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BoA Join In! update

BoA Join In! will take place on Saturday 8 June 11am – 3pm at Westbury Garden & St Margaret's Hall.

The event has evolved from last year's Big Help Out event which promoted volunteering opportunities in the town.

This year the remit of the event has been broadened and will be a celebration of the wide variety of not-for-profit community groups, charities, clubs and social groups that Bradford on Avon has to offer.

BoA Join In! will provide an opportunity for local residents of all ages to discover new clubs to join, volunteering opportunities or just a way to meet new people.

More than 30 groups and organisations are currently signed up to take part and will be offering information, and in some cases, a little taster of what they do including:

A chance to enjoy tea and cake with one of Saxon Group Riding for the Disabled Association's ponies.

Take part in Arts Together's drop-in map making workshop, enjoy a free hand massage, toast marshmallows or try your luck at the Lions Club tombola.

There'll also be a wide range of other activities on offer from BoA Youth, U3A, the Swift Group, Alzheimer's Support and the Men's Shed, plus information and displays from many others.

West Wilts Radio will be broadcasting live from the event between 1pm and 2pm, giving attendees a chance to make a request live on air.

The event coincides with the end of Volunteers Week, and there'll be a chance to promote the wide range of volunteering opportunities in the town from BoA Youth Football and Dorothy House to the Bradford on Avon Museum and Wiltshire Link Community Transport.

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The date also marks the start of this year's Great Big Green Week with Climate
Friendly there to help people upcycle their old clothing.