

CONGLETON CLIMATE^o FESTIVAL + GREEN FAYRE



**CLIMATE FESTIVAL
23-31 OCTOBER**



GREEN FAYRE 30 OCTOBER

CLIMATE FESTIVAL AND GREEN FAYRE

The world is experiencing more extreme weather conditions: intense heat, drought, floods and storms. The polar ice caps are melting. Global temperatures are up by 1.2°C and increasing by 0.2°C per decade. At the same time, the planet is also facing a nature emergency with a million of the nine million species facing extinction.

The World Leaders are meeting in Glasgow for COP26 from the 31st October to the 12th November. The pressure is on politicians from across the globe to agree binding agreements to change behaviour, reduce carbon emissions and turn the tide on global warming to stop the climate becoming even more extreme and many lands becoming uninhabitable.

In the week leading up to the COP26 Conference, Congleton is having a Climate Festival and Green Fayre. This has been organised by Congleton Partnership's Sustainability Group and Congleton Town Council's Green Working Group. Most of the publicity is online, but we agreed to produce some printed materials on this important subject to tell you more about the Climate Festival events and provide some simple pointers to how you can make changes to reduce you and your family's carbon footprint.

Climate Change and the Nature Emergency is a huge problem. It is everyone's problem. We are all part of the solution. Please take some time over the Climate Festival and Green Fayre to explore the issues further and see how you can help be part of the solution. There are plenty of people who are keen to speak with you, share experiences and discuss ways forward.

We look forward to seeing you at the Fayre and at some of the events. Note some events have number limits so you may need to book your place.

Cllr Denis Murphy
Congleton Town Mayor

Peter Aston
Chair of Congleton Partnership



CLIMATE FESTIVAL EVENTS

Over the next few pages there are details about a range of FREE events planned for Congleton's Climate Festival. You can take part in walks, talks, demonstrations and activities. All information was correct at time of going to press, but we recognise that we are still in uncertain times where people's best made plans suddenly have to alter!

For the latest information check www.congleton-tc.gov.uk or tel: 01260 270350 ext 1. The organisers cannot be held responsible for any losses occurred due to change of plans. Some events have limited spaces. Where it says **BOOKING NECESSARY** please book a place via the website.



OCTOBER

23rd October – mid November: Congleton Library, visit the display on Climate and Nature – with many topical books to browse and borrow.

25th-29th: Vale Allotment Open Days

Come on a tour to find out more about the allotments and the trust. Tours at 12 noon. **Maximum 6 people per session – booking necessary.**

25th-29th: Visit Congleton's Hydro Site.

Make sure to book via the website: www.congletonhydro.co.uk

25th: Open morning at Congleton Bath House & Physic Garden, 9.30am-12.30pm.

Volunteers will be on site on Monday morning to give informal tours, advice and information. At other times visitors can conduct a self-tour reading the information boards. The Physic Garden has a wide range of traditional herbs, fruit bushes and trees. There are wild-flower and woodland areas, a pond and a water harvesting system.

Off Lawton Street, 100 yards from the Town Hall. Turn right onto Cole Hill Bank behind the Cenotaph, then left through the arch and up the steps.

www.congletonbhpg.co.uk

25th: Dane-In-Shaw Pasture Eco Tour, 10am.

Max 15 people. Booking necessary. Meet at entrance on Biddulph Valley Way just east of the railway viaduct. Walk from Bromley woods, or from Bromley Road, or via the canal from the station.

A walk around this Site of Special Scientific Interest to learn about why it is so important and how it is managed. Rough and at times steep walking conditions. *Recommend waterproof sturdy footwear.*

25th: Congleton Climate Action Group, United Reform Church, Antrobus Street 6.30pm

Congleton Climate Action Group is part of the World's largest grassroots environmental campaign organisation helping to find local solutions to a global crisis. Made up of ordinary people like you who have a desire to do something for the climate. Come along and find out more! There will be lots of support and training opportunities.



25th: 'People & Wildlife' Talk & Walk with CE Ranger Matt Axford at Astbury Mere Country Park, 2pm.

Booking necessary by noon on 22nd. A 1½ miles, 1½ hours guided walk to see how Congleton's foremost green space is having to adapt to a changing environment and how visitors can benefit from getting close to nature.

26th: 'A Future for Land Use' Talk & Walk with CE Ranger Matt Axford at Timbersbrook, 2pm.

Booking necessary by 24th October. Is our current land use sustainable? What can historical land use changes tell us about how we may need to adapt for the future. Countryside guided walk. 1½ miles. 1½ hours. Meet at Timbersbrook Car Park. Sturdy walking shoes recommended.

26th: 'Foraging Walk' from Capitol Walk, 4-6pm.

Max 10 people. Booking Necessary. There are at least 50 edible plants that are easy to find in most locations in the UK. This tour will take you on a short walk to spot the favourite locations for these plants around the town of Congleton, and help you to identify free and nutritious whole-food as a supplement to any diet. Meet at Congleton Bus area near Congleton Library at 4pm.



26th Farming for Wildlife, Congleton Town Hall 7.30pm – 8.30pm

Max 50 people. Booking Necessary. Adam Linnet, from Cheshire Wildlife Trust, talks us through his family's wildlife-friendly farm. Touching on how wildlife is made a priority on the farm, right through to the financial hurdles farming faces, the talk should give you a good idea of how farming and wildlife can work together.

27th: Streetscape Rewilding Park Tour, 10am - 12pm.

Starting at the Park Pavilion with Streetscape Manager. Come along to see the open space designs for Congleton and chat about how Congleton Town Council's Streetscape Team is becoming more sustainable.

27th- Plastic Free Congleton Event at The Old Saw Mill, 4-6pm.

PLASTIC FREE CONGLETON
SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE

Plastic Free Congleton are holding a drop-in session to discuss all things plastic! Learn more about how to remove/replace single-use plastics from your home, business, community space, school or nursery and how you can help Congleton become a Plastic Free Community. Plastic items (and other recyclables) which CAN go in the Cheshire East silver bins will be on display – there's more than you think! And there will also be information about the TerraCycle drop-off points around the town. Bring your collections of empty crisp packets and medicine blister packs, old make-up containers and cheese wrappers (washed please) during the event, which will be fed through to the TerraCycle drop-off points. See Plastic Free Congleton on Facebook.

27th: Sourdough Bread-making Demonstration at The Old Saw Mill, 6-8pm.

Max 10 people. Booking Necessary. Did you have a go at bread-making during the lock-down, and it didn't quite work? Well, here is a demonstration that will convince you how easy, quick and cheap it is to make your own wholesome, organic bread - better than any shop or bakery.



28th: Electric Vehicles - Facts, Myths & Real-World Experiences' at Bear Grills Café, 7-8pm.



Max 45 People. Booking Necessary. Mark Thompson has worked extensively in both automotive engineering (at Bentley in Crewe) and also in the public sector supporting the development of low carbon energy technologies and solutions. He has owned an electric vehicle for 7 years. How we generate and use energy is changing as we continue to decarbonise. The move to electric vehicles is happening! Based on solid evidence and real world experiences the talk will:

- Share key facts, insights and emerging trends on this subject including a comparison to other countries
- Describe the real-world experiences of electric vehicle ownership
- Get under the skin of the perceived issues and impacts of the move to electric vehicles and myths that perpetuate on the subject. This includes areas such as environmental impact, power grid capacity and EV charging infrastructure

29th- Talk and Q&A Session with Esther Bird

Max 50 people. Booking Necessary. Cheshire's very own Eco-Youth and School-Strike Climate Campaigner, Congleton Town Hall, Bridestones Suite, 6-8pm. An engaging and hopefully inspiring presentation and Q&A session from young people about how we can use our ever growing climate anxiety as fuel to create change. We'll explore how young people can make meaningful change when it often feels like we have no agency.



30th: Congleton Green Fayre, 10am-4pm on the closed High Street.

A great opportunity to meet with many of Congleton's prominent green groups, organisations and businesses all in one place! More on the centre page.

31st: Plant Swap at Astbury Mere, 9.30am-12.30pm.

Congleton plant swap is where you can bring along any plants/edible plants/seeds and look for something you wish to swap it with. All is for free and people are welcome to come along even if they have nothing to swap. The aim is to help everyone to get growing in their own gardens for a fraction of the cost it would take visiting the garden centre.

Saturday 30th October: Bare Health 10th Birthday celebrations

Say Hi to the team at Bare Health as they celebrate their 10th anniversary on the High Street. They will be offering their hugely popular eco household refill service from their green stall located right outside the shop. Don't forget to bring along your empties! Look out for exclusive discounts, fantastic prize draw and amazing goody bags available to customers spending £20 or more (whilst stocks last) More on the Bare Health facebook page.

Saturday October 30th: St. Peter's Church, Chapel Street, open 10.30am - 2.30pm.

Ruth Valerio of Tearfund discusses issues around climate change with four experts:

10.30am **Christiana Figueres** - former executive secretary of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change

11.30 am **Thabo Makgoba** - Archbishop of Cape Town on water issues

12.30pm **Sir Martin Rees** - Astronomer Royal

1.30 pm **Professor Meric Srokosz** - a physical oceanographer from the National Oceanography Centre

Each video lasts about 15 minutes, followed by a time of private prayer or reflection for anyone who wishes to stay.

Tearfund tackles poverty in more than 50 countries through sustainable development.

3rd November: Climate Films at The Young Pretender, Lawton Street, 7pm.

TREE PLANTING IN CONGLETON

Congleton Tree groups is about to start its 3rd season of planting trees and hedgerows in and around Congleton. The group has already planted 3,500 trees but has a long way to go to meet the ambitious target of 30,000 additional trees.

Find out how you can help via trees for Congleton facebook site.



Congleton Climate Action Group is part of the Worlds largest grassroots environmental campaign organisation, helping to find local solutions to a global crisis. We are made up of people like you, harnessing community power together to make Congleton more climate friendly, greener and safer for all.

We always welcome new people with a desire to do something for the climate and a bit of spare time. You can do as much or as little as you want, and you'll be offered lots of support and training opportunities to be able to make a difference.

Inaugural meeting all welcome at United Reform Church,
Antrobus Street - Monday 25th October, 6.30pm

Contact: jackiekay28@hotmail.co.uk



**Friends of
the Earth**

THE GREEN FAYRE

SATURDAY 30TH OCTOBER

CONGLETON HIGH STREET 10AM – 4PM

Get Informed and Get Involved at the Congleton Green Fayre. More than 30 stalls housing a wide range of groups, organisations and companies will be found on Congleton's closed High Street. All the stalls will have information, products or services which will help you to live more sustainably in Congleton.

At time of going to print those planning to attend the fayre included:

Cheshire Wildlife Trust • Congleton Apple Press • William Dean Trust
Active Travel Congleton • Hydro Scheme • Plastic Free Congleton
Bare Health • Wild and Wild • Cheshire East Ansa • Congleton Park
Bromley Farm Development Trust • Congleton In Bloom • Eco Schools
Congleton Tree Group • Greenfinch Fairtrade • Greenfinch Naturals
Congleton Air Quality • Congleton Food 4 Free • Heroes Renewables
V.Eco Food Wraps • Herbalist • Parish of Congleton • Cheshire Bee Keepers
Clonter Green Opera • GP Social Prescribers • Cheshire East Council
Feast (Home of Feast) • Congleton Climate Action Group • JB Woodwork
Congleton Town Council Green Group • Astbury Lane Nursery • plus others
to be confirmed.

There are plans for a selection of electric cars and the opportunity to speak with the owners plus a range of local talent to entertain and add to the atmosphere.

DON'T MISS IT!

As it's the last Saturday of the month, visitors to Congleton Town Centre will also be able to enjoy visiting Congleton's Makers Market which will be located on the pedestrian area.

For the latest up to date information see:

www.congleton-tc.gov.uk/climate-festival-green-fayre/



ECO-FRIENDLY TIPS

How many does your family do?
Tick them off!



- Eat more vegetarian and vegan foods
- Buy from/donate to charity shops
- Use peat-free compost
- Grow your own food/buy from local suppliers
- Teach your children to care about the environment
- Support parties and organisations with strong eco-policies. Sign petitions
- Cut down (or stop) flying, and offset carbon emissions
- Cut down or remove fish, beef and lamb from your diet
- Donate to environmental charities

GENERAL ENERGY SAVING TIPS AT HOME



- Ensure your heating and water settings are just right, and lower the thermostat by 1°
- Insulate your home. Close your lined curtains at dusk to keep heat in.
- Use LED light bulbs
- Get solar panels fitted
- Set your dishwasher to the lowest temperature setting and wash clothes at 30°. Change the settings on your fridge and freezer too!
- Turn off lights, printers, TV's, screens and computers etc. when not in use
- (When you have to) buy new electrical items with an A+ or above energy rating
- Wear warm clothes & invest in a down duvet
- Make sure there is plenty of washing up before you fill the washing up bowl
- Get a smaller kettle/only fill to a low level when making 1 or 2 cups of tea
- Wear your clothes more before washing them. Air them and put them back in the wardrobe, especially jeans!
- Keep shower time down
- Use your washing line

REDUCING FOSSIL FUEL CONSUMPTION IN THE HOME



- Invest in a heat pump
- Buy an electric oven with an induction hob, and use the microwave more
- Avoid using a gas fire, get an electric one instead
- Switch your petrol strimmer/lawn mower to electric ones
- Use a 100% renewable energy provider
- Contact your pension provider and insist that your pension fund does not invest in fossil fuels

ECO-FRIENDLY TRANSPORT



- Buy or rent an electric car/bike
- Use public transport to commute, shop, and visit friends. Walk and cycle too!
- Start a school walking bus/offer to walk your child's friends to school
- Holiday in the UK—take the train!
- Lift-share to work and give friends lifts when going out
- Keep speed down on the roads and drive smoothly to conserve fuel
- Try to reduce mileage/save up errands in town to reduce the number of journeys

MAKE YOUR HOME A WILDLIFE HAVEN



- Plant a tree in your garden
- Keep your lawn long to support insects and encourage lawn flowers
- Rewild an area of garden, plant herbs and butterfly friendly plants
- Make a pond, even a small one will help amphibians
- Make a hedgehog hole in your fence and encourage your neighbours to do the same to create corridors
- Get a bird table and bird bath and keep food and fresh water available throughout the year



TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS (TPOS)

Trees are our great allies in the fight against climate change. But did you know that any tree can be protected by a TPO?

Anyone can apply for a TPO, in Cheshire East, email: planningtrees@cheshireeast.gov.uk with details of the location of the tree and why you think it should be considered.

Would you like to get involved with the enormous task of planting 30,000 new trees in Congleton? Visit [@TreesforCongleton](#) on Facebook for more information.

This small group of volunteers will be requiring lots of help! Tree planting will begin in late October through November to February. So far 3,500 trees have already been planted.

NOT ABLE TO MAKE THE CLIMATE FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES?

AWAY FOR THE GREEN FAYRE?

Don't worry! There is still plenty of opportunity to find out more about living more sustainably in Congleton!

Go on-line and complete the FREE Sustainable Living in Congleton course created by Congleton Town Council and Congleton Partnership.

Discover how to reduce your carbon footprint by making changes to the food you eat, energy you use, how you travel and things you buy.

Then share the knowledge with others!

Join the learning at:

learn.congleton-tc.gov.uk