

The Great Big Green Week

He makes me lie down in green pastures he restores my soul
Psalm 23:2



The Great Big Green Week took place in September 2021 for the first time and was the largest event for climate and nature ever seen in the UK. In September 2022, over a quarter of a million people were involved within their local communities. *The Great Big Green Week* is now celebrated in June and takes place this year from 8th-16th June 2024.

A plethora of events run across the UK raising awareness for how to make sustainable swaps for a better tomorrow. Events range from guided tours of solar farms to swap shops. Communities and businesses are thinking creatively to build a sustainable future, reminding our politicians how much people, nature and climate change matters to the public.

★ WATCH THE FILM ★

The Great Big Green Week website has a short video which sums up what the week is all about: see <https://greatbiggreenweek.com>

“We ran an event during Great Big Green Week 2023, inviting local people to visit a Victorian retrofit house to understand how to upgrade old homes to be more energy efficient. Visitors swapped tips on things like insulation, ventilation, sustainable heating and solar panels, learning how to make their homes warmer and more eco-friendly to save money as well as the planet.”



Events

For events taking place in and around Essex, choose “Find an event near you” on the Great Big Green Week website and join people of all ages joining with their communities to action change.

Make a swap to a Fairtrade product

Without attending an event, join the movement to make small everyday changes to what we eat, drink and wear at home. These changes can add up to make a big difference when it comes to climate justice. Swapping to Fairtrade bananas, tea, coffee, flowers or wine supports farmers and workers across the world, and helps tackle the climate crisis.

When it comes to climate, many farmers and workers must pay the financial price

of flood damage, droughts destroying harvests and weather-related crop disease, which can force them into poverty. Eco-friendly farming, training and equipment cost greatly but when farms are Fairtrade certified, they receive a Fairtrade Premium which they can invest in tackling climate change.

Make a swap in your shopping this Great Big Green Week and support farmers and workers to earn a fair wage, whilst tackling the climate crisis together.

Nicky Morecroft

To find out more or to share your ideas on Eco Church please go to the website www.allsaintsspringfield.org.uk/church-life/eco-church or speak to one of the Eco Church Group – Roger McFarland, Nicky Morecroft, Chris McFarland, Ian Poston, Dave Gauld, Beth Cornish, Ann Salmon.

Show decision makers you care about people, climate and nature

This month's eco suggestions

- **Compost or recycle garden waste**, and avoid having bonfires
- Enjoy some **vegetarian meals**, and eat less meat and dairy food