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Be Part of The Great British Green Week 2021 18th – 26th September
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Let's make it the greatest greenest week our country and Woodstock has ever seen. A positive challenge to the Woodstock and Bladon Community. People and nature need a healthy environment and we can all help make it happen. 'The Week' is a celebration of the power we all have to take positive action on climate change and nature ... and takes place just 5 weeks before the vital UN Climate Summit COP 26 in Glasgow. It's our chance to urge our politicians to listen to the science and listen to the communities who did the least to cause the climate crisis and are living with the worst effects.

I hope people, businesses, councils, schools, churches, sports clubs and organisations of all types will plan to hold an activity or event during the week or perhaps join one of the larger events across the county.

Don't wait until September to get started ... start right now by writing or emailing our MP Robert Courts and George Eustice MP Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and ask for the climate promises and targets to be met, so that those on the frontline of the climate crisis have the support and finance to invest in building more sustainable futures for their communities, and the whole planet.

The Oxfordshire Great Big Green Week is organised by a voluntary network and welcomes schools, businesses, councils, faith organisations, sports clubs and everyone else to participate. They have ideas and can offer publicity and support for your actions. You can register events or activities that you're planning right now <https://greenweekoxon.co.uk> . Their 'Week' will link environment, arts and community organisations in Oxfordshire to help people take action and send the strongest possible messages to politicians in the UK and world leaders at the UN event. The message being 'we are doing what we can, and we need you to step up and act for our climate and environment'. This link gives a short guide to what they are planning and doing: <https://www.oxfoe.co.uk/introduction-to-oxfordshire-gbgw/>

Endorsed by the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils (OALC), the Oxfordshire Week coordinating group include the following so far (and more members are welcome):

- The Oxfordshire COP26 Climate Alliance
- The Green Arts Oxfordshire Network
- Good Food Oxford
- Oxfordshire CAGS (Sustainable Woodstock are one of 80 plus)

- Oxford Friends of the Earth

See <https://greatbiggreenweek.com/> for more on the national work.

Did you know ... according to research, climate change is already displacing more people than conflict. In 2020, the number of new people forced to move within their own country by climate disasters rose to the highest in at least a decade and more than 3 times those displaced due to conflict and violence. By the end of 2020, a record 55 million people in total had to move ... and considered an underestimate.*

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