



revival for survival

Kidlington Eco Festival

This Autumn our village is hosting a series of community events to highlight and respond to the climate change crisis. Various community groups, churches, and agencies together with Kidlington Parish Council are joining forces to share and create opportunities to contemplate, collaborate, and celebrate creation in the

run up to the [COP26 conference](#) in Glasgow. Why not: come along to an event that appeals, join a conversation, learn a new skill or revive an old one, paint a prayer, press an apple, sow a seed, or pledge yourself to action? Lets equip, encourage, and empower one another to make our village and planet a greener, bluer, more hopeful place?



Scroll down to browse the various events happening throughout October, and either turn up or get in touch to find out more. Why not bookmark this page, or print it off and stick it to your fridge?! [Alternatively you can add it as a google calendar here.](#)

Date & Time	Event & Place	What's Happening?
Sat 25th Sep, 2.30pm - 5pm	Eco Event, Kidlington Methodist Church	Come along to the Methodist Church (OX5 2BP opposite Exeter Hall) to find out more about electric cars and bikes - and bring your own if you've got one! Also an opportunity to find out about bee-keeping, press apples with Kidlington Abundance (see 16th October), buy some second hand books, and enjoy refreshments. To find out more... email office@oxfordmethodists.co.uk
Throughout October	Community Art Installations - Windmills, St Mary's Church	Drop by and encounter the towering windmills on display at St Mary's Church (OX5 2BB), or see how many you can spot in key locations around the village. Why not find out how you can make and decorate your own flag to add to one of the windmills with a 'revival for survival' message, or even make your own windmill to display in your garden or shop window? To find out more... read all about it here or email Penny at pennypedley@gmail.com
Sat 2nd Oct, 10am - 12noon	St Mary's Fields Working Party, St Mary's Fields	Come down to St Mary's car park (OX5 2AZ) and muck in with St Mary's Fields Volunteers as we clear scrub, and put up bird boxes and renew paths. We meet on the first Saturday of every month. All ages welcome.
Sat 2nd Oct, 11am-2pm	Cherwell Larder & Cafe, Exeter Hall	Every year tonnes of quality surplus food goes into landfill. Cherwell Larder rescues it and passes it on. Come along and fill your shopping bag. Save money and the planet at the same time! To find out more... email cherwelllarder@gmail.com
Sat 9th Oct, 11am - 2pm	Cherwell Larder & Cafe, Exeter Hall	Every year tonnes of quality surplus food goes into landfill. Cherwell Larder rescues it and passes it on. Come along and fill your shopping bag. Save money and the planet at the same time! To find out more... email cherwelllarder@gmail.com
Sun 10th Oct, 10am	Churches Together Joint Service, St Mary's Church	Join us for Churches Together in Kidlington's joint service at St Mary's (Church St, OX5 2BB) as we mark the launch of our ' Eco Novena ' (9 days of continuous prayer for the planet) with guest speaker Jack Wakefield from Tearfund.
Sun 10th, → Tues 19th Oct, (Open to the public 1pm - 5pm, Mon - Sat)	'Eco Novena' & Interactive Prayer Space, Kidlington Baptist Church (High St, OX5 2DS)	As Churches Together in Kidlington we're planning a relay of prayer - 24 hours a day for 9 days straight - to God for our planet as the nations prepare to gather for the COP26 conference in Glasgow. Our ambient, informative, interactive and prayer-provoking space will be open to the public between 1pm and 5pm Mon - Sat. Why not drop by and try praying? A team of welcoming will sort you out with a cup of tea, and explain how you might like to use the space. To find out more... visit the webpage or email Phil at prayer@kidlington-baptist.org.uk
Thurs 14th Oct, 12noon	Climatarian Kitchen's Lunch Club, Exeter Hall	Join Climatarian Kitchen for our Thursday lunch club. Sample our delicious meals - and all made with surplus food which would otherwise go to landfill. Pick up fresh produce from our mini larder. Come for the food, stay for the revolution! To find out more... email Emily at cherwellcollective@gmail.com

Sat 16th Oct, 10am -12noon	Abundance Fruit Pressing, North Kidlington School (Benmead Rd, OX5 2DA)	Join Kidlington Abundance as we celebrate the abundance of the natural world. Bring your surplus apples and pears*. Help chop, scrat, press and bottle the juice. If you do not have any fruit - just come and join in the fun. Everyone takes home some juice! *Fruit does not have to be in perfect condition (windfalls are fine) To find out more... email Julia & Peter at kidlingtonabundance@gmail.com
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Tues 19th Oct, 6pm	Fruit Tree Care Workshop, Six Bells Pub	Got a fruit tree in your garden? Planning on planting one? Why not come along to our fruit tree care workshop and learn about planting, pruning and protecting your tree for greater fruitfulness? Let's see a revival of fruit tree husbandry skills locally! Bring any dull tools and we'll sharpen them too! To find out more... email Emily at harvestathomeuk@gmail.com
Thurs 21st Oct, 12noon	Climatarian Kitchen's Lunch Club, Exeter Hall	Join Climatarian Kitchen for our Thursday lunch club. Sample our delicious meals - and all made with surplus food which would otherwise go to landfill. Pick up fresh produce from our mini larder. Come for the food, stay for the revolution! To find out more... email Emily at cherwellcollective@gmail.com
Fri 22nd Oct, 5pm	Foraging Walk, St Mary's Church	Meet us at St Mary's Church for one of our foraging walks. We're a local group for anyone interested in casual foraging walks around Kidlington and the surrounding area. Come along, learn, forage or just enjoy the nature. To find out more... join us on Next Door at https://nextdoor.co.uk/g/ltcmjhrv/
Thurs 28th Oct, 12-3pm	Family Friendly Insect / Growing Activities, and Zoo Trails Launch, Exeter Hall	Come along for an afternoon of food, fun and family friendly activities. Join us at 12pm for a delicious meal made from surplus food at the Climatarian Kitchen's weekly lunch club. Then at 1pm take part in Harvest @ Home 's family friendly activities as we get to know some of our tiniest neighbours and learn how to grow our own veg. Make sure you stay because at 2pm we'll be celebrating the official launch of Cherwell Council's Kidlington Zoo Trails with special guests. To find out more... email Emily at harvestathomeuk@gmail.com
Fri 29th Oct, 10am - 2pm	Carve & Cook, Exeter Hall	Come along and carve a rescued pumpkin, before sampling scrumptious food from the Climatarian Kitchen and taking away meal packs to try it yourself at home! To find out more... email Emily at cherwellcollective@gmail.com
Sat 30th Oct, 11am-2pm	Cherwell Larder & Cafe, Exeter Hall	Every year tonnes of quality surplus food goes into landfill. Cherwell Larder rescues it and passes it on. Come along and fill your shopping bag. Save money and the planet at the same time! To find out more... email cherwelllarder@gmail.com
Sat 30th Oct, 11am-3pm	Lyne Rd Green Community Action Day, Lyne Rd Green (OX5 1AE)	Come along to this fun activity day. See the new trees that will have been planted as part of the council's Lyne Rd Green Project and find out about how you can help with planned hedge planting. There'll be loads to do: help construct a giant bug hotel, press fruit with Kidlington Abundance (see 16th October), browse stalls to find out more about local ecologically-minded organisations, grab a slice of cake, get a fruit or nut tree to take-away, and stock up on some free compost as part of a DIY compost workshop! To find out more... just come along or email community@kidlington-pc.gov.uk

Watch this space for updates and any additional Revival for Survival events! The original plan for a speaker series as part of the festival has had to be postponed. But we have exciting plans for a TED talks style event in the new year with input from experts and eco-practitioners to help us get informed and be empowered to live more sustainably.

For more information or if you'd be interested in adding your own event to this calendar, please email phil.j.durrant@gmail.com