



Chorlton's Big Green Festival

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Volunteers invited to help with Chorlton's Big Green Festival as 2010 date is set

After the massive success of Chorlton's first-ever Big Green Festival in April, the date has been set for the festivities to return in 2010. Organisers have agreed to hold the all-day event for the second year running on Saturday 28 March 2010, at the start of the Easter break. Once again, Chorlton's Big Green Festival will be held at the St Clement's venue, which was this year transformed outside and in with teepees, tents, stages and stalls. This time round, the Big Green Festival promises to be even bigger and better, with fringe events planned for the run-up to the main day, including an evening of entertainment and talks on Thursday 26 March.

Chorlton's first-ever Big Green Festival – which took place on Saturday 4 April 2009 – was a resounding success, attracting over 4,000 local residents keen to sample sustainability in fun and friendly surroundings. Organisers put environmental issues centre stage with a vibrant and varied programme of activities including live bands, film screenings, dance performances and stand-up comedy. Guest speakers presented talks and workshops on different aspects of ethical and eco-friendly living, while local artists created and showed unique pieces using recycled and reclaimed materials. Festival-goers were also encouraged to get involved themselves, with book, clothes and plant swaps, a group bike ride round the Beech Road area, free treatments to try out, forest school activities and a huge ceilidh all proving to be immensely popular. Also on offer was plenty of tasty food and drink, with the emphasis on local, organic and responsibly sourced fayre.

One of the organisers of Chorlton's Big Green Festival, Bernard Leach, says: "We were stunned by the number of people who came. The day was a fantastic success, and we are eager to make this an annual event. We are now in the planning stages for the second Big Green Festival, and would welcome suggestions and contributions from anyone who would like to get involved."

If you fancy helping out in any way with Chorlton's Big Green Festival, pop along to the next organising meeting, which takes place at 7.30pm on Thursday 10 September 2009 (next week) in St Clement's. If you can't make the meeting, please email contact@greenchorlton.org.uk and a member of the organising committee will be in touch.

Chorlton's Big Green Festival is online at www.greenchorlton.org.uk, has a group on Facebook and, new this year, is also available to follow on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/biggreenfest>).

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