

7TH - 15TH
JUNE
2025

THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

STRATFORD-ON-AVON DISTRICT

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Welcome to Stratford-on-Avon Great Big Green Week 2025. There are over 50 events this year across the district, all celebrating wonderful projects and raising awareness of actions to combat climate change and protect nature. This is the fifth year that the Climate Coalition has promoted a national green festival. The Net Zero Stratford team hopes that all residents of Stratford district will find something to enjoy in the programme this year! Find out more at:

netzerostratford.org.uk

greatbiggreenweek.com

KEY

-  Food & Drink
-  Activity
-  Talk
-  Workshop
-  Walk
-  Tour




-  Norah's Ark
-  River Hope
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Look out for this year's special events running across Great Big Green Week!





OPENING EVENT

Sustainable Shakespeare Community Day

A day to discover and celebrate the action being undertaken by local and regional organisations to tackle climate change and protect our natural environment.









-  **Sat 7th June**
10am-4pm
-  New Place Great Garden, Chapel Lane, Stratford-Upon-Avon CV37 6EF
-  Free

INTRODUCTORY EVENTS

EVENT	INFO	BOOKING
 OPEN GARDENS FOR WILDLIFE IN WELLESBOURNE Sustainable Wellesbourne We are inviting visitors to learn and share tips for gardening with wildlife in mind. 14 or more gardens and open spaces will be on the map to explore and enjoy.	 Sat 31st May - Sun 1st June 1pm - 5pm  Wellesbourne, CV35 9NH Hunscombe, CV35 9EX* *Sunday only  £5 per day	On the day at: Wellesbourne Methodist Church (Both days) Chedham's Yard (Both days) Twitey's Glamping (Sunday)
 BIOBLITZ The Heart of England Forest For adults with an interest in nature. Learn how to help record and protect the wildlife on your doorstep in this 24hr race against the clock to discover as many species as possible.	 Fri 6th June Fri 6 th 9:30pm until Sat 7 th 5:30pm  Spernal Park and Morgrove Coppice, Nr. Alcester, B49 6JF  Free	Scan the QR code to book 

NATIONAL GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK BEGINS 7TH-15TH JUNE


SATURDAY 7TH JUNE

EVENT	INFO	BOOKING
 TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC Vanessa Benjamin-Smith Plastic-free vegetarian picnic for younger children, their teddies and parents, with live music.	 12pm - 2pm  Shipston Scout Hut and Little Recreation Ground, CV36 4AW  Free	Just turn up & enjoy!
 REPAIR CAFE Stratford Town Trust and Net Zero Stratford Bring your items for repair by our fantastic volunteers. Refreshments available. This month's "Give and Take" stall has supplies for Arts and Crafts!	 10am - 2pm  Stratford-upon-Avon Methodist Church, Old Town, CV37 6BG  Free	Just turn up & enjoy!



SATURDAY 7TH JUNE

EVENT	INFO	BOOKING
 BIG BUG HUNT AND CHURCHYARD SPECIES COUNT St James' Church, Alveston Tea and cakes, children's Bug Hunting, plus annual churchyard wildflower meadow survey for Churches Count on Nature.	🕒 10am - 3pm 📍 St James' Church, Alveston 💎 Free	Just turn up & enjoy!
 MAKING A NOISE: CREATING MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS THROUGH BODY AND VOICE Norah's Ark Community Play (Stratford Town Trust) Fun workshop for those interested in taking part in the <i>Norah's Ark</i> production in GBGW 2026, or anyone who simply wants to have a go!	🕒 12pm - 12:45pm 2pm - 2:45pm 📍 Guild Chapel, Chapel Lane, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6EP 💎 Free	Just turn up & enjoy!
 THE AGE OF STUPID Verity Richardson Powerful film set in a devastated world in 2055, asking why climate change was not stopped before it was too late.	🕒 7pm - 9pm 📍 Shipston Scout Hut, CV36 4AW 💎 Free	Just turn up & enjoy!



SUNDAY 8TH JUNE

EVENT	INFO	BOOKING
 DAWN CHORUS WALK WITH BILL WRIGHT Stratford Wildlife Friends Bill Wright, local nature enthusiast, leads this dawn chorus walk. Expect interesting things to see and hear by the river at a time when most people are still asleep!	🕒 4am - 6am 📍 RSC Gardens, Southern Lane, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6BG 💎 Free	Just turn up & enjoy!



SUNDAY 8TH JUNE

EVENT	INFO	BOOKING
 THE BIG AVON CLEAN UP Rubbish Friends Stratford-upon-Avon Join Rubbish Friends for a land-based community pick, starting from Stratford Leisure Centre. We are supporting SOAK and The Big Paddle Clean Up.	🕒 10am 📍 Stratford Leisure Centre 💎 Free	Just turn up & enjoy!
HEDGEROWS AND CREAM TEAS Liz Garton Stratford-upon-Avon An informal afternoon to learn about hedgerows and their importance to wildlife, including hands-on hedgerow assessments and finishing with a delicious cream tea.	🕒 2pm - 4pm 📍 Hedge Connect, Village Hall, Preston-on-Stour, CV37 8NG 💎 Free	Scan the QR code to book 

MONDAY 9TH JUNE

EVENT	INFO	BOOKING
 ARTS & NATURE CRAFTS WITH ESCAPE ARTS Escape Arts Join Escape Arts for a free sustainable art session for adults. Taking inspiration from nature and using natural materials to be creative and have fun.	🕒 1pm - 3pm 📍 Garden at Lifeways, Albany Road, Stratford-Upon-Avon 💎 Free	Book with: info@escapearts.org.uk
 ARTS & NATURE CREATIVE HUB Escape Arts Using macro lenses, we will explore the natural world in miniature to create a collage celebrating the beauty of the nature around us.	🕒 1pm - 3pm 📍 Escape Arts & Heritage Centre, Off Sheep Street, Stratford-Upon-Avon, CV37 6EE 💎 Free	Book with: info@escapearts.org.uk




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<p> CARBON LITERACY TRAINING Net Zero Stratford</p> <p>Learn about climate change and what is being done locally to create a low-carbon culture.</p> <p>Session 1 of 2. Our second session takes place on Monday 16th June.</p>	<p>🕒 10:30</p> <p>📍 The Welcome Space, Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Waterside, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6BB</p> <p>💎 Free</p>	<p>Scan the QR code to book</p> 




TUESDAY 10TH JUNE

EVENT	INFO	BOOKING
<p> A PASSIVE HOUSE IN THE MAKING Gracie Gibbons</p> <p>See a passive house under construction and discuss glazing and shading, different types of insulation, and the importance of air tightness and ventilation.</p>	<p>🕒 10am - 11am</p> <p>📍 Loxley Road</p> <p>💎 Free</p>	<p>Book with: janet@netzerostratford.org.uk</p>
<p> RSC ENVIRONMENTAL TOUR Royal Shakespeare Company</p> <p>Join us for a tour of the RSC theatre with a difference. The tour will visit locations around the theatre and highlight the environmental initiatives being put in place by different teams.</p>	<p>🕒 10:15am - 11:15am</p> <p>📍 Royal Shakespeare Theatre</p> <p>💎 Free</p>	<p>Scan the QR code to book</p> 
<p> RSC WARM HUB: CRAFTIVISM SPECIAL Royal Shakespeare Company</p> <p>Join the RSC's warm hub for a morning of craftivism with Warwickshire Wildlife Trust and discover how we can look after our waterways and wildlife.</p>	<p>🕒 10:30am - 12:30pm</p> <p>📍 The Welcome Space, Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Waterside, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6BB</p> <p>💎 Free</p>	<p>Just turn up & enjoy!</p>

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<p> THE REMEDIES OF OUR WILD PLANTS - HERBAL WALK ON THE WELCOMBE HILLS Katie Beswick - Little Bird Herbals</p> <p>Join medical herbalist Katie Beswick for a herbal walk to discover the amazing remedies our wild plants have to offer.</p>	<p>🕒 10:30am - 12:30pm</p> <p>📍 Welcombe Hills</p> <p>💎 £5</p>	<p>Scan the QR code to book</p> 
<p> GREEN BOOK TALK Julie Hudson</p> <p>Join us to hear local climate volunteers, Julie Hudson and Mary Manandhar, talk about Wallace J. Nichol's book "Blue Mind." Come with questions, or to listen in on these community discussions.</p>	<p>🕒 11am - 12pm</p> <p>📍 Stratford Library CV37 6PZ</p> <p>💎 Free</p>	<p>Just turn up & enjoy!</p>






WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE

EVENT	INFO	BOOKING
<p> THE REMEDIES AND STORIES OF OUR WILD PLANTS - HERB WALKS Katie Beswick - Little Bird Herbals</p> <p>Join us on a herbal walk to discover the natural remedies our common wild plants have to offer!</p>	<p>🕒 10:30am - 12pm</p> <p>📍 Fisherman's Car Park Warwick Road, CV37 0NP</p> <p>💎 £5</p>	<p>Scan the QR code to book</p> 
<p> ARTS & NATURE ESCAPE Escape Arts</p> <p>Join our free sustainable art session for adults. Taking inspiration from nature and using natural materials to create a nature journal.</p>	<p>🕒 11am - 1pm</p> <p>📍 Escape Arts & Heritage Centre, Off Sheep Street, Stratford-Upon Avon, CV37 6EE</p> <p>💎 Free</p>	<p>Book with: info@escapearts.org.uk</p>

WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE

EVENT	INFO	BOOKING
 <p>DEMONSTRATION OF TEXTILE CRAFTS Stratford-upon-Avon Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers</p> <p>Discover the beauty of spinning, weaving, and braiding with live demonstrations, celebrating eco-conscious techniques and sustainable creative expression.</p>	<p>🕒 11am - 1:30pm</p> <p>📍 The Welcome Space, Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Waterside, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6BB</p> <p>💎 Free</p>	<p>Just turn up & enjoy!</p>
 <p>SUSTAINABILITY IN TEXTILES Stratford Climate Action</p> <p>Meet an experienced textile artist and learn about sustainability in the world of textiles. Your questions answered! Demonstrations will be held in the foyer before the talk.</p>	<p>🕒 3:30pm - 5pm</p> <p>📍 Stratford-upon-Avon Methodist Church, Old Town, CV37 6BG</p> <p>💎 £10</p>	<p>Scan the QR code to book</p> 
 <p>PEOPLE, PLANET, PINT Small99</p> <p>Find out what's going on locally with sustainability and how to get involved. First 10 people to register receive a free drink.</p>	<p>🕒 6pm</p> <p>📍 Horseshoe Pub, Church Street, Shipston CV36 4AP.</p> <p>💎 Free</p>	<p>Scan the QR code to book</p> 
 <p>EXPLORING SUSTAINABLE THEATRE-MAKING Norah's Ark Community Play (Stratford Town Trust)</p> <p>Join the RSC's Elizabeth Freestone, Director of the 2023 production of <i>The Tempest</i>, to discuss what goes into creating a sustainable theatre production.</p>	<p>🕒 6:30pm - 8pm</p> <p>📍 The Guild Chapel, Chapel Lane, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6EP</p> <p>💎 Free</p>	<p>Scan the QR code to book</p> 

THURSDAY 12TH JUNE








EVENT	INFO	BOOKING
 <p>WARM WELCOME Stratford Town Trust</p> <p>Come & create a bug hotel at the Stratford Town Trust Community Hub, as part of our weekly 'Warm Welcome' session! All materials & refreshments provided, pop in anytime 9.30am - 12.30pm.</p>	<p>🕒 9:30am - 12:30pm</p> <p>📍 Stratford Town Trust Community Hub, Venture House, CV37 0HR</p> <p>💎 Free</p>	<p>Scan the QR code to book</p> 
 <p>WILD WALK Stratford Town Trust & Warwickshire Wildlife Trust</p> <p>Join Karl Curtis, Director of Nature Reserves at Warwickshire Wildlife Trust for a walk taking in the local wildlife that calls the reserve home.</p>	<p>🕒 2pm - 4pm</p> <p>📍 Stratford Town Trust & Warwickshire Wildlife Trust</p> <p>💎 Free</p>	<p>Scan the QR code to book</p> 
 <p>GREEN BOOK TALK Julie Hudson</p> <p>Join us to hear local climate action volunteer, Mary Manandhar, talk about Robert Macfarlane's book "Is a River Alive?" Come with questions, or listen in on these community discussions.</p>	<p>🕒 3pm - 4pm</p> <p>📍 Alcester Library B49 5DZ</p> <p>💎 Free</p>	<p>Just turn up & enjoy!</p>
 <p>YOUNG FORESTERS TASTER SESSION The Heart of England Forest</p> <p>For young people aged 12-18 years to take part in outdoor activities such as seed collection and orienteering to build confidence and learn new skills.</p>	<p>🕒 4pm - 7pm</p> <p>📍 Middle Spenal, Spenal Lane, nr. Great Alne, B49 6JE</p> <p>💎 Free</p>	<p>Scan the QR code to book</p> 




DID YOU KNOW?

By swapping your car journeys for railways, you could cut your CO₂ emissions by up to 85% on average!





FRIDAY 13TH JUNE

EVENT	INFO	BOOKING
 <p>COMPOSTING AT HOME Warwickshire Waste Partnership</p> <p>Pop in to the library and ask all your questions about composting at home. Find out how to make a fabulously rich soil conditioner from unwanted food and garden waste.</p>	<p>🕒 10:30am - 12pm</p> <p>📍 Stratford Library CV37 6PZ</p> <p>💎 Free</p>	<p>Just turn up & enjoy!</p>
 <p>CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP Lucy Parrott Writing Workshops & Mary Manandhar of River Hope</p> <p>Get your creativity flowing as we consider the different states of water, how they appear in Shakespeare's work and then explore our emotional responses using inspirational prompts and guided free writing.</p>	<p>🕒 11am - 1pm</p> <p>📍 The Welcome Space, Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Waterside, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6BB</p> <p>💎 Free</p>	<p>Scan the QR code to book</p> 
 <p>GREEN BOOK TALK Julie Hudson</p> <p>Join us to hear local climate action volunteer Julie Hudson talk about "Hedgelands: a Wild Wander around Britain's Greatest Habitat" by Christopher Hart. Come with questions, or just to listen in on these community discussions.</p>	<p>🕒 2pm - 3pm</p> <p>📍 Wellesbourne Library CV35 9NF</p> <p>💎 Free</p>	<p>Just turn up & enjoy!</p>
 <p>VISIT TO A LOCAL SOLAR FARM Heart of England Community Energy</p> <p>See how the solar farm works and how it puts power to the grid. Hear how the land is managed to promote biodiversity. There are two tours available.</p>	<p>🕒 Tour 1: 2:30pm - 3:30pm Tour 2: 3:30pm - 4:30pm</p> <p>📍 Heart of England Community Energy Solar Farm</p> <p>💎 Free</p>	<p>Scan the QR code to book</p> <p>Tour 1</p>  <p>Tour 2</p> 







FRIDAY 13TH JUNE

EVENT	INFO	BOOKING
 <p>COMMUNITY KITCHEN Net Zero Stratford</p> <p>A delicious three-course meal made from surplus supermarket food that would otherwise go to waste. Totally free, but donations welcome.</p>	<p>🕒 5pm - 6:30pm</p> <p>📍 Ken Kennett Centre, Justin's Avenue, CV37 0DA</p> <p>💎 Free</p>	<p>Just turn up & enjoy!</p>


SATURDAY 14TH JUNE

EVENT	INFO	BOOKING
 <p>RIVER HOPE PHOTOGRAPHY INSTALLATION: MEET THE PHOTOGRAPHERS River Hope</p> <p>Meet the River Hope photographers.</p>	<p>🕒 11am - 12:30pm</p> <p>📍 The Welcome Space, Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Waterside, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6BB</p> <p>💎 Free</p>	<p>Just turn up & enjoy!</p>
 <p>HEDGEHOGS AND THEIR HABITATS Upper Lighthorne nature group and Parish Council</p> <p>Hedgehogs and their habitats need our help. Come and meet your local nature action group and discover what we can all do to help them.</p>	<p>🕒 12pm - 2pm</p> <p>📍 Upper lighthorne allotments, off Gaydon Coppice Avenue</p> <p>💎 Free</p>	<p>Just turn up & enjoy!</p>
 <p>BUILD A BUG HOTEL: CREATE A COSY HOME FOR MINI BEASTS The Heart of England Forest and Warwickshire Wildlife Trust</p> <p>For adults and children - Encourage biodiversity in your garden and build a bug hotel to provide shelter for insects. All materials are provided.</p>	<p>🕒 1pm - 4pm</p> <p>📍 Stratford Local Nature Reserve, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6YX</p> <p>💎 Free</p>	<p>Scan the QR code to book</p> 



SATURDAY 14TH JUNE

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 <p>DRAMA SKILLS FOR ALL Stratford Town Trust)</p> <p>Fun workshop on storytelling through drama. For those interested in joining the GBGW 2026 <i>Norah's Ark</i> production, or anyone who'd like to have a go!</p>	<p>🕒 2pm - 3:30pm</p> <p>📍 Guild Chapel, Chapel Lane, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6EP</p> <p>💎 Free</p>	<p>Scan the QR code to book</p> 
 <p>FASHION SHOW Vivien Walden</p> <p>Competition for best outfits using charity shop or second hand clothes. Two groups: under 10s and 10 - 15 yr olds, boys and girls.</p>	<p>🕒 2pm - 4pm</p> <p>📍 St Edmund's Church, Shipston, CV36 4AP</p> <p>💎 Free</p>	<p>Just turn up & enjoy!</p>
 <p>HOME ENERGY SAVING: PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS FOR HOME RETROFIT Gracie Gibbons with Net Zero Stratford</p> <p>Want to reduce the energy you use in your home and make it more comfortable to live in? Join us for expert retrofit advice.</p>	<p>🕒 2pm - 4pm</p> <p>📍 The Home Guard Club, Tiddington, CV37 7FA</p> <p>💎 Free</p>	<p>Just turn up & enjoy!</p>
 <p>ENJOY YOUR CHURCHYARD Rev Helen Smith/St Peter's Eco Church</p> <p>An afternoon to enjoy and explore our churchyard, with activities for children and families, refreshments and eco/sustainability information.</p>	<p>🕒 2pm - 5pm</p> <p>📍 St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, CV35 9LS</p> <p>💎 Free</p>	<p>Just turn up & enjoy!</p>
 <p>BICYCLE RIDE Michael Clifford</p> <p>Group Bike Rides exploring traffic free Stratford for all ages and abilities. Mostly off road. Helmets strongly recommended.</p>	<p>🕒 2pm - 4:30pm</p> <p>📍 Meet in front of the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Bancroft Gardens, CV37 6AT</p> <p>💎 Free</p>	<p>Just turn up & enjoy!</p>


SUNDAY 15TH JUNE

EVENT	INFO	BOOKING
 <p>RIVER DAY Verity Richardson</p> <p>River Blessing by our local Druid, followed by music and other activities in celebration of the river Stour.</p>	<p>🕒 10am - 12pm</p> <p>📍 Bottom of Bridge Car Park, CV36 4AW</p> <p>💎 Free</p>	<p>Just turn up & enjoy!</p>
 <p>WILD FORAGE WALK Katie Beswick</p> <p>Walk in Shipston led by Katie Beswick, a medical herbalist. Be surprised by the number of wild plants that are beneficial to us, and learn to recognise them.</p>	<p>🕒 1:30pm - 2:30pm</p> <p>📍 Meet outside 'Little Bird Soaps' Shop in Shipston, CV36 4AP</p> <p>💎 Free</p>	<p>Just turn up & enjoy!</p>


MONDAY 16TH JUNE

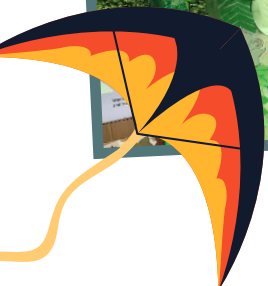
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THURSDAY 19TH JUNE

EVENT	INFO	BOOKING
 <p>GREEN BOOK TALK Julie Hudson</p> <p>Join us to hear local climate action volunteers talk about David Montgomery's book, "Growing a Revolution: Bringing Our Soil Back to Life."</p>	<p>🕒 11am - 12pm</p> <p>📍 Shipston Library CV36 4AP</p> <p>💎 Free</p>	<p>Just turn up & enjoy!</p>

SUNDAY 29TH JUNE



EVENT	INFO	BOOKING
 BICYCLE RIDE Michael Clifford Group Bike Rides exploring traffic free Stratford for all ages and abilities. Mostly off road. Helmets strongly recommended.	🕒 2pm - 4:30pm 📍 Meet in front of the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Bancroft Gardens, CV37 6AT 💎 Free	Just turn up & enjoy!



THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL

EVENT	INFO	BOOKING
 RSC GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK CATERING SPECIAL OFFERS Royal Shakespeare Company Come along to try out a delicious special menus, including a themed dinner inspired by Tudor-era dishes with a sustainable twist.	🕒 Sat 7 th June - Fri 13 th June 📍 Royal Shakespeare Theatre, CV37 6BB 💎 Paid	Scan the QR code to book 
 RIVER HOPE: PHOTOGRAPHY AND FILM INSTALLATION Royal Shakespeare Theatre and River Hope A film created by River Hope photographers, providing a visual language for the river, its wildlife and Nature.	🕒 Mon 9 th - Fri 13 th June 2:30pm - 8pm Sat 14 th - Sun 15 th June 10am - 5pm 📍 Royal Shakespeare Theatre, CV37 6BB 💎 Free	Just turn up & enjoy!

SATURDAY 12TH JULY

EVENT	INFO	BOOKING
 MAKING A SCENE: PROPS AND PUPPET-MAKING USING RECYCLED ITEMS Stratford Town Trust Help create the props and animal puppets for a new community drama, <i>Norah's Ark</i> , to be performed in GBGW 2026. Free on-site parking.	🕒 10:30am - 12:30pm 📍 Stratford Town Trust, Community Hub, Venture House, Birmingham Rd CV37 0HR 💎 Free	Scan the QR code to book 



NET ZERO STRATFORD

Net Zero Stratford CIC coordinates Stratford's Great Big Green Week and runs projects like the weekly Community Kitchen and Stratford Repair Café, in partnership with Stratford Town Trust. It also offers community Carbon Literacy training with The Carbon Literacy Project and the Royal Society of Arts. Since May 2024, its Climate Hub, funded by Warwickshire County Council and Stratford Town Trust, has served as a drop-in centre for climate and nature information.



Got any questions, or want to find out more? Scan the QR code or contact Janet at janet@netzerostratford.org.uk



LET'S SWAP TOGETHER FOR GOOD

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**SWAP TRAFFIC
FOR TRAINS**

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**SWAP ROADS
FOR RAMBLES**

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**SWAP FOUR WALLS
FOR FRESH AIR**

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**SWAP POLLUTED
AIR FOR PURE AIR**

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**SWAP REPLACEMENT
FOR REPAIR**



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