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Harvest Weekend: Traditional Rural Skills and Celebrations

26 & 27 September 2026

Join us for a special **Harvest Weekend** and discover the rich traditions of our farming history. This family-friendly event is packed with live demonstrations, hands-on heritage skills, and the sights and sounds of the countryside.

Experience the sights and smells of a traditional harvest as you explore rural crafts, heritage displays, and working demonstrations.

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Discover Historic Rural Life in the Chilterns

Explore a traditional working farm, with vintage tools and machinery from a bygone age.

Learn about the **threshing machine** and how it separates grain from straw as it would have done over a century ago, and find out more about the **Swing Riots**, a pivotal moment in agricultural history.

See **apple pressing** in action, turning orchard fruit into fresh juice.

Watch our talented **sheepdogs at work**, skilfully herding our **Oxford Down sheep**—a rare breed with a proud local history.

Meet the Heavy Horses and Take a Carriage Ride



Celebrate the Season

Enjoy the energy and colour of traditional **Morris dancing**.

Step inside **Henton Chapel** to see our beautiful **Harvest display**, created with produce grown in our own gardens and allotments, celebrating the bounty of the season.

Watch as our **traditional bakers** shape and bake a magnificent **harvest loaf**.



Vintage Agricultural Machinery on Display

Heritage Crafts & Skills

Don't miss the fiery forge, where our **blacksmith** will be at work shaping metal using traditional techniques that have been passed down through generations.

Visit the **Bodger's Area** to learn how bodgers once crafted wooden chair legs in the woods, and stop by our **charcoal kiln and saw pit** to see how woodland resources were once used for everything from fuel to furniture.

Watch **flax spinning demonstrations** and discover how a humble crop is turned into a useful material.

There will also be a small number of craft & produce stalls.



Watch Highlights

The Harvest Weekend at Chiltern Open Air Museum is an annual celebration of the autumn season. Take a look at our video for highlights from the 2024 event.



Harvest 2024 at Chiltern Open Air Museum. Inc. heavy hor
Chiltern Open Air Museum



Watch on





Event Information

- This is a Premium Admission Day
- Free entry for COAM Annual Members
- Activities take place between 11am and 4pm

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General Museum Information

With 45 acres at your disposal, there is plenty to explore, including woodlands and an exciting adventure playground

Dogs on short leads are welcome but must not go inside residential buildings

Light lunches, drinks, cakes and snacks are available to purchase from our Skippings Barn

Sensory backpacks are available to borrow (subject to availability)

Mobility scooters are available to borrow (subject to availability - pre-booking is advised)

Lots of free parking

Photography and filming may take place during this event for the Museum archives and publicity. These photographs and video footage may appear in promotional or educational materials including on our websites, social media

pages, newsletters, or in newspapers and magazines. If you do not wish to be photographed, please speak to the photographer.

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