

Calendar of environmental and health events 2008

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Sept 2007- Year of food and farming www.yearoffoodandfarming.org.uk/Default.aspx)

July 2008

2008 International Polar Year www.ipy.org/

2008 International Year of Planet Earth www.yearofplanetearth.org/

2008 International Year of the Reef <http://iyor.org/>

2008 International Year of the Potato www.potato2008.org/en/index.html

2008 International Year of the Frog www.zsl.org/science/year-of-the-frog/the-year-of-the-frog.832.AR.html

2001-2010 International Decade for the Culture of Peace www.unac.org/peacecp/decade/culture.html

2005-2014 United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development

http://portal.unesco.org/education/en/ev.php-URL_ID=23279&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

2005-2015 International Decade for Action: Water for Life www.un.org/waterforlifedecade/

Celebration

Day/date

Sponsor

Festival of Winter Walks

26 Dec 07 - 2 Jan 08

www.ramblers.org.uk/winterwalks/

and for details of other festivals throughout Britain through the year: www.ramblers.org.uk/info/events/diary.html

Xmas card recycling	2-31 Jan 2008	www.woodland-trust.org.uk/cards/
Farmhouse Breakfast Week	20-26 Jan 2008	www.hgca.com/breakfast
Big schools' birdwatch	21 Jan-1 Feb 2008	www.rspb.org.uk
Big garden birdwatch	26-27 January 2008	www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch
National Storytelling Week	28 Jan-2 Feb 2008	www.sfs.org.uk/
World wetlands day	2 Feb every year	www.ea.gov.au/water/wetlands/day
National potato day	3 Feb 2008	www.gardenorganic.org.uk/
(NB 2008 is also the International Year of the Potato - see top of document)		
Scottish Environment Week	4th - 10th Feb 2008	www.scotlink.org/LINK_action/environment_week.php
National nest box week	launch 14 Feb each year	www.bto.org/nbw/index.htm
People & planet: Go green week	16-24 Feb 2008	http://peopleandplanet.org/gogreen/gogreenweek
Fair trade fortnight	25 Feb-9 Mar 2008	www.fairtrade.org.uk/get_involved_fairtrade_fortnight.htm
World Book Day	6 March 2008	www.worldbookday.com
National science & engineering week	7-16 Mar 2008	www.the-ba.net/the%20ba/
Earth Day	20 March 2008	www.earthsite.org/
Tree Council's Tree Care Campaign	Launches 20 March 2008 - runs till September 2008	www.treecouncil.org.uk/
World Poetry Day	21 March every year	www.poetrysociety.org.uk/
World day for water	22 Mar every year	www.unesco.org/water/water_celebrations/
Sun-Earth Day	Spring Equinox	http://sunearthday.nasa.gov/
Great Wee Scottish Walks	Various April-June 2008	www.greatscottishwalk.com
National spring clean, Scotland	April 2008	www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/index.asp?pg=255
National pet month	5 April-5 May 2008	www.nationalpetweek.org.uk/
World Health Day	7 April every year	www.who.int
National Downshifting week	19-25 April 2008	www.downshiftingweek.com/
Real Nappy Week	21-27 April 2008	www.wen.org.uk/rnw/you_can_do.htm
Earth day	22 Apr every year	www.earthday.net
World Penguin Day	25 April every year	www.holidayinsights.com/other/penguinawareness.htm
Scottish Outdoor Access Festival	No festival in 2008	www.outdooraccess-scotland.com/default.asp
Spring into action	1 May-8 June 2008	www2.btcv.org.uk/display/springintoaction

Apple blossom day	Early May	
International dawn chorus day	1 st Sunday in May	www.wildlifetrusts.org/
Walk in the woods	May - various	www.treecouncil.org.uk/
Space Day	First Friday in May	www.spaceday.org/index.html
Composting awareness week	4-10 May 2008	www.compostawarenessweek.org.uk/
Lowtide	Every year on the Saturday in May with the lowest tide	www.riverocean.org.uk/
International migratory bird day	2 nd Sat. in May each year	www.birdday.org/
National Breastfeeding Awareness Week	11-17 May 2008	www.breastfeeding.nhs.uk/en/fe/page.asp?n1=5&n2=13
Be nice to nettles week	14-25 May 2008	www.nettles.org.uk/
Adult Learners' Week	17-23 May 2008	www.niace.org.uk/ALw/2007/default.htm
Scottish biodiversity week	17-25 May 2008	www.biodiversityscotland.gov.uk/
National Vegetarian Week	19-25 May 2008	www.vegsoc.org/nvw/
World Turtle Day	23 May every year	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Turtle_Day
European day of parks	24 May every year	www.europarc.org/international/data/edp.htm
Summer walk to school week (Scotland)	12-16 May 2008	
(rest of UK)	19-23 May 2008	www.walktoschool.org.uk
Great Scottish Walk (Glasgow)	25 May 2008	www.greatscottishwalk.com
Wildlife week	31 May-21 June 2008	www.wildlifetrusts.org/index.php?section=places:events:wildlifeweek
Open Farm Sunday	1 June 2008	www.farmsunday.org/farmsunday/
Recycle Now week	2-8 June 2008	www.recyclenow.com/
Volunteers week	1-7 Jun every year	www.volunteersweek.org.uk
European green week	3-6 June 2008	ec.europa.eu/environment/greenweek/home.html
World environment day	5 Jun every year	www.unep.org
Walking festivals	throughout the year	www.ramblers.org.uk/info/events/diary.html
World oceans day	8 Jun every year	www.mcsuk.org
National Moth Night	7 June 2008	www.nationalmothnight.info/
(See also Garden Moths Count below)		
School grounds week	9-13 Jun 2008	www.ltl.org.uk
Bike Week	14-22 June 2008	www.bikeweek.org.uk
National Badger Day	14 June 2008	www.badger.org.uk/
Dragonfly Week	21-29 Jun 2008	www.dragonflysoc.org.uk/frameset.htm?home&home
Garden Moths Count	21 June-6 July 2008	www.mothcount.brc.ac.uk/default.aspx
Great Scottish walk (Edinburgh)	22 Jun 2008	www.greatscottishwalk.com
National insect week	23-29 Jun 2008	www.nationalinsectweek.co.uk

Children's art day	1 st July 2008	www.engage.org/projects/artworks.aspx
Child safety week	Last full week of June each year	www.capt.org.uk/csweek
National mammal week	1-9 Jul 2006	www.abdn.ac.uk/mammal/
Big tent (Stewardship Festival)	26-27 July 2008	www.bigtentfestival.co.uk/
International bog day	Last Sunday in July	www.swt.org.uk/
Marine week	2-17 August 2008	www.wildlifetrusts.org/index.php?section=places:events:marineweek
International Youth Day	12 Aug every year	www.un.org/esa/socdev/unyin/iyouthday.htm
National Allotments Week	13-19 August 2007	www.nsalg.org.uk/
Bird fair	15-17 August 2008	www.birdfair.org.uk
European Bat Week end	22-24 August 2008	www.bats.org.uk/
Scottish Food Fortnight	6-21 Sept 2008	www.scottishfoodfortnight.co.uk/
Organic Fortnight	6-21 Sept 2008	www.organicweek.org/
European mobility week	16-22 Sept 2008	www.mobilityweek-europe.org
Beachwatch weekend	various - see website	www.adoptabeach.org.uk
In Town Without My Car Day	22 Sept every year	www.mobilityweek-europe.org/ www.ramblers.org.uk/walks/
Seed gathering season	23 Sept-23 Oct every year	www.treecouncil.org.uk/
British Food Fortnight	20 Sep - 5 Oct 2008	www.britishfoodfortnight.co.uk.
Breast cancer awareness month	Oct every year	www.scottishbreastcancercampaign.org
World animal day	4 Oct every year	www.worldanimalday.org.uk
World animal week	4-10 Oct 2008	
International walk to school month	October 2008	www.walktoschool.org.uk
National Poetry Day	9 Oct 2008	www.poetrysociety.org.uk/npd/npdindex.htm
Red squirrel week	4-12 Oct 2008	www.wildlifetrusts.org/index.php?section=places:events:redsquirrelweek
Apple day	21 Oct every year	www.commonground.org.uk/appleday/a-index.html
Make a difference day	25 October 2008	www.csv.org.uk/difference
Feed the birds day	27 October 2007	www.rspb.org.uk/feedthebirds/
One world week	end of Oct	www.oneworldweek.org

Vegan Month	November	http://veganmonth.com/
World Vegan Day	1 November 2008	
National Youth Work week	1-7 November 2007	www.nya.org.uk/Templates/Internal.asp?NodeID=95997
Road safety week	10-16 Nov 2008	www.roadsafetyweek.org.uk
National tree week	26 Nov-7 Dec 2008	www.treecouncil.org.uk
Buy nothing day	26 Nov every year	www.buynothingday.co.uk
World aids day	1 Dec every year	www.worldaidsday.org
Tree dressing day	First weekend in Dec	www.commonground.org.uk
International volunteer day	5 Dec every year	www.worldvolunteerweb.org
International Animal rights day	10 Dec 2008	
International Mountain Day	11 Dec every year	www.fao.org/mnts/intl_mountain_day_en.asp

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