

SustFest 2023



SustFest Wyre Forest

Greener • Happier • Healthier

29th April - 14th May 2023



IT'S BIGGER, IT'S BETTER AND IT'S BACK...

Welcome to the **SECOND** Wyre Forest Sustainability Festival!

Two weeks of events, activities,
workshops and initiatives taking place
across the Wyre Forest district...



SATURDAY 29th APRIL**11am-3pm****Family Fun Day (SustFest launch event)****Stourport Riverside Park and The Civic DY13 8UJ***Wyre Forest Green Alliance*

Live bands, entertainment, free eco activities, face painting, talks and performances. Local craft and artisan market plus food and drinks. A green event for the whole family.

Programme of performers can be found on the Facebook page.

**11am-3pm****Repair me & wash me second hand sale****Kidderminster KEMP donation centre, Lisle Avenue, DY11 7DF***Kidderminster KEMP Hospice*

This event is the last chance to buy many items. These items need repair or washing and are very cheap! Lots of items sold in bundles & bags.

**12pm-1pm****Children's Reading Session****Bewdley KEMP, 14 Load Street, Bewdley DY12 2AE***Bewdley KEMP Hospice Shop*

Reading sessions for children related to Earth and climate change.

**2pm-4pm****Clothing Exchange****Shatterford Village Hall, The Meadows DY12 1RL**

Swap your clothes for pre-loved clothes! Receive credits for each item of clothing you donate. These credits can be used to purchase preloved clothes. Only clean and good quality clothing accepted.

**2pm-4pm****Historical Tour of Wribbenhall****Meeting outside Museum Shop, Load Street, Bewdley DY12 2AE***Bewdley Historical Research Group.*

A fascinating tour of the oldest part of Bewdley with local historian and author; Heather Flack.

**MONDAY 1st MAY****10.30am-2pm****A day on the town****Meeting at Bewdley Museum DY12 2AE***Transition Bewdley*

Explore with us this riverside town and find out what makes for a resilient community. 10.30: Bewdley Museum staff take us through 'The Shambles'. 11.30: Tour of Town Centre - fascinating architecture with a surprisingly varied

Main Street. 12.30: Green drinks lunch with local foods and local activists. Join us for one or more of these sessions.

Enquiries and bookings to Malcolm Currie. Mobile: 07923014694. Email: info@globallylocal.net

**TUESDAY 2nd MAY****9.15am-10.30am****Happy Earth Yoga Session****Wribbenhall Parish Rooms, Bewdley DY12 1DQ***Love All Ways Yoga*

Earth themed yoga with sound healing instruments, please bring a yoga mat if possible. SustFest special £5.

Please email sandra.sofia.yoga@gmail.com to book.

**4pm-6.30pm****Pollinator Patch Open Event****Lingfield Road, Wribbenhall DY12 1JZ***Transition Bewdley + WFDC*

Discover the range of wildflowers and mini-beasts that depend on them in this tiny patch of grassland.

Explore a micro-nature trail. No booking required.

**WEDNESDAY 3rd MAY****10.30am-3pm****Recycle and Recreate - PAPER!****Art Studios, Bewdley Museum, Bewdley DY12 2AE***Foundry Artists*

Making paper by hand is a fantastic process. In this workshop you will make a variety of handmade papers in a variety of sizes that is personal to you. It will make fantastic paper to use for drawings, paintings and other paper based work. £30. Bookings via: www.foundryartists.co.uk

6pm-7.15pm**Happy Earth Yoga Session****Cookley Village Hall, Lea Lane, Cookley DY10 3RH***Love All Ways Yoga*

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**THURSDAY 4th MAY****10am-4pm****Volunteer Recording Day****FSC Bishops Wood, Crossway Green, Stourport DY13 9SE***Bishops Wood Centre*

Recording species on site in the morning and then an afternoon of identification and logging into I-Record.

All welcome, no experience necessary.

Ring 01299 250513 or Facebook message to book.

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11.30am-4.30pm**Wolverley Craft, Plant and Produce Day****Wolverley Community Cafe DY11 5TN***Wolverley Craft, Plant and Produce Day*

Crafts, needlework and quilting, plant & seed exchange, gardening advice and refreshments available.

**1pm-4pm****Craft and Natter****Bells Farm, Crossway Green DY13 9SA***Bells Farm*

Bring your own crafts and share with others. For experienced crafters and beginners. Come along to share your crafts, learn a new one and have a natter too!

No booking required.

**4pm-5pm****Storytelling- Nature Stories****Bewdley Library, Dog Lane, Bewdley DY12 2EF***Transition Bewdley/ U3A Storytellers*

Wyre Forest U3A Storytellers present an hour of environmental and nature stories.

No booking required.

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**7.30pm-9pm****Growing Food at Home****Online (virtual workshop)***Transition Bewdley*

Garden and permaculture expert Wade Muggleton will explain how he has transformed a small garden to feed his family. Bookings via Eventbrite.

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3pm onwards**Walking on Thin Ice****St George's Hall, off Load Street, Bewdley DY12 2EQ***Wyre Forest XR*

Film screening of the 500 mile walk from London and Bristol (via Stourport) to Glasgow for COP26. Optional walk and meal. For the walk meet at 3pm. Optional meal 5.30pm.

Film 6.30pm. The walk and screening are free but donations welcome. £3 payable to secure your meal.

Bookings via Eventbrite.

**SATURDAY 6th MAY****10am-1pm****Kidderminster Repair Cafe****Kidderminster Youth House, Bromsgrove Street, Kidderminster, DY10 1PF***Kidderminster Repair Cafe*

In this May session along with Repair cafes across the UK, they will be taking part in "The Big Fix" to achieve the largest number of repairs in one month. No booking required but for more info email:

ktransitiongroup@hotmail.com

**10am-2pm****The Art Of Protest: Block printing and banner making workshop****Quaker Meeting House, Lower Park, off High Street, Bewdley DY12 2DP***Wyre Forest XR*

Bring your own T-shirts to block print environmental messages and designs. Display and demonstration of creative banner making. No booking required.

**10am-4pm****Conservation Work Party****FSC Bishops Wood, Crossway Green, Stourport DY13 9SE***Bishops Wood Centre*

The icons shown throughout these listings mean:

A CHILDREN'S OR FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT



A FREE EVENT



Take part and help out with tasks/projects around the site. Anything from bramble bashing to creating new habitat and teaching areas. Ring 01299 250513 or contact via Facebook to book.



12pm-1pm

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12pm-7pm

Jamaican Street food event

Bewdley Brewery, Lax Lane DY12 2DZ

Bewdley Brewery

Jamaican street food event at the brewery with KG's food stop

7pm-9pm

The Oil Machine- Film showing

Quaker Meeting House, Lower Park, off High Street, Bewdley DY12 2DP

Bewdley Quakers

7pm coffee, film starts at 7.30pm. Everyone Welcome, bookings via Eventbrite.



SUNDAY 7th MAY

4.30am-8.30am

Eco Champions Dawn Chorus Day

FSC Bishops Wood, Crossway Green, Stourport, DY13 9SE

Bishops Wood Centre

Join us and learn all about birds we spot. We will learn about how to spot them, find out what they are called and learn facts about them. Suitable for children aged 7 and over. £10,

bookings via: www.field-studies-council.org



10am-12.30pm

Three Coppices Walk

Cleobury Mortimer Golf Club, Wyre Common DY14 8HQ

Cleobury Mortimer Footpath Association

Undulating on woodland tracks, pastures and public Rights of Way. The route is predominately dry with a few muddy areas after prolonged rain. There are 3 stiles. Please wear suitable clothing and adequate footwear and remember that you are responsible for your own safety when walking. No booking required.



10am-2pm

Family Nature Day Walk

FSC Bishops Wood, Crossway Green, Stourport,

DY13 9SE

Bishops Wood Centre

Our expert learning team host a range of exciting nature-inspired activities for families. You could be pond dipping, helping your children discover an underwater world, sweep netting in our meadow or bug hunting at our minibeast hotel. £5 per child adults free.

Bookings via: www.field-studies-council.org



10.30am-2.30pm

Wild Food Foraging Walk and Cookery Demo

The Community Workshop and Cafe, Park Alley, High Street, Bewdley DY12 2DN

Bitesize Foraging

In this 4 hour event you will be introduced to foraging for wild edible greens, and you will see how foraged ingredients can be incorporated into your cooking with a demonstration and tasting of wild green soup. During the forage walk, experienced forager Owen Raybould will also impart some surprising facts about some of the edible and medicinal plants that grow wild in our countryside.

£25 per person, children half price.

Bookings via Eventbrite.



MONDAY 8th MAY

9.30am-12.30pm

Stourport Spring Clean

Riverside Park, Stourport DY13 3SA

Wyre Forest Green Alliance supported by Stourport Civic Trust and other local Stourport Community Groups

Spring clean of Stourport followed by a picnic in the park(BYO). No booking required.



11am-1pm

Butterfly Walk & Picnic in the Forest

Meeting at Dry Mill Lane Car Park DY12 2LT

West Midlands Butterflies

A butterfly walk followed by a picnic in the forest. It is for both existing and new volunteers interested in finding out more about the Wyre's rare butterflies and helping us with surveys and monitoring over the summer. No dogs, sorry!

Bookings via email at:

wmbutterflies@gmail.com



TUESDAY 9th MAY

9.15am-10.30am

Happy Earth Yoga Session

Wribbenhall Parish Rooms, Bewdley DY12 1DQ

Love All Ways Yoga

Earth themed yoga with sound healing instruments, please bring yoga mat if possible. SustFest special £5.

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4pm-5.30pm

Earthwalk

Meet by pond, Jubilee Gardens, Bewdley DY12 2DW

Transition Bewdley

Connect with nature using your senses in a fun and mindful way. No booking required.



7.30pm-9.30pm

A Guide to Happier, Healthier and Greener Wetlands

Bewdley Baptist Church, 61 High Street DY12 2DJ

Friends of the Earth Wyre Forest

A talk by Roger Meade entitled "What an eco-plumber needs to know about wetlands." It will describe their variety and how our local wetlands depend on the right kind of water. There will be stalls and posters by groups concerned with water management and a discussion about how we can be involved in checking on the water in our rivers, streams and aquifers. No booking required.



WEDNESDAY 10th MAY

10.30am-3pm

Recycle and Recreate - PAPIER MACHE!

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Foundry Artists

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6.30pm-8.30pm

Visit to the Envirosort Centre

Meeting point confirmed on Eventbrite

Transition Bewdley

Find out where the contents of your green bin go.

Bookings via Eventbrite.

Children must be aged 11 and over.



7.30pm-9.30pm

Reimagining Bewdley's Traffic

Bewdley Baptist Church, 61 High Street DY12 2DJ

St Annes Church Eco-Group

Presentation of alternative ways to manage Bewdley's traffic in more eco friendly ways followed by a discussion. No booking required.



10.30am-12.30pm

Climate Change - Practical Measures for the UK

Franchise Community Church, Chestnut Grove, Kidderminster DY11 5QA

Wyre Forest U3A

Illustrated lecture and discussion presented by Trevor Ponman. No booking required.



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Love All Ways Yoga

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FRIDAY 12th MAY

10.30am-3pm

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Art Studios, Bewdley Museum, Bewdley DY12 2AE

Foundry Artists

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7pm-8.30pm

Greener Living Fair

Cookley Village Hall, Lea Lane, Cookley, DY10 3RH

Wyre Forest Green Alliance

Locally produced food and arts and crafts, plus stalls and info to help you be more eco friendly.

SATURDAY 13th MAY

5.30am - 8am

Dawn Chorus

Wilden Top car park, 45 Hartlebury Road, Stourport-on-Severn DY13 9JB

Hartlebury Common Local Group

A spring awakening with Craig Reed from the Worcs Bird Recorder. Bookings via email at chair@hartleburycommon.org.uk

10am -1pm

Reflections Painting Workshop

St George's Hall, off Load Street, Bewdley DY12 2EQ
Dru's Doodles

Step by step guidance from a qualified teacher. You will leave with a 40 x 30 cm completed painting on canvas. No painting experience necessary & all materials provided. £50, bookings via email at: druhaigh@aol.com

10am-4pm

Creative Crafters Craft Fayre

Bells Farm, Crossway Green DY13 9SA

Bells Farm

Meet talented local crafters. Come and buy or just chat with makers to find out how they make such beautiful things.

1pm-3pm

Farm Tour

Haye Farm Ribbesford, Bewdley DY12 2TP

Haye Farm

An opportunity to see a local, regenerative farm up close. Meet the rare breed Dexter cattle and Wiltshire Horn sheep and their new born calves and lambs. Wander through flower rich meadows and orchards with spring blossom. See our agroforestry and other tree planting projects. There will be time for an optional tour round the forest garden. £2 entry, bookings via Eventbrite.

2pm-3.30pm

Guided walk of Bewdley's Historic Town Centre

Meet at the Stanley Baldwin Statue, Load Street, Bewdley DY12 2AE

Bewdley Civic Society

Led by Bewdley Civic Society this tour includes a look at five churches and an explanation of the town's extensive river heritage. Donations welcome. Children 11 and over welcome.

3pm-5pm

Seed Swap

Haye Farm Market Garden, Ribbesford, Bewdley DY12 2TP

Haye Farm Market Garden

We will be swapping seeds, seedlings and general gardening knowledge. Whether you are a beginner or very experienced gardener, there is always something to learn and a new variety to grow!

7.30pm-9.30pm

Sing for the King: Choral Concert

St. Anne's Church, Bewdley DY12 2AE

Bewdley Choral Society

Bewdley Choral Society and players of Bewdley Camerata - Sing for the King! Music of celebration by Handel, Elgar and Parry with audience participation. Tickets £10 on door or from Bewdley Blooms, Load St via Facebook or 01299 403776

SUNDAY 14th MAY

10am-5pm

Wildlife Friendly Garden Open Day

21 Stourport Road, Bewdley DY12 1BB

Private garden

Open private garden. Plant sales. Tea and cake. Donations in aid of Nightstop charity for homeless young people. Cash only.

10.30am-12pm

Human Composting- Is it for me?

The Cabin, Hobro Lodge, Wolverley DY11 5SZ

Attwood Funerals

If you would like to know more about ways to 'Go Green' when your time comes, book onto the 'Human Composting - Is it for me?' Please call/ text Kate on: 07806301328 to book.

11am-3pm

Allotment Open Day: Grow Your Own Food

Areyley Kings Allotment & Village Hall,

Areyley Common, Stourport DY13 0NB

Arley Kings Allotment

Come along and see the range of fruit and vegetables we are growing. Plant a seed and take it away, plant sale, games and refreshments.

Through events/displays and initiatives:

FRIDAY 7th APRIL - SUNDAY 30th APRIL

9am-5pm

Blossom Walks

Bells Farm, Crossway Green DY13 9SA

Bells Farm

Self-guided walks following a marked trail through the apple, plum and pear orchards. No booking required.

SATURDAY 22nd APRIL - SUNDAY 21st MAY

10am-4pm

Art Exhibition

The Wyre Forest Gallery, Bewdley Museum DY12 2AE

Pauline Meade Printmaker

Pauline Meade's handmade lino prints and etchings are inspired by the natural environment of landscape, seascape, woodlands and wetlands.

SATURDAY 29th APRIL - SUNDAY 14th MAY

8pm-6pm

Artwork display from local children

Cleobury Road, Bewdley DY12 2QL

Hopley Farm and Gift Shop

Display of SustFest artwork by children from local schools. Find out about the range of local fruit and veg plus packaging free cleaning products, milk and groceries available.

9.30am-5.00pm Mon, Weds, Thurs, Fri. 9.30am-1pm

Saturday. Closed Tuesday & Sunday

Display of climate change and sustainability related books

Bewdley Library, Dog Lane, Bewdley, DY12 2EF

Bewdley Library

Monday- Saturday 10am-6pm. Sunday 11am-4pm

Display of climate change and sustainability related books

Wyre Forest Books, 54 Load Street, Bewdley DY12 2AP

Wyre Forest Books

Times TBC Climate Friendly Book Display & Story Telling

Civic Centre, New St, Stourport-on-Severn DY13 8UN

Stourport Library

Storytelling times TBC with library.

Slow Down Fashion

KEMP Hospice, 116 Coventry St, Kidderminster DY10 2BH

Kidderminster KEMP Hospice Shop

Slow down fashion campaign: All items brand new with tags.

Special event for SustFest. Launch on Saturday 29th April until stock is gone.

Donate An Outfit Campaign

KEMP Hospice, 46 Tan Ln, Stourport-on-Severn DY13 8HD

Stourport KEMP Hospice Shop

People are encouraged to donate a whole outfit that goes together throughout SustFest rather than one piece items.

Window display

KEMP Hospice, 14 Load St, Bewdley DY12 2AE

Bewdley KEMP Hospice Shop

Craft and grow your own window displays.

SATURDAY 29th APRIL - SUNDAY 14th MAY

Climate Change Window Display

British Red Cross, 23 High Street, Stourport-on-Severn DY13 8BJ

British Red Cross Shop Stourport

Make Do and Mend Window Display

Notions, 31 Load Street, Bewdley DY12 2AS

Notions

SustFest Food Specials:

SATURDAY 29th APRIL - SUNDAY 14th MAY

Monday- Friday 10am-2pm/ Saturday 10am-4pm

(closed Sundays)

Santih Holistics, 1a Comberton Rd, Kidderminster DY10 1UA

Santih Holistics

A vegan cafe serving 2 SustFest specials throughout.

Flatbread Shawarma kebab with salad & a SustFest smoothie special: Pineapple, Mango and Passionfruit.

10am-4pm

The Garden Kitchen Cafe, Bewdley Museum, Bewdley DY12 2AE

The Garden Kitchen Cafe

Locally foraged wild garlic soup. **A SustFest Special**

SustFest Discounts:

The Green Cobbler

70 Load Street, Bewdley DY12 2AW

15% off all eco cleaning products including refills during SustFest.

Use CODE SustFest

Bark Avenue Shop

11 Load Street, Bewdley DY12 2AF

10% off instore - quote 'SustFest'

"SustFest has been a great collaborative project for the Wyre Forest. The events can help you to discover new things about the area you live in. As a service that runs events, it has also helped me to reach a wider audience."

Owen Raybould, Bitesize Foraging.

Past and present SustFest participant.

"SustFest 2022 helped many local organisations to reach out to their local communities and share their activities, services and events. With SustFest 2023, Wyre Forest Green Alliance is again able to support even more groups to share with the people of Wyre Forest District, ways of being greener, happier and healthier. Good for the planet, good for our local communities and good for families and individuals.

Have a great SustFest and please support as many events as you can."

John Rhymer

Chair · Wyre Forest Green Alliance

Schools participation:

Look out for pledge pebbles around the below schools local areas. These pebbles have been painted and decorated by students with their own pledges on to help spread the "Greener, Happier and Healthier" message.

Heronswood Primary School

Cookley Primary School

Bewdley Primary School

Franche Primary School

St Annes Primary School



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