

Monmouthshire Fairtrade Fortnight 2025

Schools, village halls and community groups take up the challenge to join in Monmouthshire's biggest ever Fairtrade coffee morning!

Over 30 different events are being held by schools and community groups in Monmouthshire as part of the county's biggest ever Fairtrade Coffee Morning during this year's Fairtrade Fortnight from 22nd September to 5th October.

Events taking place across the county include Fairtrade Coffee Mornings, assemblies in schools, sales of Fairtrade goods and displays, all with the aim of making people aware of the huge difference that popping a couple of Fairtrade items into their shopping basket makes to the lives of farmers across the world

Coffee is one of the products that has a high risk of contributing to **tropical deforestation**, as native forests are cleared for plantations. But **Fairtrade** coffee, as well as providing a fair price for coffee farmers and a premium to support local communities, also guarantees that there has been no tropical deforestation! Win, win! So it is brilliant news that so many groups are getting involved in the County's biggest ever coffee morning!

We are also excited that Jenipher Sambazi, a Fairtrade coffee grower from Uganda will be travelling to Wales and will be visiting several Monmouthshire schools to tell them first hand about the difference that Fairtrade makes to her life. Schools will also be taking part in an online, interactive lesson from charity Size of Wales to learn all about coffee and tropical rainforests.

Monmouthshire County Council will be hosting a Fairtrade Coffee morning and sale to coincide with their Council meeting, and Monmouth and Usk Community Hubs are also both holding events.



Jenipher Sambazi