

# Richmond GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

10-18 June

## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS



THE GREAT  
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Celebrating  
nature and  
climate  
action





# Introduction

Great Big Green Week is a week celebrating community action around nature and climate action and we are delighted to share our event programme for Richmond Great Big Green Week with you.

This year Richmond Council has funded 35 microgrants to community groups, schools, businesses and organisations to create events and initiatives as part of Great Big Green Week, many of which are open to residents of Richmond and are included in this programme.

For more information on Great Big Green Week and full up-to-date event information including booking details and additional events please visit [Richmond.gov.uk/Great\\_Big\\_Green\\_Week](https://Richmond.gov.uk/Great_Big_Green_Week)



# All Great Big Green Week

## Beverley Brook Lost Nature Trail in Barnes Common

Barnes Common, along the Beverley Brook  
**All week**



The Beverley Brook is missing some species, largely due to climate change and human activity. Community Bluescapes' self-guided walk will give you a peak into these species and what we can do to help. Find out more on the Barnes Common Ltd website [BarnesCommon.org.uk](http://BarnesCommon.org.uk)

## 'Let It Grow, Let It Grow' Poetry Competition

Anywhere where inspires you to write poetry  
**All week**



Dramacube are running a competition for 7-14 year olds to write a poem to highlight the importance of wildflowers in the areas we live. With prizes for children and their school, the winning poem will feature on the plaque of a flower planter on Hampton Hill High Street. Find out more on Dramacube.co.uk. Competition closes 30 June.

### Event key

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| Walking/tour        | Global issues   |
| Planting            | Writing         |
| Volunteer           | Food/drink      |
| Helping with nature | Recycling/reuse |



Sunday 4 June

## Kew Village Market

Kew Village Centre, Station Parade, TW9 3PZ

10-2pm

A favourite community event in a lovely leafy setting featuring around 45 food and craft stalls and piloting a new recycling trial for the area.



## Great River Clean Up

Richmond Canoe Club  
TW10 6UT

11.15am-1.30pm

Richmond Canoe Club is gathering its members and families to clean the riverbanks together and make a positive impact on our environment by clearing out plastic and non-biodegradable debris from our beloved river. Area of interest will be Teddington Lock to Richmond Bridge on the Richmond bank. Members of the public are welcome and must [pre-book via this link](#) before 11.59pm of the 1 June, here:



Tuesday 6 June

## Making Charity Premises Green, Accessible and Energy Efficient

Online

10-11am

Richmond CVS are running a free webinar with the Ethical Property Foundation in partnership with Kingston Voluntary Action. It will look at making charity premises eco-friendly and accessible in a cost effective way. Book in advance:

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/596681579667](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/596681579667)



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Saturday 10 June

## Arts Exhibition & Children's Activities

Crane Community Centre,  
56 Meadway, Twickenham  
TW2 6PQ

12-3pm



Parents and children are invited to join local families from Parents for Future at an art exhibition of artwork that celebrates our beautiful planet. Everyone will have an opportunity to create their own masterpiece. Refreshments provided.

## Crossroads Green Youth Gang

Crossroads Care Offices,  
Teddington

12pm



Various activities to maintain climate positive and sustainable behaviours including planting for biodiversity, repairing and reusing items, plus growing herbs and vegetables at the front of our building.

## Great Big Green Week at St. James's Church

St. James's Church, St. James's Road, Hampton Hill TW12 1DQ

2-4pm



A wonderful event in our church yard with free, fun nature themed activities for the whole family including crafty tales, a guided tour of the churchyard's wildlife, expert talks and more.

## Great Big Green Week Story Times

Every library in  
Richmond Borough

4pm



Very special story times to hear stories all about animals, nature and the environment. All free and no need to book. Visit [Richmond.gov.uk/storytime](http://Richmond.gov.uk/storytime) to find out what's happening in every library in Richmond Borough.

Sunday 11 June

## My Own Grown Food

White House TW12 3RN

Morning



The Albanian Heritage Club invites children to plant their own vegetables and flowers and learn about the importance of biodiversity.





## Clean Sheen

Various streets in East Sheen

10am-1pm

Clean Sheen will bring volunteers together to spend a morning clearing litter in their local area to make East Sheen's environment cleaner for the community and local wildlife. Litter-picking tools will be provided to all participants. Children are welcome if supervised by a parent or guardian. Supported by Habitats & Heritage. Please register in advance:

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/629374354637/](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/629374354637/)



## Hampton Wick Big Green Picnic

Kings Field (opposite St. John's Church), Hampton Wick

12pm - 3pm

The Hampton Wick Association and St. John's Church invite everyone to bring their own (plastic-free) picnic. There'll be children's entertainment, a Big Green Quiz, free bouncy castles, an adventure playground, live music, a Big Green Ideas Board, traditional village games and races, and delicious home-made ice-creams for sale.



## Monday 12 June

## GoodGym Gardening in Buccleuch Gardens

Meet at Tap Tavern, TW9 1ED

6.45pm

This regular run will be holding a special Great Big Green Week to Buccleuch Gardens in Richmond to garden the sponsored plots The Three Pigeons Plot and the Arcade Rockery. Come and combine exercise and volunteering with a welcoming group.



## Tuesday 13 June

## Green Innovation and The Circular Economy

The Exchange, 75 London Road, Twickenham TW1 1BE

9.30am - 2.30pm

The Design Lab will be running a free workshop for residents and businesses to listen to experts and apply a 'hackathon' methodology to co-design solutions to the problems we all face. Pre-register via Design Lab: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/624390176827](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/624390176827)



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## Richmond Furniture Scheme “Re-use in Action”

1a Fortescue Avenue,  
Twickenham TW2 5LS

11am and 2pm



Tour our Richmond Furniture Scheme site and talk about what we do, our environmental savings, how the process works and who benefits. We'll include demonstrations using recycled materials and provide nibbles and light refreshments.

## Reminiscence Roadshow

Elleray Hall, Elleray Road,  
Teddington TW11 0HG

2-3pm



Bringing alive memories from ON THE ALLOTMENT: Stories of the challenges, achievements and friendships made on allotments around West London. Members £1, Non-members £3 to include refreshments. Please call 0208 977 0549 to book your space.

## Little Seedlings Grow Club

Ham Library  
3.45-4.45pm



Decorate your own wooden ladybird house whilst learning about sustainability and the local environment at a special Great Big Green Week edition of the popular children's gardening and nature club. Free for children of all ages, accompanied by an adult.

## Great Big Green Week story times

Ham Library, Kew Library,  
Teddington Library, Twickenham  
Library, and Whitton Library

4pm



Very special story times to hear stories all about animals, nature and the environment. All free and no need to book.

## 'B\_Friendly' Planting for Bees

DERA Hall, Dene Estate,  
Twickenham TW2 7QB

6-7pm



Planting of suitable flowering plants for bees and a talk about the work of the DERA Hall Committee.





## Idling Action in Barnes

### Location in Barnes

The Council Air Quality team will be organising Idling Action in Barnes and are looking for volunteers to help. The aim is to encourage drivers who are stationary to turn off their engines. Please contact Gia to get involved: [gia.pendred@merton.gov.uk](mailto:gia.pendred@merton.gov.uk)



Wednesday 14 June

## Marble Hill Landscape Meadows Tour

### Marble Hill Park

11am



A walking tour around Marble Hill looking at key areas of environmental conservation including the wild flower meadows, hedge-laying area, grotto, ice house, dead hedging and other areas for wildlife conservation.

## Junk Food Café Lunch & Cambrian Goes Green

### Cambrian Community Centre, Queen's Road, Richmond TW10

11.30am-2pm

Join for a 'pay if you can' lunch provided by local restaurants and supermarkets, cooked and served

by volunteers and for the launch of the brand new green space.



## Coffee and Crafting

### Museum of Richmond (2nd Floor), Old Town Hall, Whittaker Avenue, Richmond TW9 1TP

1-3pm



An afternoon of crafting and creativity. Sustainability is at the heart of our workshops, using repurposed and recycled materials where possible. Explore the story behind a beautifully crafted object from the museum's collection as the inspiration for your crafting. We'll create crochet mandalas recycling old material into yarn.

## Already Read Book Club

### Castlenau Library, 75 Castlenau Road, Barnes, SW13 9RT

1pm-2.30pm



Community Bluescapes is hosting a book club with a twist. Share your love for a climate or nature-related book you've already read and want to recommend to other people to read.



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Castelnau Library and Hampton Wick Library

4pm



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## Gardening at Chertsey Court

Chertsey Court, Mortlake SW14

4-6/7pm



Residents, locals and friends of Chertsey Court are welcome to a community gardening event of planting for balconies, windowsills and making Chertsey Court a thriving space for biodiversity and residents.

Thursday 15 June

## Tree Planting Day

Stud Nursery, Home Park, Hampton Court Road KT8 9DB

10am-2pm



A chance to volunteer at Balance's horticultural centre for adults with learning difficulties. We will be planting apple trees on frames and increasing our carbon capture

## Clean Air Day

Richmond Train Station forecourt

10.30am-4pm



The LBRuT Air Quality Team will be running an information stall on air quality and active travel. Including EVCP plus scooter, bike and car hire schemes borough-wide. Bring your bike down for Dr Bike bicycle checks. There'll be a free to try cargo bike taxi service for nearby destinations as well as street entertainers in Richmond Town Centre and nearby schools.



## Wildflower Meadow Spotlight Workshop

Marble Hill Park

11am – 1pm



Discover our wildflower meadows with our Gardens and Nature conservation team. Learn the species of flowers, how the areas are prepared and the impact upon the environment. We'll provide booklets as well as assistance and talks from our team enabling the identification of species growing in our meadows.

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## Idling Action at Level Crossings

Various, mostly Barnes

3-6pm



Richmond & Twickenham Friends of the Earth and Richmond XR will be asking drivers to switch off their engines at level crossings and thanking those who do. For anyone interested in learning more please contact [info@rtfoe.org.uk](mailto:info@rtfoe.org.uk)

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## Stories in the Garden

Teddington Library Garden

4pm



Celebrate your local environment and get close to nature in Teddington Library's beautiful garden for a Great Big Green Week outdoor storytime. Free to all and no need to book.



## Energy Efficiency Advice

Online

6.30pm



South West London Energy Advice Partnership (SWLEAP) will be running an online presentation with advice on how to enhance home energy efficiency and reduce the cost of energy bills. It will also include more information on how SWLEAP is helping residents in the borough and how people can register their interest to receive the service. Please book in advance:

[www.eventbrite.com/e/640405268397](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/640405268397)

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## Build Your Own Microscope (To Investigate Water Quality)



ETNA Community Centre,  
13 Rosslyn Road, TW1 2AR

7pm

Habitats & Heritage are hosting a workshop to build microscopes from recycled and household materials and launch a 'citizen science' initiative testing water samples from The Thames to look for microorganisms and microplastics. Learn more about water quality and what we can do to help.



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## Wildlife Gardening & Nature-Connected Neighbourhoods

Online (Zoom)

7pm



Nature-Connected Neighbourhoods CIC will be running an online talk about how we can help in the climate and nature crises through wildlife gardening and the importance of creating habitat and corridors for wildlife.

## Climate Chat in the Church



St. Luke's Church, Kew, TW9 2AJ

7.45pm

From the team that brought you Kew EcoFair, hear from inspirational speakers about how you can make practical changes in your everyday life to reduce your carbon footprint, including 'greening' your home with solar panels and heat pumps, recycling and reducing food waste, and reducing air pollution in London. Talk and Q&A will be followed by drinks and nibbles.

Tickets £6 booked in advance: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/638615023727](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/638615023727)

Friday 16 June

## Richmond Arts & Ideas Festival: Together & Change

Various locations

Various times  
(16 June to 2 July)



Join us for dance, music, exhibitions, theatre and conversation to help us imagine a shared future. The theme is open and inclusive to explore aspects like heritage, identity, environment, social justice, racism, internationalism, placemaking and different generations. For the full programme, visit: [richmondartsandideas.com](http://richmondartsandideas.com)

## Introduction to Mindful Nature Connection



Crane Park, Twickenham

10am-12pm

Dragon Mindfulness and Nature Connection are bringing an opportunity to mindfully connect with nature in Crane Park bringing physical and mental health benefits as well as promoting sustainability. This will involve gentle walking, is suitable for adults but we request no dogs please. Tickets are free, please book in advance: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/639496289617](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/639496289617)



## Gaia

Landmark Arts Centre, Ferry Road, Teddington TW11 9NN

10am onwards (open Mon-Sat, June 16-July 2)

Launching on 16 June, Luke Jerram's Gaia is an awe-inspiring sight Measuring 7m in diameter and suspended inside the Landmark Arts Centre, Gaia features high-resolution NASA imagery of the Earth's surface and features surround sound composition by BAFTA award-winning composer, Dan Jones. Book free tickets in advance via Landmark's website ([LandmarkArtsCentre.org](http://LandmarkArtsCentre.org)).



## SupermarketForest

Orleans House Gallery, Twickenham TW1 3BL

10-5pm (daily, closed Mondays)

Artist Andrew Merrit has created an immersive installation in Orleans Gallery: a supermarket, but not as we know it. An imagined future forest replaces vacuum-packed, plastic, consumerist products; shelves packed with ecosystems, familiar shapes with unfamiliar fillings. The exhibition is growing and the shelves are filling, challenging our perception of food and where it comes from.



## Great Big Green Week Reminiscence Café

Old Town Hall, Richmond

11am

A welcoming talk on local rewilding and conservation projects as well as local wildlife and habitats from Francesca Batt, Nature Conservation Manager at Habitats & Heritage.



## Letters to Tomorrow

Castelnau Community Centre, 7 Stillingfleet Road, Barnes SW13 9AQ

1.30-3.30pm

The future of our borough is not yet written and you can help write it. This is your chance to publicly declare what is important to you and what climate action you want to see on a local and national scale. Hosted by Community Bluescapes.



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## Open Garden & Energy Advice Workshop

Elleray Hall, Elleray Road,  
Teddington TW11 0HG

1-4pm



Our hidden gem of a garden will be open to all to visit. Habitats & Heritage will be holding an Energy Advice Workshop. A complimentary cream team will be on offer to our first 50 visitors and plants will be available to purchase.

## Saturday 17 June

## Clean Up and Plant Out at Wellington Gardens

Wellington Gardens, please gather at the front of 7/7a

From 10.20am, throughout the afternoon



Wellington Gardens Residents' Group will be cleaning up the street and planting bee and bird friendly plants and flowers.

## Litter Pick in Richmond Town Centre

Outside Richmond Station

10am-12pm



Come and join our litter pick to help tidy up some hotspots in Richmond town centre.

## Twickenham Repair Café



St. Margaret's Church Hall, 130 St Margaret's Road TW1 1RL

10.30am-12.45pm

Lashings of cake, coffee, happiness and hearty repairs going on!

## Great Big Greener Mega Skip Day



Edgar Road, Heathfield

10-4pm

Bring your household waste to our community reuse, repair & skip day working with community partners including the Richmond Furniture Scheme, making waste and recycling collection easier for our community and promoting the environmental and economic benefits of reuse and repair.





## Grove Gardens Chapel Tour

Grove Gardens Chapel,  
Lower Grove Road,  
Richmond TW10 6HP



**12-3pm**

Habitats & Heritage invite you to visit the Grade II listed Victorian building, rarely open to the public and see the temporary exhibit called "Feeding London". Hear about the history of the site, it's restoration in the 1990s and the current issues faced from subsidence attributed to climate change. Book in advance: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/611142723337](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/611142723337)

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## Great Big Green Eco Workshops with Green Up Your Act Education

Ham Library and Community Garden  
**1.30-3.30pm (approx.)**



LBRuT Library Services will be running an 'Eco Fish Workshop' to explore the issue of single use plastic and marine litter followed by a renewable materials workshop in which there'll be a chance to decorate a cork fish with colourful recycled scales. There will also be a 'Happy Habitats Butterfly and Bug Seed Book Workshop' where you can learn how to create a garden with wildlife in mind.

*Sunday 18 June*

## Children's Eco-Learning Trip to Kew Gardens

Kew Gardens  
**12pm**



Transit Community Support CIC will be running a guided tour and eco-education sessions in the beautiful Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew to enable children to appreciate the natural environment and biodiversity and to encourage eco-friendly behaviours and practices to mitigate climate change. This event is free for all but please book in advance via [info@transit-community.org](mailto:info@transit-community.org) or via the form on the website ([transit-community.org](http://transit-community.org)).



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## Revamp and Personalise Your Denim

Etna Centre, 13 Rosslyn Road,  
Twickenham TW1 2AR

11-1pm



Makers United CIC and Bamboo Letting Studio invite you to join their denim upcycling workshop. Learn how to repair and restyle clothes and fall in love with your clothes again. Upcycle your denim and learn lettering, applique, illustration and embroidery. Book a place in advance via [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/645456797657](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/645456797657) tickets £5 to include materials.

## Build a Bird Box for The Woodland Walk

Strawberry Hill House, 268  
Waldegrave Road TW1 4ST

12pm - 1pm



Parents and children are invited to come to Strawberry Hill to build and decorate a bird box to boost the biodiversity in the Woodland Walk. In the Autumn you'll be invited to return for tea and biscuits and to see the boxes in situ ready for the winter.



Saturday 24 June

## Kinship Workshop

Meet by Richmond Bridge

10-1pm



Participants are invited into experiential, embodied and ever-deepening relationships to nature, landscape and other species through grounding physical practices. Participants are guided through simple activities to tune into being outside, how we sense, how we move through and relate to landscape. Book in advance: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/628454102137](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/628454102137)

## Repair and Share

The Marwood Room,  
The Avenue Halls, St. Luke's  
Church, The Avenue, Kew TW9  
2AJ

2-5pm (Last repair 4.30pm)



Kew the Transition's team of volunteer repairers will share their time and expertise to help our community have a go at reviving broken items. We welcome items old and new including small electricals (no microwaves), electronics, bikes, clothes, toys and more.



## R\_evolving Wardrobe Clothes Swap

Live Well Centre,  
Quadrant House,  
Levett Square,  
Kew TW9 4FF

**2pm**

A community clothes swap with a difference with stylists, makers and sustainability geeks.



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## A Super Solstice Procession

Orleans House Gallery  
to Cambridge Gardens  
**2-3.45pm**

Join a joyous, free and  
immersive procession  
along the Thames

Towpath between Orleans House  
Gallery and Richmond Bridge.  
Including wild performances  
from the Orange Tree Theatre  
Youth Groups and the planting  
of seed sculptures from Orleans  
House Gallery's Super Forest.



## Saturday 1 July

## Out of the Deep Blue & Taste of Twickenham

York Street, Twickenham

**11.30am, 2pm and 4.30pm  
performances**



An interactive walkabout of a 13-foot Sea Giant puppet named Eko and a physical theatre performance diving into the themes of environmental sustainability and the biodiversity crisis. It follows a magical story about the power of empathy and collaboration between Eko and a little girl called Violet. This event will be at the heart of the "A Taste of Twickenham" tasting trail of local delicacies.



## Wednesday 5 July

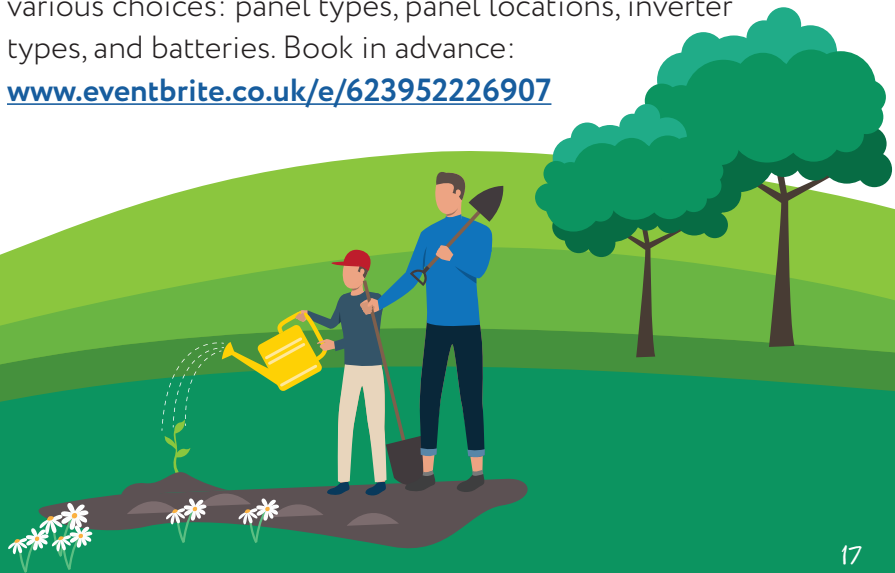
## Solar PV and Batteries: My Home and Your Home

The Exchange 75 London Road  
Twickenham TW1 1BE

**7.30-9pm**

Talk by local resident and scientist, Michael de Podesta. Learn how to estimate the likely effect of a solar installation on your house, and the pros and cons of various choices: panel types, panel locations, inverter types, and batteries. Book in advance:

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/623952226907](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/623952226907)





# Try A Great New Green Behaviour

- Plant a seed, pip, stone from your fruit & veg waste and see what grows
- Try 'Plastic Free July' and see how long you can go without buying anything in plastic
- Can you reduce your general waste to just one small bag each week?
- Buy second hand & vintage from one of the many small retailers near you
- Visit a refill store to buy products without the packaging
- Rent a cargo bike, e-scooter or bike
- Think water waste and how you can keep our river levels high and your water bills low
- Find out new ways to provide water, food and shelter to wildlife in your garden
- Discover new ways you can donate old items to those who want it, such as Olio, Freecycle, The Richmond Furniture Scheme or our many charity shops in the area



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Thank you!