



Festival Vision:2025 Meeting *Skills & Knowledge Update*

Wednesday 18th October, 14:00 – 17:45

Venue: [The Showman's Show Hub Tipi](#), The Showman's Show, Newbury Showground,
Priors Court Road, Hermitage, Newbury, RG18 9QZ

Programme

- 1.45 **Arrivals & welcome with host Graham Brown** (Plaster PR)
- 14:00 **Ben Robinson** ([From the Fields](#)): The value and impact of engaging audiences in sustainability at Bluedot festival.
- 14:15 **Quick Fire Innovations & Industry Updates**
Hosted by Graham Brown (Plaster PR)
- **Mark Laurie** (NCASS): New Trader Carbon Calculator & Food Waste Project 8th Plate
 - **Vikki Chapman** (Festival Republic) & **Amanda Campbell** (Comp-a-Tent): Turning Tent Trash into Future Resource
 - **Chris Williams** (Prolectric): Innovation in Solar Lighting
 - **Catherine Bottrill** (Julie's Bicycle): Creative Green Certification & Biofuels — The Latest Research
 - **Abi Edgar** (Energy Revolution): Turning Festival Travel Emissions into Renewable Energy
- 15:15 **Panel Discussion: Re-imagining Water at Events** — Hosted by Steve Heap (AFO): *How environmental impacts from water at events can be minimised with innovations and initiatives?* With **panel guests:** **Lise Honingser**, ([Ohoo!](#)) **William Goodwin**, ([Waste Into Water](#)) & **Annabelle Hunt** ([FRANK Water](#)).
- 15.45 **Tea & coffee break**

- 16:00 **Key Topic ‘Round Table’ Discussions:** (4 rotating groups with 15 min per topic)
- Energy Management, Monitoring & Reporting: **Tim Benson (SMART Power)**
 - Creating an Environmental Action Plan & Strategy: **Catherine Botrill (Julie’s Bicycle)**
 - Working with Traders to Achieve your Sustainability Goals: **Mark Laurie (NCASS)**
 - Tackling Festival Travel Emissions: **Liz Warwick (Lansdowne Warwick/ Cambridge Folk Festival)**
- 17:00 **Networking:** Share experiences with the Festival Vision:2025 community & meet power suppliers with sustainable solutions.
- 17:45 **ENDS**

Practical Information:

Advance and on the day queries: bethan@powerful-thinking.org.uk / 07841558445

Travel: How to get to Newbury Showground: Priors Court Road, Hermitage, Newbury, Berks, RG18 9QZ

By road: via the M4 from South Wales or London, or the A34 from Oxford or Newbury. There is ample free on-site parking. The Showman’s Show want to be as green as possible and ask you all to consider your environment and the effect your travel has on it. They have teamed up with **GoCarShare** to help encourage sharing car journeys. You can add your journey here gocarshare.com/events/the-showman-s-show.

By rail: to Newbury. A courtesy bus will operate between Newbury Station and the Showground every 30min from 8.30am on the 18th October. The last bus will leave the showground at 6pm on Wednesday the 18th and 5.30pm on Thursday 19th.

By air: Heathrow is under 45 minutes drive west bound along the M4. Bristol via the M4 east bound. Southampton Airport via M3 and A34.

Hotel Suggestions:

Hendersons Travel is the official accommodation provider for the Showman's Show. They offer a range of hotels from 2* to 5* near the event venue at Newbury Showground. Visit their website here: www.hendersonstravel.com

