/resources](https://greatbiggreenweek.com/resources).

Credit: The Globe Foundation

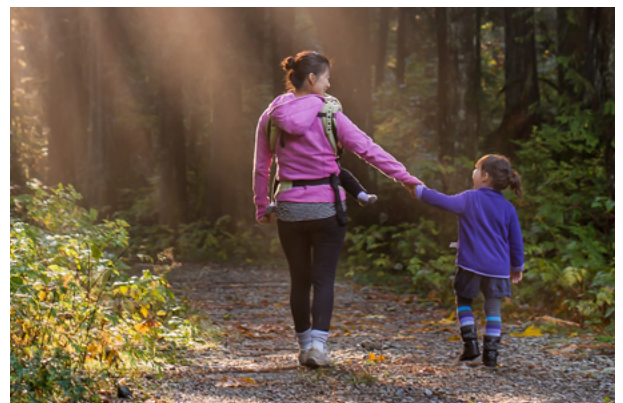


Credit: Hope For The Future



## 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](#).



Credit: Northwich Transition Town

## 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?

## 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?



## Kids

Get schools, youth groups and kids clubs involved by sharing our school pack - head to [greatbiggreenweek.com/get-involved/schools](https://greatbiggreenweek.com/get-involved/schools) for more information.

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.





# Letters To Tomorrow

Share your hopes for future generations if our leaders step up to protect the environment - and your fears about what life could be like if we don't slow down climate change - with [Letters To Tomorrow](#).



## Write a letter

Imagine you're writing a letter to a loved one in the year 2030. What are your hopes, or fears, for their future? What do you want the world they live in to look like? Write a Letter To Tomorrow, sharing your hopes and fears for the future, to help show people in power that we need action on climate change now. You can write a handwritten or digital letter and submit it at [letterstotomorrow.com](https://letterstotomorrow.com).

Why not get your friends and family to write one too?



## Host an event

Why not bring Letters To Tomorrow to your community? You could host a letter writing workshop in a local library, organise a Letters To Tomorrow reading event, or even collect letters from members of your community to showcase at a Letters To Tomorrow installation in the town centre.

You can find a helpful guide for organising a Letters To Tomorrow event at [greatbiggreenweek.com/resources](https://greatbiggreenweek.com/resources).



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. Transition Ilford closed off their street for a [Eco Community Market](#) for Great Big Green Week. 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

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

Create a community planting space! You could use this space in June to grow vegetables and wildlife friendly plants. Or you can prepare the spot for planting, and come together again in autumn to plant wildflowers and then again in spring to watch them bloom.

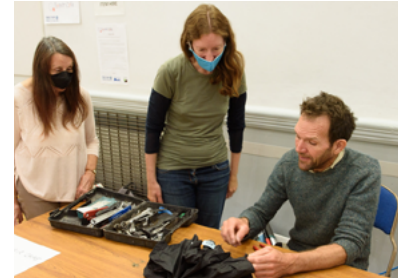


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## Quiz

Host a climate themed quiz for friends and family, either in person or virtually! 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?!

Previously, 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, and attendees of Manchester United Foundation Street Reds sessions took part in a collective litter pick, collecting over 800 single-use plastic bottles for recycling!



Credit: Bradford on Avon Climate Fair

## Singing

Connect with a local choir and co-host an event or invite them to sing at your Green Week. 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.



# 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.



Credit: Clive Hunte

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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



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# 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.

# W 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



# Zzz

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](https://greatbiggreenweek.com). And, don't forget to register your event on the website too.**

**We can't wait to celebrate with you from 10th to 18th June!**

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