Please help us to make the Tolpuddle Festival as sustainable as possible. We come together to celebrate the movement that freed the Tolpuddle Martyrs and to remember their sacrifice. As a force for progressive change, we know the importance of tackling the causes of damaging climate change.

Getting there

If you can, use public transport. The shuttle bus to and from Dorchester station will be just £3 each way.

Car share: go to the Tolpuddle web site to see how.

Coaches: Check out our list of coaches here.

No single-use plastic please

The battle to reduce plastic includes the Tolpuddle Martyrs' Festival. We are some way off from eliminating plastic but we can cut waste, re-use and re-cycle.

We have told all stalls not to sell single-use bottled water. Instead we hope people will bring re-useable containers. There are water taps on hand and, more importantly, it’s free!

Stall holders are required to use bio-degradable cutlery, plates and cups. Buy a souvenir beer glass and use it over and over again. Only bio-degradable balloons will be permitted.

We urge stall holders, including unions, to reduce their plastic freebies. Using the Tolpuddle Festival to promote their campaigns is important but it can be done without generating plastic waste.

Join the debate

Climate change is the most important issue we face. There shall be opportunities to learn more about the threats to our planet and what we can do as trade unionists to change the way we live and work. Check out the environmental campaigning stalls and the discussion sessions.

Recycle

The Tolpuddle Martyrs' Festival aims to recycle as much of its waste as possible. Recycling points are dispersed all over the site and please use them.

Re-useable cups from the bar

The liveliest debate we have had has been over the 'cups' used by the bar. There is no easy answer! Even 'paper' cups are coated with a plastic lacquer that is hard to recycle. We will use re-useable plastic cups as a way to cut down plastic waste. The cups can be used many times and can be recycled at the end of their life. A small charge will be added to the first drink bought. When you bring your cup back for another drink you can be given a fresh cup.

Green energy

The buildings have had their insulation upgraded and energy efficient lights fitted. Solar panels on the cottages and Liberty Barn in the children's area generate more electricity than we use. The Festival is carbon-neutral.