



## **Festival FAQ's**

### **ESSENTIAL INFORMATION**

#### **1. When and where is it?**

Our Power of Plants festival will take place from Friday 1 July to Sunday 3 July 2022 at Fawley Fields, Near Buckinghamshire, RG9 6JF, What3words - ///disco.marked.sizzled and Lat/Long: 51.580052, -0.907832.

#### **2. What is the site like?**

Fawley Fields is a stunning, large site with far-reaching views and a wonderful woodland. There will be three large tents, for the sessions, a children's entertainment area and various food, drink and market stalls spread across the site.

Some areas of the site may be uneven and suitable footwear should be worn. If we have sustained wet weather during the weekend or in the lead-up, the site may become muddy.

#### **3. Are dogs allowed on site?**

Unfortunately, no dogs or pets are allowed on site. Fawley Fields is adjacent to a working farm.

#### **4. What time can I arrive?**

Practitioners can arrive on site from 12pm on Friday 1 July 2022, although if you are camping you can arrive to pitch your tent from 10:30am. Members of the public can arrive from 8am on Saturday 2 July 2022. Please contact the office if you need to arrive earlier so that we can discuss this with you.

#### **5. What time will the festival finish?**

The sessions will finish around 6pm on Friday and Saturday, although there will be food, drink, music and dancing both evenings. On Sunday the event will finish by 3pm to allow travel time home.

## **6. Can vehicles, camper vans and motorhomes be left overnight?**

Yes, all vehicles should be parked in the designated area on site, ideally for the duration of the festival. If you are staying off-site please try to minimise any exits/entries each day. This will help to minimise traffic, pollution and potential damage. Please note that all vehicles are left at the owners' risk.

## **7. Will there be 4G and/or WiFi on site?**

4G is available on site. There are limited USB plug points (not locked) available during the event. Attendees may find it easier to bring power banks for their devices.

## **TRAVEL**

### **1. By car/taxi**

Fawley Fields can be easily accessed from the M40, M4 and A404. It is about an hour and a half's drive from central London and a two hour drive from Birmingham.

Please note that there is 18ft access at the site entrance and exit. Free parking is available on site.

### **2. By train**

The nearest train station is Henley-on-Thames. Travel from London Paddington takes approximately one hour with one change at Twyford and from Birmingham New Street, the journey takes approximately two and a half hours with two changes at Reading and Twyford.

### **3. By bus**

Henley-on-Thames can be reached by bus and there are regular services to and from Maidenhead, High Wycombe, Reading and Wallingford.

Arriva Group operate a bus service (800) to Fawley which will serve the following stops:

- Fawley – Icehouse Lane;
- Fawley – Court Farm; and
- Fawley – Benhams Lane.

Benhams Lane appears to be the closest stop to the festival site. The bus driver may be able to accept a request stop at the junction between Dobsons Lane and Benhams Lane (just past The Denning Montessori Pre-School) which we estimate is less than a 5 minute walk to the festival location.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

### **1. Camping on site**

There are various, affordable camping options available on site - just select the appropriate ticket at the checkout. The camping area is next to the main festival area and there will be a toilet block and 6 shower units which will be available exclusively to campers. Please only bring what you can take home with you!

### **2. Off site accommodation**

There are no hotels in Fawley itself. However, there are various Airbnb's in and around the Fawley area.

The nearest major hotel chains are based in and around Henley-on-Thames. The closest Premier Inn is located in Marlow (approximately 5 miles from Henley) and there are other Premier Inns slightly further away in Reading. Otherwise, there is a Travelodge in Marlow and High Wycombe as well as a Wetherspoons hotel, Crowne Plaza, Mercure and Hotel du Vin in Henley.

There is a YHA hostel in Streatley which is approximately 17 miles from Fawley Fields.

If you are in a caravan or motorhome, Four Oaks is a Caravan Club site with full facilities and main road access, 2 miles from the festival. Swiss Farm is next door to Four Oaks and has caravan, motorhome and tent camping available, as well as some holiday lodges.

## **TICKETS**

## **1. Are children allowed at the festival?**

We welcome children of all ages. Whilst the venue will be child friendly and there will be various activities over the course of the weekend. We have dedicated volunteers running these activities, but if you choose to leave your children at an activity please make sure they are happy without your supervision.

If you lose sight of your child, please contact a site marshall immediately so that they can help you. Alternatively, go to the Institute marquee. If you do bring young children, please ensure that on entry, they receive a wristband and write your contact number on it so that if you are separated, you can be reunited quickly.

## **2. I am an Institute member. Do I still need to pre-book a ticket?**

Yes please. All tickets should be purchased in advance of the event so that we have an accurate list of the number of attendees. Please ensure you select the correct number of tickets including free tickets for under 12's.

## **3. Which ticket should I purchase?**

Friday is a practitioner day whilst Saturday and Sunday are open to everyone. Please select either a full member, student, other practitioner or public ticket via the events page on our website.

## **4. How do I get my ticket?**

You will receive a PDF QR code ticket over email. When you arrive on site, you will need to check in at the main desk and collect a wristband. Wristbands are not transferable between people and are void if they are removed or tampered with.

## **5. What if I am disabled?**

We want to ensure that Power of Plants is accessible for everyone. Some parts of the site are easier to access compared to others. If you are disabled, please get in touch with us via [info@nimh.org.uk](mailto:info@nimh.org.uk) before the event so that we can discuss options with you.

## **6. Are there any volunteering options available?**

We currently have a sufficient number of volunteers for this year's festival. However, if you are interested in volunteering during the festival weekend or at next year's event, please get in touch with the office in the usual way. Please note that we are unable to offer remuneration for volunteers on this occasion.

## **CATERING**

### **1. Is food included in the ticket price?**

Tickets only cover entry and the sessions - the food and drink is all chargeable.

### **2. What food and drink is available?**

Copper Penny Box are there to offer proper barista coffee and other hot drinks, with dairy and non-dairy milk available. They will also have some delicious derby cakes available!

Bokkie Street Food will be offering delicious street food style meals.

Clarabella's bar will be offering soft drinks,wines, beer and herbal cocktails.

### **3. What about any dietary requirements?**

When you purchase your ticket, you will be asked to state your dietary requirements so that we can liaise with the caterers and ensure that everyone is catered for.

Our caterers will process food and drink orders speedily and so there is no need to pre-order!

### **4. Will the food and drink stalls on site accept card payments?**

Yes, all food and drink stallholders will accept card (either contactless or chip and pin) and cash payments.

### **5. Can I bring my own food and drinks, including alcohol?**

Attendees can bring their own food and alcoholic drinks should they wish to do so.

### **6. What do I do if I forget a water bottle?**

For a small fee, you will be able to purchase a sustainable water bottle from the Institute's marquee. These can be refilled on site for free at one of the tested drinking points.

### **7. What about camping stoves and fire pits?**

Camping stoves and small fire pits (below knee height) are also permitted although these should remain attended at all times.

### **8. Refuse, recycling and staying green!**

There will be various waste collection points on site and we are working hard to ensure that wherever possible, waste is sustainable and recyclable. We are using plant-based, compostable serving ware and glasses throughout.

We ask that you please keep the site tidy across the weekend and leave the site as you find it.

## **PERSONAL SAFETY**

### **1. Are you fully insured?**

We carry £1 million worth of Public Liability Insurance cover for the festival.

### **2. What to do in an emergency**

There will be various marshalls (wearing hi-vis jackets) on site throughout the weekend. If you feel unwell or need help, locate a marshall who will be able to assist. There will also be a herbal first aid trailer on site.

In the event of a serious or life-threatening situation, please contact a marshall immediately and dial 999.

### **3. Lost property**

Attendees are responsible for their belongings (including car keys, cash, credit cards, mobile phones, wallets, purses and other valuables) at all times. However, our on-site marshalls will do their best to assist if a valuable item goes missing.

#### **4. Do you permit fireworks?**

Fireworks, flares, Chinese lanterns and sparklers are strictly prohibited.

#### **5. What hygiene measures are in place?**

There will be various hand sanitisers installed on site as well as in the toilet and washroom areas. The food and drink stalls will also have hand sanitiser and a member of the team will ensure that toilets and washrooms are checked regularly throughout the weekend.

Please note that there are no baby changing facilities on site.

### **FINAL POINTS**



If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact the office in the usual way via [info@nimh.org.uk](mailto:info@nimh.org.uk) or 01392 426022 and we will do our best to help.



Please do share your festival experience on social media! Our handle is @medherbalists and hashtags can include #theinstitute, #powerofplants etc.

We very much hope that you enjoy the festival! 