

## SWALE FRIENDS OF THE EARTH

**We're a voluntary group of people from different backgrounds but we're all passionate about creating a thriving world for everyone. That means a healthy natural environment and a fair economy where everyone's needs are met, now and in the long run.**

Swale Friends of the Earth reflects national FoE campaigns and gets involved in many local issues. We try to increase environmental awareness locally and bring a different perspective to debates in Swale like land-use, food, planning, energy and climate, protection of natural heritage, sustainable development etc

**2023:** Organisation of 'Lovely World', an immersive exhibition and event exploring what the world could be like in 2040 if we make the right decisions for society and the environment.

**2022:** Marked the great big green Week by engaging with the public at a stall in Faversham Market Place.

Organised two litter picks, at Bysing Wood and along the Creek

**2021:** Contributed to the Sustainable Development Goals and series of talks.

Marked the beginning of COP26 with a demonstration in Faversham.

Took part in the Great Big Green Week with an art exhibition, and displays at the Town Hall

**2020:** Activity limited by pandemic but Creek Clean with volunteers.

**2019:** Contributions to Swale BC on 'Rewilding' the Faversham Recreation Ground.

Presence at Edible Culture's Chilli Festival.

Contributed to public display on the environment organised by Faversham Society.

Organisation of a 2nd 'Creek Clean'.

**2018:** Participation in Faversham Nautical festival, raising consciousness of plastic pollution problems.

Comedy night with an environment theme.

Organising a 'Creek Clean' with a large number of volunteers, illustrating the dangers of single-use plastics to the oceans.

**2017:** Showing 'An Inconvenient Sequel' to a wide audience at the Faversham cinema.

Lobbying our local MP both locally and in the Commons on the issue of climate change

Participation in Faversham Food Festival to highlight the need to shop locally and the impact of palm oil on deforestation.

Participation in Faversham Nautical Festival, focusing attention on the effect of climate change on waterways and seas, with attendant risks of local flooding.

A Climate Change Day, (1&1/2 Degrees) involving other local organisations, including schools: a display of information, local and global on the threat posed by climate change and what we can do to mitigate it, individually and collectively.

Hustings for Kent County Council elections where candidates outlined their position on environmental issues.

**2016:** Projection of 'This Changes Everything', a film by Naomi Klein, followed by discussion.

*Our main annual event is the Green Christmas Market every December on the first Saturday.*

**We meet:** 7.30pm on the second Tuesday each month at a local pub/online.

### What's in it for you?

- Be up-to-date with campaigns and local environmental issues
- Skills training frequently available from Friends of the Earth head office

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### I'd like to:

know more about what the group does locally  
come along to a meeting: please send details

Signature: .....

Date: .....

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