

Garstang Fairtrade

Fairtrade Fortnight 2020 Activities

- There will be a Family Fairtrade Quiz starting February 1st. Quiz Sheets can be collected from the visitor's centre, the library and the Mustard Seed. Completed forms should be returned to the visitor's centre by 1st March. A £20 Fairtrade Hamper and a £10 voucher to be spent at the Mustard Seed will be presented to the winning entry at 10.00 on the 7th march at the Mustard Seed.
- Once again, we will be putting on our popular display about Fairtrade Cocoa in the Library.
- The annual Cycle Club Banana rally will take place on Saturday 29th February. Members gather outside the Royal Oak at 9.15.
- There will be a display and sale of Fairtrade goods at Soroptimist International, North West Region and the Isle of Man meeting at the Crofters Hotel on 15th February.
- Bruce Crowther will be giving a chocolate demonstration at the URC hall starting 7.00pm. Admission will be free.

20th Anniversary Celebrations

- The possibility of the Fairtrade Walk as part of the Garstang Walking Festival is being investigated – details to follow.
- As part of the Garstang Arts Festival afternoon tea to be served at the Arts Centre on Thursday 27th August 2020. 1.00 – 4.00pm
- There will be a Fairtrade stall outside Market Hall on Saturday 20th June to raise awareness of Fairtrade.
- A Fairtrade Wine and Cheese Evening to be held at Cabus Village Hall has been booked for Thursday 26th November 2020 6.00 -10pm.
- As their contribution to our celebration, Garstang in Bloom have volunteered to plant the haycart outside Sainsbury's in the colours of the Fairtrade logo - blue, green and black.

Fairtrade Directory

The Fairtrade Steering Group are producing a Garstang and District Fairtrade Directory booklet for the town which should be available later this year. Free copies of the Directory will be available from the Visitors Centre, the Mustard Seed and various outlets around town. The Directory is intended to support retailers and those who offer accommodation by selling or using Fairtrade products in their businesses. Please support them.

Easyfundraising

Turns your everyday online shopping into free donations for your favourite cause. How? Just start your online shopping first at easyfundraising, then shop as normal. The retailers then make a small donation to say "thank you". There are 3,824 retailers to choose from and so far over £30 million has been raised for thousands of community groups, schools, sports clubs, small and large charities across the UK. So, by nominating Garstang Fairtrade Steering Group you will be helping Fairtrade to continue in Garstang.

Date of next meeting

Our next meeting will be on Saturday 8th February 10.00 am at the Methodist Church (access via Wesley's coffee lounge on Parkhill Road) where we will be finalising our contribution to Fairtrade Fortnight and our 20years celebrations. Everyone who has an interest in Fairtrade or is just curious is welcome to join us, we would love to see you. If you have any ideas or suggestions but cannot get to the meeting, please email us on garstangfairtrade@gmail.com