



Chorlton's Big Green Festival

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Growing locally is the theme for a bigger and better Chorlton's Big Green Festival

Following a hugely successful launch in 2009 and an enormously popular programme of fringe events so far this year, Chorlton's Big Green Festival is back on Saturday 27 March. Once again, entrance is free and the festival runs from 11am to 11pm, with family-friendly fun during the day and a programme of live bands and dancing running into the evening. Over 4,000 people turned out for the first festival and organisers are hoping for another hit so it becomes an annual event.

One of the volunteers, Emma Smail, says: "We're really excited about the second Big Green Festival. Last year was a great experience with the community coming together to celebrate living sustainably and locally. This year will be bigger and better with more food, more music, more crafts and more space! If you want a fun day out to get you in the mood for spring, this will be it."

This time round, the festival site takes over both St Clement's Church and St Clement's School on St Clement's Road in Chorlton. There will be two outdoor music stages featuring local acts, an indoor performance area for dance demonstrations and a vintage fashion show, two cinemas screening local and environmental films, a dedicated wellbeing zone with therapies available to try out, an area exhibiting recycled and reclaimed arts and crafts, a number of information stalls, and three swapshops for clothes, books and plants. Local and organic drinks will be on sale in an outside tent and there will be plenty of responsibly sourced food to keep up energy levels.

Chorlton's Big Green Festival puts environmental issues centre stage with a vibrant programme of live entertainment and activities, and festival-goers are encouraged to get involved with a scarecrow-decorating competition, a bike ride en masse around the Beech Road area and a huge ceilidh finale. The theme for this year's event is "growing locally" and, as well as a wild food foraging workshop on Chorlton Ees, there will be fieldtrips to the nearby Ivygreen Allotments.

Another of the organisers, Jeff Heie, says: "This year's festival is building on the successes of last year, while adding new dimensions such as a Charlie Brown-style advice booth where festival-goers can get information on topics such as organic vegetable gardening, local food sources, ethical consuming, carbon footprints and green building. Architecture students from the Centre for Alternative Technology will also be unveiling their designs for an eco-friendly community centre to be constructed next to St Clement's Church, home of the Big Green Festival. It's very exciting!"

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