

Hello from all at Kin Hill!

We are starting to notice the change in the seasons here, a slight chill on an evening, the leaves starting to change colour and the nights starting to draw in.

We will be having our next volunteer day on the 12th of October from 10 - 4. We will provide something simple like a soup for lunch but it's always lovely if people want to bring something else to share as well. We will provide teas, coffee, (oat) milk and biscuits. We haven't decided what tasks we will be doing yet but we will be working outside so layer up and wear clothes that you don't mind getting muddy. All help is welcome and jobs will vary so come along and do what feels right for you. It would be really helpful to know if you are coming so please let us know by email (kinhillcollaborations@gmail.com) if you are planning to attend.



Looking back over summer we've been very busy with some big changes! We've welcomed Josh, Chloe, Anna and Thomas to the community who have all settled in and have been making the place feel like home.

We now have 'The Kin's Head' our makeshift pub in the barn with cosy sofas and fairy lights where we've enjoyed hanging out together. A herb spiral is being created in the veg garden and our compost toilets have had a much needed beautifying.



Our veg garden has bought us lots of joy, we've loved growing and eating a variety of fruits and vegetables (potatoes, strawberries, pears, blackcurrants, squash, tomatoes, courgettes, beans, sweetcorn to name a few!) some more successful than others but it's always fun learning along the way. A slight disaster occurred during storm Florrie however when it blew over our beautiful geodome. We managed to resurrect it and add in more support so hopefully it won't happen again.



A lot of work has also been happening to renovate the farm house - we're working from the outside in and starting with the external walls and focusing on making them as insulated and breathable as possible using insulating lime render, it's a hard job but it's looking amazing.



Out on the land we've been managing our meadows by having the grass cut and baled. This helps to suppress plants like thistle, dock, creeping buttercup and sorrel and hopefully allows for more diverse wildflowers to grow in their place and improve biodiversity.

We also had students from local schools helping to come and take part in our Children's Forest project where they helped us tending our young woodland and checking on all the trees still growing in tubes and they also helped us with an insect and moth survey – we found loads!



If you're into green woodwork or wood craft and would like to meet fellow bodgers, we have 'Spoon Club' on the second Sunday of every month from 11-4. We hang out in the woods, chat and carve next to the fire and eat lunch together (bring some vegan/vegetarian food to share and a plate and cutlery).

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