

Welcome to the 2026 Planet Wimborne Green Festival!

Wimborne's status as Dorset Town of Culture 2026 gives an added element of celebration to this year's Planet Wimborne Green Festival. And the Festival's theme

Be in nature, Be creative, Be well

intentionally ties in with the Town of Culture's vision to encourage collaborations, connections and creative community in and around the town.

The annual Green Festival is a focus for all things green and environmentally-friendly, giving a showcase for Wimborne's many community groups, whose volunteers work tirelessly all year round to care for our planet in a multitude of ways. It also brings together businesses, schools, churches and local organisations with the shared purpose of inspiring us all to live more sustainably.

Inside this brochure you can find details of all the events and activities which feature in this year's Green Festival programme. We're particularly excited that Charlie Dimmock will be the keynote speaker at our final event at QE School, sharing a gardener's perspective on nature, creativity and wellbeing.



For the latest event information and updates, scan the QR code or visit: planetwimborne.org/green-festival-2026



Green Festival Top Tips

Getting Here

- Walk or wheel to events
- Take the bus — check out Morebus and the Dorset Community No. 88 bus to get around
- Car share — team up with friends to cut traffic and carbon emissions



Reducing Waste

- Bring your own water bottle and/or reusable coffee cup to help cut waste

Be in Nature, Be Creative, Be Well

- Take time to enjoy our beautiful green and blue spaces for your physical and mental wellbeing
- Learn a new skill or join a crafty or arty community group to support your mental wellbeing



Love Wimborne

- Be kind — look out for one another
- Support local shops — buy food, drinks, and gifts in town
- Help keep Wimborne clean and green by joining local litter picks

Do More

- Join Planet Wimborne or one of our affiliated community groups to help protect the environment
- Attend Dorset COP 2026, Saturday 14 November in Dorchester. Details: dorsetcop.info



Charlie Dimmock

Gardening for Wildlife & Wellbeing

Saturday 17 October

Doors open 4:15pm; talk 5pm

Queen Elizabeth's School, BH21 4DT

Charlie Dimmock is one of our best-known and best-loved celebrity gardeners, presenting a variety of gardening-themed television programmes including *Ground Force*, *The Joy of Gardening*, *Charlie's Garden Army* and, most recently, *Garden Rescue*. Join us as Charlie shares about ponds in nature and creative garden design, and peeks behind the scenes of those TV gardening shows.

Refreshments available and gardening stalls to browse.

Tickets: £15; £3 (18s & under). Under 12s must be accompanied by an adult. Book online at planetwimborne.org or in person from Fair Ground - Wimborne's Fairtrade Shop, 1 Cornmarket Court, BH21 1JL (cash only).



Planet Wimborne Green Festival 2026

FREE Free event

👤 Children's event

B Book in advance

FREE + B

Free tickets must be booked in advance through planetwimborne.org or in person from Fair Ground - Wimborne's Fairtrade Shop, 1 Cornmarket Court, BH21 1JL (cash only).

**Wednesday
7 October** (pre-Festival)

Quiz Night for a Greener Wimborne

Wednesday 7 October, 7pm
Allenbourn Middle School, East Borough BH21 1PL

Join us for a fun fundraising quiz night in support of the 2026 Green Festival. General questions – not all Green!

Teams of up to six welcome, or join a team on the night. Entry is £6 (cash or card). BYO drinks and snacks.

Pay on the door or book in advance with Jeff Hart cllrhart@wimborne.gov.uk, 07825 226837.

Across the Festival

Junk Kouture

Saturday 10 to Friday 16 October, 10am to 4pm
St. George's Chapel, Wimborne Minster

FREE

Fashion meets sustainability! Students from Bournemouth & Poole College turn waste into wearable art for Junk Kouture. Explore upcycled garments and see how creativity can change the future of fashion.



Children's Poster Competition Exhibition

Monday 12 to Friday 16 October
Wimborne Library, Crown Mead BH21 1HH

FREE **👤**

An exhibition showcasing posters created by local schoolchildren, inspired by the Festival theme:

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**Saturday
10 October**

Opening and Minster Green Fair

**Saturday 10 October
10am to 3pm**
Wimborne Minster Green

FREE

Join us for the official Green Festival opening with local nature artist Jason Pizzezy (cover image) at 10:30am.

Meet local eco and sustainability groups and discover why protecting our planet matters more than ever. Find out how you can get involved and make a positive difference in your community.



Dacombes' Green Days

**Saturday 10 and 17 October
9am to 5:30pm**
Dacombes, BH21 1AE

FREE

Learn how switching to LED lighting can save energy and reduce costs. Plus, enter a prize draw to win a free home LED upgrade and energy-saving consultation.

Email sales@dacombesofwimborne.com
Tel: 01202 882615

Apple Pressing

**Saturday 10 October
10am to 3pm**
Wimborne Minster Green

FREE

Sample delicious fresh juice pressed from donated apples and have a go at apple pressing.

Don't waste your apples – we need them! Any apple donations please contact planetwimborne@gmail.com



Bee Craft Day

**Saturday 10 October
10am to 1pm**
Wimborne Library, Crown Mead BH21 1HH

FREE **👤**

Join us for a fun and relaxed Bee Craft Day for families. Drop in and enjoy a range of creative craft stations where children can make their own bees, explore honeycomb art and build mini bee hotels. Along the way, discover simple, child-friendly facts about the important role bees play in our world.

Wildlife Homes & Bird Feeder Workshops

Saturday 10 October
45-minute sessions starting hourly 10am to 2pm
Wimborne Minster Forest Garden, BH21 1EB

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Join Wildlings Forest School for a hands-on wildlife craft session. Create bee and bug houses and pine cone bird feeders while learning about local garden wildlife. Take your creations home and support wildlife year-round.

Price: £8 per child. Drop-ins welcome, but to avoid disappointment book online at bookwhen.com/wildlingscorfemullen

Win on Waste

**Saturday 10 October
10:30am to 12pm**
Wimborne Methodist Church, BH21 1DY

FREE

Help good causes by donating some of your waste to us and not your bins. Please bring your donations pre-sorted to save time. Visit tinyurl.com/wimwow

Songs in Nature

**Saturday 10 October
11am to 12:30pm
1 to 2:30pm**
Wimborne Minster, BH21 1HT

FREE

Join our Mayor to hear local children and adult choirs sing about nature. There will be different choirs throughout the day. Sit in the beautiful Minster and enjoy some refreshments while you listen.

Recycled Art Workshop

**Saturday 10 October
12 to 3pm**
Museum of East Dorset Garden Room (access via the tea room, next to the public library)

FREE **👤**

A self-led drop-in art workshop for children and families using recycled materials. Entry to Museum not included.

**Sunday
11 October**

Bird Ringing

**Sunday 11 October
9:30am**
Deans Court, Deans Court Lane BH21 1EE (meet at Deans Court gate)

FREE **B**

Join the Wilding Wimborne team to discover birds found in the local area.



Soup Making

**Sunday 11 October
2:30pm to 4pm**
Wimborne Community Garden, School Lane BH21 1HQ

FREE

Visit our beautiful garden, have a look round and enjoy a taster of soups made with our own produce.

RiverMind Vocal Workshop

**Sunday 11 October
3pm to 5pm**
Museum of East Dorset Garden Room (access via the tea room, next to the public library)

FREE **B**

Learn river chants inspired by our local waterways and join an optional performance at the RiverMind concert later that evening. No singing experience required, everyone is welcome.



RiverMind Concert

**Sunday 11 October
7:30pm and 9pm**
Allendale Community Centre, Hanham Road BH21 1AS

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Experience RiverMind, a new musical work by Karen Wimhurst inspired by our local rivers. Combining music, visuals and recordings from the River Stour and River Allen, this immersive performance celebrates the beauty of our waterways.

Tickets: £12 per person. Available from Allendale Centre ticket office or online theallendale.org/tickets

**Monday
12 October**

Bunting and Bags

**Monday 12 October
10:30am to 12pm**
Wimborne Town Hall

FREE

Join the Wimborne Bunting and Bag Group and local sewing and repair groups for a relaxed creative session in the Committee Room. Learn how to make your own bag or bunting while enjoying coffee and cake.

Rivers for Wimborne

**Monday 12 October
7:30pm**
St John's Church, 71 Leigh Road BH21 1AE

FREE **B**

Find out about the health of our local rivers and the projects helping to protect and restore them. Hear from the Dorset Catchment Partnerships and the Stour Valley Project.

**Tuesday
13 October**

Steps to a Greener Business

**Tuesday 13 October
12:30pm to 2pm**
Allendale House, Hanham Road, BH21 1AS

FREE **B**

Businesses across the UK are reassessing their environmental impact. Discover how local companies are taking practical steps towards a more sustainable future. Free lunch included.

Sustainability for Business Success

**Tuesday 13 October
7:30pm**
Wimborne Methodist Church, 4A King Street BH21 1DY

FREE **B**

Tips and suggestions for how every business can be more successful using sustainable practices based on research and pragmatic, achievable action. Presentation, discussion and Q&A.

Dr Cheryl Hadland, Founder and CEO, Tops Day Nurseries.

**Wednesday
14 October**

Salamander Tasting Walk

**Wednesday 14 October
9:15am to 12pm**
Salamander Cookshop, 57 High Street, BH21 1HS

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A guided tour celebrating local food, with visits and tastings at a selection of artisan shops, restaurants and cafés in Wimborne.

Tickets: £10 per person; £15 for two.

Web: salamandercookshop.com Tel: 01202 840144

Lush Green Hub Visit

**Wednesday 14 October
1:30pm**

FREE **B**

Take a closer look at how Lush is developing innovative ways to reduce its carbon footprint.

A Positive Future for Wimborne

**Wednesday 14 October
7:30pm**
Museum of East Dorset Garden Room (access via the tea room, next to the public library)

FREE **B**

Hear about how we, as a community, can come together to create a positive future for the town.

**Thursday
15 October**

Eco Sustainable Solutions Visit

Thursday 15 October, 2pm

FREE **B**

Discover how Eco Sustainable Solutions is helping to protect the planet by turning waste into valuable resources.

The Wellbeing Connection

Thursday 15 October 7:30pm
Wimborne Community Centre, 41-44 King St, BH21 1EA

FREE **B**

Drawing on doctoral research and work with local authorities, the NHS and community organisations, speaker Rosie Equi will explore the benefits of social prescribing, and how community connections, volunteering, nature and local activities support health and wellbeing.

**Saturday
17 October**

A Wild Heart Workshop

**Saturday 17 October
10:30am to 12pm**
Walford Mill, BH21 1NL

FREE **B** **👤**

For students 8-16 years. An exciting mixed media workshop with artist and qualified teacher Sarah Redmond-Fareham. Delve into the natural world, learn why nature is so important for our wellbeing and happiness, and create a beautiful work of art that will be displayed at Walford Mill.

Only 10 free spaces so booking is essential. Email sarahredmondfareham@gmail.com to book.

Wimborne Repair Café

**Saturday 17 October
12 to 2pm**
Wimborne Methodist Church, 4A King Street BH21 1DY

FREE

Bring along broken items and see if our volunteer fixers can repair them – free of charge (donations welcome). Help reduce waste and extend the life of everyday items. Refreshments available.

Let us know you're coming: wimbornerepaircafe@gmail.com

Charlie Dimmock

**Saturday 17 October
4:15 to 7pm**
QE School, BH21 4DT
See inside for more information.

**Sunday
18 October**

Mushrooms and Mindfulness

**Sunday 18 October
10:30am to 12pm**
Cannon Hill Woods

FREE **B**

A leisurely, family-friendly walk in collaboration with Friends of Uddens and Cannon Hill Woodlands to enjoy woodland wildlife, mushrooms and other fungi. Explore how forests can help our mental wellbeing and creativity, with some fun activities based on mindfulness and forest bathing.

