The Festival featured **68 events over 16 days**
- Guided walks took place throughout the Chilterns
- We worked with **over 50 organisations** and **volunteer walk leaders** across the Chilterns
- We had over **700 participants** (awaiting final data from third party bookings).
- **74% of respondents** visited at least one or more local business
- **48% discovered new parts of the Chilterns** during the Festival
- **40% of respondents came from outside the Chilterns**, many from nearby urban areas
- **95% rated the Festival as good or excellent**
- A celebration of Chilterns Food & Drink took place in the second week of the Festival with lots of community events delivered by Chalk, Cherries and Chairs (see later)
Family-friendly Bushcraft events, outdoor cooking, nature spotting, heritage and history walks...
Supporting businesses through the Walking Festival

• **22 businesses were directly involved in the Walking Festival**
• **Many more businesses benefited from additional footfall to the area and from media coverage**
GET READY FOR A CELEBRATION OF CHILTERN FOOD & DRINK THIS OCTOBER

Celebrate the Chilterns this Autumn
Annette Weiss introduces the upcoming Chilterns Walking Festival: your opportunity to get out into the beautiful Chiltern countryside with like-minded ramblers!

Chilterns Walking Festival returns this autumn with a packed programme of guided walks and outdoor events. The festival will take place 15-31 October with over 80 walks on offer. This year we are collaborating with the Vale, Chilterns and Chiltern Landscape Partnership to include celebration of Chiltern food and drink. This will include cooking in the woods, apple fayres, bogey weekends, talks and tastings, all designed to raise awareness of our Chiltern food heritage past and present.

Highlights from the programme include:

- Architecture and History: An exploration of WW1 trenches at Marlow Common, some major rivers' routes (and their))), in the scouring Valley, Arts & Crafts architecture in Amersham and a new, or the former rural industries in Winslow
- Natural History and Wildlife: A walk with a Wildlife Trust expert around the Chilterns
- Health and Wellbeing: A series of guided walks for beginners, a range of Nordic walking and a mindful walking experience around Aldbury
- Food and Drink: Get stuck in with a chutney making workshop at Roach Farm
- Chiltern Nature: A guided walk through the woods near the River Thames

WANDERING WONDERS
Chilterns Walking Festival is the perfect way to enjoy some of the glories of the season!

If there’s one thing to enjoy about autumn, it’s getting outside and taking a stroll among the fallen leaves and enjoying the changing colours of our countryside. The Chilterns Walking Festival provides the ideal opportunity to do just this. You can take part in more than 70 guided walks and outdoor activities between October 16th and 31st with a variety for all ages and abilities; however, far far you like to wander.

There are wildlife walks, from Kingfishers to Raptors – the Goring & Streatley walk there’ll be half an hour dedicated to the Kingfisher spotting experience. Cheese and Chitty – The Scrumptious 27th is in association with The Cheese Shed at Nettlebed Creamery where after a delightful walk you’ll be able to enjoy an equally delightful cheese toastie.

On 29th you can hop on the Henley Hop - the 10 mile walk from the riverside town takes you on a journey through the rolling southern Chilterns to discover the Ladder Brewery with its welcoming taproom at the half way point on the walk which you can continue either foot or take a bus back.

Get on the Midsomer Murders trail on the Introducing Midsomer on the Midsomer 1: Great Missenden to Amersham walk 19th and visit locations used in the first episode Killings at Badgers Drift and the 10th episode The Killings of Copenhagen!

For full details of these and other walks suitable for all the family visit www.visitchilterns.co.uk/walkingfest.html!
Social Media

Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
Published by Kim-Il Hooper
Yesterday at 10:00 AM

Back by popular demand on Sun 31 Oct: the Cheese & Chitty Truly Scrumptious walk with Pipsticks Walks - Walk: Nordic Walk, Nettledale & @nettlebedcheese
Walk 6 miles through wonderful Warburg Nature reserve & Nettlebed common, then enjoy a sublimey delicious organic cheese toastie at The Cheese Shed café!
Book here:
#localproduce #organic #cheese #walks

• 1,615 CWF Facebook followers (up from 1,492 in May)
• Further activity on Chilterns AONB facebook

Chilterns Walking Festival
October 18

Half-term fun outdoors! Check out our family-friendly activities, from outdoor cooking in the woods to nature walks, wildlife experiences and hands-on conservation with Chiltern Rangers CIC. All events must be pre-booked, hurry while there are spaces
https://www.visitchilterns.co.uk/walkingfest.html
Kew Little Pigs
GG Wildlife Experiences
Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
Visit the Chilterns
Chalk, Cherries and Chairs - a Celebration of Chilterns Food & Drink

- This autumn we combined the Chilterns Walking Festival with a celebration of Chilterns Food & Drink delivered by the Chalk, Cherries and Chairs project
- A wide range of events were on offer, from bodgers pub tour and orchard events to chutney making, outdoor cooking and local produce walks.

A Chilterns Celebration

Join us in Autumn 2021!

Now that our summer celebration is finished, we are working hard to bring you another FOOD and DRINK festival in October 2021.

Chilterns Celebration

Routes to the Past
Woodlanders’ Lives and Landscapes
Echoed Locations
Chilterns Celebration

Become a Chilterns Champion
Tracking the Impact
Rough Around the Edges
For Schools
New Shoots
Chilterns Farmer Cluster

JOIN US FOR A
Chilterns Celebration of food and drink

Outdoor cooking in the woods
Local produce walks – sampling local specialities
Foraging, fungi walks and apple pressing

October 24 to 31 2021

Visit www.chilternsaonb.org for more information and booking details
Events for all the family – raising awareness of food and farming in the Chilterns

Farm walk, talk & home-made sausage roll at Laceys Farm
A 4 mile walk and talk about farming, nature and carbon, starting at Laceys Farm near Lane End. The walk will be led by Nick Marriner and Harriett Bennett of the Chilterns Conservation Board's Chalk, Cherries and Chairs Landscape Partnership. [SEE HERE](#) for further details and

Coppicing and Campfire Cookout with Chiltern Rangers
Join Chiltern Rangers for a fun day of volunteering and practical conservation, followed by some yummy food! Further information and booking [HERE](#)

Chutney making at Road Farm
Join Wendy Gray on one of our farmer cluster sites for tree to jar chutney making. Perfect autumnal fun for all ages. Gather apples in the orchard and enjoy transforming them into delicious chutney. Book online.

Apple Day at Donkey Lane Orchard

Chair Bodgers Pub Tour
Join the us for a pub tour to remember, as we explore the fascinating connections between Chiltern pubs and

Rest and Reflect Sessions at Lindengate
CELEBRATION OF CHILTERN FOOD AND DRINK
OCTOBER 24 – 31

Join Chalk Cherries and Chairs this October as we celebrate the unique (and delicious) cuisines, ingredients and recipes of the Chilterns. This celebration is the perfect opportunity to connect with the work of our Central Chilterns farmer cluster, through guided farm walks and tastings at Lacey’s Farm and more.

You could also stop in at Lindengate, one of our key Rough Around the Edges project sites, to enjoy a rest and relaxation session in their gardens, before heading over to Buckmoorend Farm to sample some of their produce.

Our National Lottery funded project is all about connecting the people of the Chilterns with the landscape and heritage that make the AONB such a special place, and we hope lots of you will join us from October 24th – 31st for fun, free and informative food focused events!

- Learn about our Chilterns orchards, do some apple pressing and sample some fruity specialities with BBOWT at the Donkey Lane Orchard Day in Chinnor, 24 October
- Join local guides for a Bodger’s Pub Tour – October 29
- Lindengate Rest and Relaxation Sessions (running during October, gardens open)
- Outdoor cooking classes in High Wycombe
- Local producer walks, tours and tastings visiting Nettlebed Creamery, Daws Hill vineyard, Loddon Brewery and some of our favourite farm cafes
- Tring Apple fayre and farmers market Saturday 9th October, plus other other apple themed events throughout October.

See a sample of events and visit our website for further details and booking. Please click link

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Instagram: @Chilterns_CCC
or learn more on our website Please click link

CHILTERN LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP
We worked with the following partners...

- Chiltern Rangers
- Road Farm, Great Missenden
- Lacey’s Farm, Lane End
- Backwoods Experiences near Stokenchurch
- Bucks New University
- BBOWT
- Donkey Lane Orchard
- Lindengate
- Lots of lovely volunteers who led walks for us!

Family fun in the woods

Guided walk around Lacey’s Farm, one of our Central Chilterns Farmer Cluster sites, learning about food and farming
Feedback from participants

“It was an exciting experience to have the coppicing in the woodland. My children and family enjoyed so much. The leaders were very so nice and caring and we had a great fun and learnt more about the nature. We are looking forward to the next event”.

Re: Coppicing cookout with Chiltern Rangers

I really enjoyed the walks and the chance to explore and relax in beautiful countryside. The volunteers were ever so welcoming and friendly. Thank you for a most enjoyable day.

Re: Curious Coddiwomple Walk

Just a line to say how much we enjoyed yesterday’s walk; good company, knowledgeable leader and a great lunch stop - we’ll be back for more!

Re: Henley Hoppit Walk by Pipsticks Walks