



Green Truro Festival returns to the city.

Friday 18th September – Sunday 20th September

Truro City Council are delighted to announce the return of the Green Truro Festival.

This year will be different due to the ongoing Covid- 19 pandemic which will mean that we are unable to host an event on Lemon Quay. However, now that restrictions have begun to lift the City Council team are looking forward to hosting both a virtual event, as well as pop up activities for everyone to enjoy in Truro's woodlands and green spaces.

The Festival weekend kick starts with the first ever Green Truro Festival conference, which will take place via a webinar on the Friday 18th September. This is your chance to have a conversation about all the things that matter to you, to Truro and the wider world. Over the day you will hear and learn from leading experts in the field of rewilding for biodiversity gain, climate change solutions and ways of achieving the balance between nature and human activity. The conference is free to attend however, you will need to register due to places being limited.

In addition to the conference on the Friday, there will be a variety of other virtual workshops and tutorials, from traditional wood crafting to making bird, bee and bug houses, as well as pop up physical events planned for the rest of the weekend.

Bert Biscoe Mayor of Truro said, *Truro has quietly but surely adopted a green approach to many aspects of its daily life. Much of this is due to the unassuming leadership of many people, but Cllr Lindsay Southcombe has quietly cajoled, worried and argued many aspects of it forward. As lockdown slowly lifts the great challenges and opportunities of climate change come into sharp focus. So too does our relationship with nature. Truro City Council is excited to explore ways of provoking thinking, debate and action - hence the virtual green festival - something for everyone we hope, with a very clear focus. Enjoy!*

Lindsay Southcombe, Chairman of Truro City Council Parks & Gardens committee said, *I think it is very positive that we can use this opportunity to have people experienced in rewilding to present their knowledge, and even show us their work, and we can show people the great work that is going on in Cornwall and, most especially, Truro to give nature a chance to thrive and the benefits that accrue from that'.*

Taren Lee Corin, Truro City Council Events Coordinator said, *'We are excited to bring new and socially distanced events this year, which will include storytelling in nature with an immersive story walk that has been commissioned by Tyller A Nerth for the Green Truro Festival. The pandemic has meant we have really had to think about how we carry out events safely and I feel positive this will lead to a more diverse and varied events going forward.*

All attendees will need to register for all events, to make sure social distancing is maintained. If you are interested and would like to find out more or would like to attend one of the many events planned, then make sure you follow the Green Truro Facebook or the Visit Truro's Website.

Editors Notes:

- Green Truro Festival is a 4-day event on Lemon Quay that gives local produce providers, retailers, garden establishments, organisations, community groups and education providers a chance to promote their products, projects and initiatives that motivate us all to lead a sustainable and healthy lifestyle. This event also coincides with the Judging of South West in Bloom Garden Competition, where we showcase all our beautiful parks and gardens.
- For more information on the festival go to the Facebook page or go to [Visittruro.org.uk /social media](http://Visittruro.org.uk/social-media) (Facebook, Instagram or twitter) @Visittruro or call 01872 274555
- We will be releasing more information about the various events taking place in the next few weeks.



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