What’s happening in Henley?

Henley’s Great Big Green Week

**From 18th September** Green window displays in 44 of the shops in the town centre. Each will have a small picture of an endangered species for a family trail. Entry forms will be found in Henley Standard 17th Sept edition, more available on Greener Henley stall on 19th and 25th. Completed forms to be handed in to Greener Henley stall at the Big Green Bazaar on 25th. The first three completed and correct forms will win a prize! (One of which will be a £10 voucher for Richard Way’s Books, Friday Street. Others to be confirmed.)

Also during the week these establishments agreed to adopt ‘greener’ menus:

Little Angel, Watercolour Café, Drifters, Sage and Squash, Geo Café .

Public Library will have a habitats display put up by Hedgehogs group and Toad Patrol.

**Sunday 19th Greener Henley and friends** will have stalls and displays on Falaise Square from 10.00 – 4.00. These will include Trees Group, Wildlife Group,Swifts Support Group, Wildlife Wonders Zone – (younger greenies activities), Henley Toad Patrol, Rotary Club, Fairtrade, Sonning Common Green Gym. Displays for those and Plastic Free Henley, Henley Rowing Club, CEE Bill Zero Hour.

Here is the list of other activities happening this week, unless stated please contact [greenerhenley@gmail.com](mailto:greenerhenley@gmail.com) for booking advice:

**Sunday 19th** Reverend Sam Brewster will be including the environment in his sermon at Trinity at Four which is held at Christchurch U.R.C., Reading Road.

**Monday 20th** Sarah Cook will be leading a gentle cycle ride for a small group from 9.30 – 10.30. (This is a participate at your own risk event.) To book a place please contact [greeneerhenley@gmail.com](mailto:greeneerhenley@gmail.com)

Sally Rankin of Greener Henley Wildlife Group, with Andrew Hawkins Henley’s Tree Warden, will lead a guided walk at Gillotts Field, Greys Road from 10.00 – 12.00 noon looking at nature and trees in particular. Interested parties contact [s.rankin@btinternet.com](mailto:s.rankin@btinternet.com)

**Tuesday 21st** is U.N. International Day for Peace and Henley Quakers are marking the day with a quiet “Making Peace with our Planet walk”. Starting at the Friends Meeting House at 10.30 to arrive at the Peace Tree in Mill Meadows by 11.30 via the Town Hall. Anyone can join at any stage. More information contact dianalbarnett@outlook.com

Walkers are Welcome are planning a morning countryside walk with a difference – picking up litter as you go. Meet outside Henley Town Council at 10.30 a.m please contact [petercstone99@aol.com](mailto:petercstone99@aol.com) to book a place.

**Wednesday 22nd** S.O.D.C. are hosting sustainable business stalls in the Town Hall.

Sally Rankin of Greener Henley Wildlife Group is leading a Wildlife Working Party from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 at the Trinity Churchyard which has been a haven for wildlife for almost 40 years. Please register your interest at [s.rankin@btinternet.com](mailto:s.rankin@btinternet.com) (Refreshments provided)

**7.30 p.m**  A public lecture ‘God, Science and the Climate Emergency’ given by Dr. Krish Kandiah will take place at 7.30 p.m. at a central Henley venue. For more information and to book your ticket visit <https://greenerhenley.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Thursday 23rd** Another chance to go on a guided small group cycle ride led by Sarah at 9.30 – 10.30. Contact [greenerhenley@gmail.com](mailto:greenerhenley@gmail.com) to book a place.

A guided bird walk led by Alan Parfitt of about two hours length starting at 9.a.m. at Mill Lane Carpark. To book a place and get details of this walk, please contact [s.rankin@btinternet.com](mailto:s.rankin@btinternet.com)

**Friday 24th** Discover two miles of lesser known footpaths within the town led by Walkers are Welcome, contact [petercstone99@aol.com](mailto:petercstone99@aol.com) .

**Saturday 25th Henley’s Big Green Bazaar** Falaise Square, 10.00 – 4.00

Lots of stalls, displays and activities celebrating all things environmental. To include Greener Henley, Trees Group, Wildlife Group, Swifts Support Group, Clean Air for Henley, Henley Car Club, Climate Emergency Working Group with the Henley Environmental Action Plan, The Wildlife Wonders Zone for younger naturalists to be creative, Greenshoots with produce and fantastic potato printing activity, Fairtrade, Sonning Common Green Gym, The Fungi Roadshow- bring your mystery fungi (or picture of) for identification by Professor Richard Fortey, President of the Oxfordshire Fungi Survey, Henley Toad Patrol, Henley and Goring Ramblers, Henley Quakers – Making Peace with our Planet – COP 26 – what it is, why it’s so important and how to get your voice heard with postcards to send to Alok Sharma, M.P. President of COP26. Plus many displays including CEE Bill Zero Hour, Plastic Free Henley, Henley Rowing Club, Turning over a new leaf tree, and much more.

**Sunday 26th**

Reverend Sam Brewster will be including the environment in his sermon at Trinity at Four which is held at Christchurch U.R.C., Reading Road. From 4 p.m.

Big river clean up for World Rivers Day. Warriors on Waste are inviting you to clean a stretch of the river from Val Wyatt Marina RG10 8LH. Meet at Cwitch Café Bring your own paddleboard or borrow one, or just clean along the towpath. From1.30 to 3.00. To book a place and find out about coffee and cake: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../big-green-week-river>

Or you could do your favourite stretch of the towpath at any time of the day, For litter-picking equipment email [waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk)

**During the week**

Many groups like the Brownies are making bug hotels, Henley Manor Care Home’s art group are painting endangered species, Chiltern’s Court Activity group are doing green things, Henley Youth Choir are singing songs about nature and the environment in their rehearsals and Harpsden Pre-school are all doing green activities in their Forest school.

If you are interested in the environment and looking for positive ways you can help reverse the human damage to our planet, come along to any of the events at Henley’s Great Big Green Week. From the 18th to the 26th September towns and villages across the country are considering the environment and our impact upon it, particularly in the run up to the very important United Nations conference to be held in Glasgow this November, commonly known as COP26. Our environment affects everyone and that is why we are asking everyone to get involved.