

The Greener Abergavenny Fair Programme

October 1st 2023
Abergavenny Market Hall



Welcome

A warm welcome to the first of what we hope will become a regular event in the town, the Greener Abergavenny Fair.

Together with more than 60 different local groups and businesses, we aim to provide information, advice, entertainment, and support for all the community to explore changes that are possible in the way we live, individually and collectively, to be more resilient in the face of climate and ecological challenges.

We have designed the event to provide fun and lots of participation for children and families. The majority of our stalls include interactive, hand-on fun activities to make this a family fun day too. So do spend time on each stall and enjoy exploring what they have to offer. You may be surprised.

Stalls

Please visit our stalls **in the Hall (Numbers)** and on the **Upper Brewery level (letters)** to the rear for a variety of information, activities, and discussions.

ENERGY	#
Monmouthshire Housing Association (MHA)	43
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Octopus Energy	A
Severn Wye	39
Llangatock Green Valleys	38

FOOD AND FARMING	#
MCC Sustainable Food Partnership	32
Sustainable Food : Gilwern Primary School	33-35
OF 1200 ("Our Food)	26
Monnow Cider Making	61,62

FAMILY FUN	#
Pedal Emporium	F 36
Competitions - Photographic, Art and Poetry	Side Wall
Procession / Parade	Bailey Park
Writing for Fun, Abergavenny	2
There will be many other Interactive and hands on activities across the stalls and on tours.	

BUYING GREEN	#
MCC - Shop at the TIP	5
Toy Share Abergavenny	3
Clothes Share Abergavenny	4
Fairtrade Abergavenny	6
Little Green Refills	Market Street
Clothes Share Abergavenny	Market Street
Aber Brew - Fairtrade beverages	Market Hall

NATURE	#
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What's On - Schedule



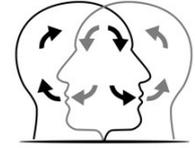
Time	Activity	Location
10:30	Market Hall doors open	
10:00-10:30	Assemble at Bailey Park Bandstand for Procession. Face painting and masks	Bailey Park
10:30-11:00	Procession from Bailey Park – Samba Band and Children	Bailey Park
11:00 (ish)	Procession arrives at Market Hall and Grand Opening	Market Hall
16:00	End of Fair	

Entertainment

11:15-11:25	The Childrens Choir	Market Hall
12:00-12:25	Ross Folk Choir	Market Hall
13:30-13:50	Rivers and Roads	Upper Brewery Yard
14:30-14:50	Ross Folk Choir	Upper Brewery Yard
15:00-15:25	Can Y Fenni	Market Hall
15:30-15:50	RP and Friends	Upper Brewery Yard

Please note: Performers are aware that the fair is progressing while they are performing i.e. there will be a festival atmosphere. However, we ask that others are quiet while the children perform their 2 songs.

Talks and Discussion Forums



In the Library

- 11.00am – 11.50.** *The state of our local rivers:*
Kim Waters (local rivers campaigner) and Simon Evans (Usk and Wye Foundation) on how to affect the speediest change to clean up our rivers.
- 12.00am - 12.50.** *Local food visions for Monmouthshire.*
County Council leader Mary Ann Brocklesby- also leader on food policy; John Morris [organic farmer]; Dave Brakes (Local grower).
- 1.00pm – 1.50** *Facing the realities of heat pumps and home retrofits.*
Dr Catrin Mab - Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment:
Chris Jofeh (engineer).
- 2.00pm – 2.50** *The Private Car's future post 2030: has it got one?*
A panel discussion including representatives from Hydrogen & amp; Electric vehicle producers and researchers in private car futures.
- 3.00pm – 3.50** *Solar farms in the countryside: the issues raised by the Government approval of the old Raglan road solar farm.*
Hugh Candler, community leader opposing the scheme; Craig O Connor, MCC planner on renewable power potential in the County.

Please arrive outside the Library at least 5 minutes before the start time

Tours



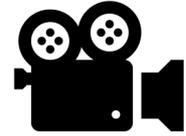
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| 12:00 | Laurie Jones Community Orchard and Castle Meadows |
| 13:00 | Friends of Bailey Park |
| 14:00 | Friends of Linda Vista Gardens |
| 15:00 | Repeat Tours of Bailey Park, Orchard and Castle Meadows – subject to demand |

Please sign up at the stalls by the “Green Man”

Tours will leave from the Market Hall rear entrance (Upper Brewery yard).

Tours will take up to 50 minutes. Please sign up at the “Friends” Stall if interested in taking a Tour (beneath the large “Green Man” near the main entrance) and arrive ready at the designated time. Sturdy footwear is recommended. Plan and dress for October weather. A wait list will be taken for others wishing to attend. Some tours may repeat during the day. The schedule may change due to availability of guides and weather. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. On the way to, from and at the destination please follow guidance from the Marshals.

Films



These will be shown on a continuous loop in the Mayor's Parlour, on the first floor of the Town Hall. Films start at 12.00 with an introduction to OF1200's OUR FOOD OUR FUTURE by Adam Alexander.

OUR FOOD OUR FUTURE

A short film by Florence Browne. A 15-minute film exploring the challenges facing new entrants to farming in Monmouthshire and Bannau Brycheiniog as they work to establish their small-scale regenerative fruit and veg growing enterprises, featuring Bryn Celeg Veg, Blas Gwent veg and Tir Arwen Market Garden. Commissioned by OUR FOOD 1200 funded by the EU RDF through Welsh Government.

TICK ZERO: GETTING STARTED

The concluding short film of a series of six delivered by Cambridge University Professor Julian Allwood, giving clear advice about how we can all act to meet climate targets.

REGENESIS

George Monbiot calls for the end of – almost all – animal farming (7 minutes)

Food and drink



Little Green Refills*	Plastic free supplies and Vegetarian and Vegan food
Shepards Ice Cream*	Green local Ices
Zenobia Syrian food	Abergavenny Town of Sanctuary supported Catering - in the Hall
Laurie Jones Community Orchard	Apple Juicing - in the Hall
Market Coffee shop	Relax in the hall

* across from Brewery Square

Help and Advice

If any help is needed, please speak to a steward (wearing the highlighted "Waistcoats") or come to the Greener Abergavenny Desk near the rear entrance to the Hall. In the event of ill health or accidents, St Johns Ambulance Are here to assist if required



About Greener Abergavenny

Greener Abergavenny is a newly formed collective of several local member organisations with the shared aim of raising awareness across our community of the issues associated with the challenges of the climate emergency, resource depletion and loss of biodiversity.

We are focussed on practical and often simple actions, taking lessons from others, working with other towns and community led initiatives to encourage the development of resilient communities. We are working and will work with statutory, local authorities, voluntary and business organisations, where appropriate in pursuit of our aims.

Together with our member organisations we endeavour to provide encouragement and practical support to make the rapid transition to a low carbon, sustainable future.

This is the beginning. We hope to repeat this event next year, as well as other smaller events during the year. If you would like to be a part of this, please contact us as GreenerAbergavenny@gmail.com

The Childrens Choir

A big thank you to the children of Gilwern School and to the head Brady Edwards for leading on this. They will be singing 2 songs and we'd love you to join in when invited. No excuses – we are in Wales! Here are the words:

Let us Stand

So let us stand
As we face the coming storm
For we love this land
Let's work for a better dawn
And let us love
Like we've never loved before
Sisters and brothers
All together
Let us Stand



Wake up

We need to wake up
We need to wise up
We need to open our eyes
And do it now, now, now!
We need to build a better future
And we need to start right now

We're on a planet, That has a problem
We've got to solve it, get involved
And do it now, now, now!
We need to build a better future
And we need to start right now

Make it greener, Make it cleaner
Make it last, make it fast
And do it now, now, now!
We need to build a better future
And we need to start right now

Time for Action



We hope you enjoyed your day. If you have taken away just a few ideas about changes you could make, groups that you might like to join or support, services you can benefit from, new information you can use, then it will have been worthwhile. As we heard, “We’ve got to Wake Up”. The simple steps below might help.

EAT GREEN
Eat less meat. Opt for local and seasonal produce.

DITCH THE DISPOSABLES
Replace single use plastic with re-usables.

BUY LESS
Reduce. Re-use. Repair. Buy second hand.

BE WATER WISE
Don't waste water and take care not to cause pollution.

USE YOUR PATCH OF EARTH
Care for your local plants, insects and wildlife.

GET ACTIVE
Leave the car at home for short trips.

GET COSY
Save energy in your home.

MOVE YOUR MONEY
Choose ethical banks, pensions and investments.

How can you help our planet

simple steps for the earth

Simple steps that can make a big difference.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
Learn more and find local organizations who can help you take Simple Steps.
www.friendsoftheearthabandcrick.wales

Friends of the Earth Abergavenny & Crickhowell

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Competitions

Have a look at the competition entries in 3 age groups and 3 categories : Photography, Art and Poetry. See the displays behind the stage in the Market Hall. Could you do better? Why not have a go next time.

Keep in touch

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram at @greenerabergavenny
Contact us at greenerabergavenny@gmail.com



Thank you

We hope you enjoyed your day.

We would appreciate your feedback. If you would be happy to complete a short online survey please sign up at the Greener Abergavenny stall (by the rear entrance) and we will send a link. Or why not complete a hard copy survey before you go?

Thanks also to:

- all our **Stallholders** for making the event interactive and interesting
- the **teachers, children and parents** from our schools
- our locally resourced and talented **entertainers, designers, backroom helpers**
- our **member organisations**
- everyone who has freely given their time and support as **volunteers** during the planning of the event, and on the day.

We are very grateful for the advice we've received from others who have arranged similar events and who are ahead of us on a similar path including **Monmouth ACE, Llangattock, Colwell and Ludlow** and from the **Food Festival**.

Finally, we are indebted to our Sponsors for financial support without which this would not have been possible, and for their advice and other support.

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Abergavenny
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