SHE'S ATTHE WHEEL TIMES

Season Review





A Successful First Year

Well, that's a wrap! Year one of She's At The Wheel is over and what a year it has been. So many wonderful activities, friendships made, laughs had and marshmallows roasted by the campfire!

Thankyou for attending our event and enjoy our first edition of She's At The Wheel Times! We hope you enjoy looking back at the season!

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EVENT ONE - 28-30TH JUNE

The First Ever She's At The Wheel Vanlife Meet



After months of planning it was finally time for us to invite you all to join us for our first ever event! It took us a few days to get everything set up and we were lucky enough to welcome you all with the help of our volunteers, Hannah, Bee, Reanna and Louisa. Everyone was parked up in no time and it was soon time to eat some cake!

Everyone got settled in ready for the weekend and then on Saturday our activities began.



One of the real highlights of this weekend was the foraging walk led by Shirl. She was kind enough to guide us in discovering the natural world around us as well as give a talk the next day about some of the plants she had found in the local area. Shirl also held a sound bath workshop which was wonderful and a new experience for many of us!

We were also lucky enough to have the talented artist and jewellery maker, Reanna from My Wandering Workshop with us this weekend too!





Reanna held a jewellery making workshop where we learned how to make our own set of earrings or a pendant. She also had some items on display in the bell tent chill out space available to buy which meant we could purchase a special reminder of our weekend.



As the evening closed in we lit the fire and gathered round to see Kat's live music set! She performed some mellow sunset tunes while we toasted marshmallows and chatted with our new friends.

As Sunday morning arrived it was time for the second of the weekend's morning meditations in the bell tent. "White light in, grey smoke out"!

We then got together for our SWAP SHOP. As we swapped our items without a mirror we had to put it out to the audience to judge whether an item looked good or not, with a cheer! Sarah went away with some funky trousers which she was very happy with!







After our supportive sharing circle in which we exchanged advice and tips for vanlife, alas! It was time to pack up, say our goodbyes and head home!

EVENT TWO - 6-8TH SEPTEMBER

She's At The Wheel Vanlife Meet TAKE TWO!



Well after a few rookie mistakes we were confirmed for a second event at North Moreton in September. We were ready for She's At The Wheel TAKE TWO!

Set up challenges this time included thunderstorms destroying our decorations and our events shelter collapsing but luckily we had time to get it all up again before everyone arrived the next day!



This weekend the wonderful holistic therapist Jacqualynn Martin joined us. Jax provided relaxing and rejuvenating treatments in the bell tent chill out zone on Saturday morning. Not to mention saving Kat from parking duties on Friday!

We were also lucky enough to have Sarah on board this weekend. Sarah led a guided walk which gave us a chance to chat, enjoy the scenery and get to know eachother.

Then it was time for Rock Choir!

After some vocal warm ups we got started on learning our rendition of "California Dreaming" and prepared for our first ever LIVE performance!





We also came up with a name-Kat and the Vandwellers! Now it was time to prepare for an evening of fun and music round the campfire!



Kat once again performed a live set, with breaks for marshmallow toasting of course! We introduced some of our guests to making "smores" with the marshmallows and chocolate biscuits for the first time which we all enjoyed!

Then it was time for the DEBUT performance of Kat and the Vandwellers! The group performed a stirring rendition of their practiced song "California Dreaming" and the crowd went wild, demanding an encore so a spontaneous ABBA singalong erupted!

We had a wonderful evening of chatting, laughing and banter round the fire. Kat and Tracy loved it as they both got to sit down for at least an hour and chill out!









Then Sunday rolled around and once again we meditated, and Jax lead a wonderful movement exercise to balance our masculine and feminine energies. It also grounded us and connected us to the natural world.

It was then time for Sarah's rope necklace workshop where we gathered in two sessions in the bell tent to make a souvenir of our weekend. It was a great way to unwind and chat in a relaxing setting!

We also had our second SWAP SHOP and got swapping once again which was so fun and the tradition of the funky trousers swap continued!







We ended our weekend activities on an inspiring high with a talk from Kat about her journey from the UK to Bulgaria as a nervous solo driver and how it filled her with confidence for future adventures.

It was then time for our group photo with our She's At The Wheel Photo Booth- this will definitely be a yearly tradition!

Once again the end of the weekend rolled around too quickly and it was time to pack up, say our goodbyes and go home!

On Monday Kat had the absolute luxury of taking a recovery day!



In the evening when she looked out of the window EVERYTHING had disappeared and was packed neatly away in the barn thanks to the wonderful efforts of Caroline, Hazel, Jax, Tracy and Jamie.

And that was the end of our first season!





COMING NEXT YEAR

Plans continue for more exciting events! Watch This Space!!

Well there we have it, a recap of this year's fun! By all accounts we feel it has been a real success and we hope to keep growing a rewarding and supportive community.

But what about next year? Well, we are currently taking a break to reflect on how the year has been and starting to plan the best way forward for next year.

If you attended our events this year you will be the FIRST to hear about future dates and when tickets go on sale, but we think that it could be as soon as January.

If you would like to volunteer next year or run an activity please let us know and get in touch via shesatthewheel@gmail.com.

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!!

SATW Team xxx





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