Environment and Green Spaces Committee meeting 25 June 2024



Agenda item 13 – Great Big Green Week

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Great Big Green Week 2024

Great Big Green Week ran from Saturday 8 June – Sunday 16 June. This year the town council collaborated with various groups to bring together a varied programme of events including walks, tours, a talk, film screening and BoA Join In!

BoA Join In! started the week off with an area of green-themed activities courtesy of Climate Friendly BoA, the Swift Group and Men's Shed.

The walks were well attended with the Swift Group running an additional walk to accommodate those on the waiting list.

The nighttime wildlife and bat walk were also incredibly popular – fully booked with more than 20 people on the waiting list, however, due to the poor weather the walk had to be postponed. A new date has been scheduled for July and an additional date later in the summer is also likely, to accommodate the people on the waiting list.

The third screening of the film about the old golf course attracted over 125 people to St Margaret's Hall who engaged in a lively Q&A discussion afterwards.

During the week local residents also enjoyed a fascinating talk about wasps by Dr Ben Aldiss, tours of Avonleigh Orchards and a pond dipping session with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust.

Event	Approx numbers
BOA Join In!	300+
Wasp Talk	25
Orchards Tour	15
Nature Walk	6
Golf Course Film	125
Pond Dipping	8 (poor weather: sign up around 20)
Night-time Walk	17 (postponed: waiting list of 22)
Tree Walk	10
Swift Walks	16