



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Are children allowed?

For you to fully immerse yourself in the workshops and gain the full benefit of the weekend, we don't recommend bringing your children, as it can be difficult to participate. However, we do understand that childcare can often be difficult to find or arrange.

Can I bring my dog?

The venue is strictly no pets allowed as it is home to a range of animals, including alpacas, who find dogs stressful. The venue has also undergone a rewilding project and a range of wildlife have taken up residence at Big Sky Hideaway. If you're lucky, like we were in 2024, you will see a gorgeous barn owl put on a show over the camping meadow in the evening.

Will food and drink be available outside of the allotted breaks?

Refreshments will be available all day and our awesome caterers will have snacks available throughout the day such as fresh fruit. Additionally, Big Sky Hideaway sell snacks in the barn and accept cash or card.

What facilities are available?

The venue is an eco-friendly venue and therefore all toilets are compostable, and the Big Sky Hideaway team do an excellent job at keeping them clean and scent free. Although that may sound a little scary, they are much more hygienic and pleasant to use than port-a-loos.

Showers are available and there are several options. To check out the different shower set ups, and other awesome facilities the venue provides, head over to bigskyhideaway.com/facilities. The only thing we ask is that you keep your shower nice and short to allow other attendees the opportunity to shower also.

What is your refund policy?

As a Community Interest Company (CIC), we rely on full attendance to cover the high costs associated with running our events, including catering and venue hire. Due to this we cannot offer refunds on purchased tickets. You are welcome to sell your ticket to somebody else if you can no longer make the event. Please contact admin@hbcforlife.org if you do, as we need to keep an accurate record of attendee details.

Can I charge electronics?

You'll find throughout the weekend that you will barely touch your phone and in fact, this was something a lot of HBC Fest 2024 attendees commented on. From our side of things, we are running the event to be as low-tech as possible. We recommend bringing power banks to keep your phone charged in case of emergencies however, but you will be able to charge your phone in the barn when it is open.

What shall I bring?

Keep an eye on our Thinkific page for the event for a very handy packing guide.
<https://hbcl-online-learning.thinkific.com/courses/hbcfest2025>

What if I don't have a tent?

Small single tents are very reasonably priced, and the price doesn't reflect the benefit of becoming a happy camper for years to come. We also have small number of tents to hire and local freecycle groups and similar often have tents available. Don't feel like you need something high end!

What if I'm nervous about camping?

HBC-Fest is the perfect place for a nervous camper as you'll be among friends, have lots of potential helpers, and be kept busy and well-fed so you'll hardly notice you're staying in a tent. HBC Fest is all about supporting one another and growing together.

Do I have to camp?

If camping really isn't your thing, there are glamping options available at an additional cost to suit your needs. Get in touch with us at admin@hbcforlife.org if you'd like to explore this.

How difficult it is to get my stuff from the car to the pitch?

Not difficult at all! There are large wheelbarrows available for you to use to ferry your camping gear around. Please just be mindful, by emptying the wheelbarrows as soon as you've reached your pitch and return them to the car park for others to use.

Will someone be able to help me put my tent up?

Yes! If you're struggling to put your tent up solo, there will likely be someone around who can help. Whether that's another attendee, which is a brilliant way of starting a friendship, or a HBCL team member. Please note that there are only several of us HBCL team members, so we may not be able to help you set up in that exact moment but will ensure that you are good to go before it gets dark.

Are pitches allocated?

No, you get to choose your spot. There are lots of pitches available, cut out into the meadow, so no one is cramped in. We do recommend turning up when the gates open if you want first dibs on a spot!

At Human Behaviour Change for Life we are experts in overcoming barriers—whether professional, personal, or practical. If you have any concerns about camping or other aspects of the event, let us help you turn those barriers into stepping stones for growth and connection.

Reach out to us at admin@hbcforlife.org