

## About Othona

Nestled in the heart of Essex, near Bradwell-on-Sea, lies Othona, a unique centre steeped in history and surrounded by all that nature has to offer.

Originally founded in 1946 as a way of providing a safe environment that enabled people of different faiths, backgrounds and cultures to meet following World War Two, it continues to provide opportunities for work, worship, study and play.

At Othona we value the principle of sustainability. Our site is off-grid, with solar panels, a wind turbine and a biomass boiler and where possible our food is grown in our gardens in a growing 'garden to table' culture.

Away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life, Othona encourages people of all ages from all backgrounds to come and simply 'be'.



We will be very pleased to welcome you to our special Centre. Please visit our website and contact us directly for further information:

[www.othonaessex.org.uk](http://www.othonaessex.org.uk)

## The Othona Community

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**Bradwell-on-Sea  
Programme 2021**



## Greetings from Bradwell

We are looking forward to welcoming guests back to Othona after a long period of enforced closure. We are really hoping to meet new friends coming along for the first time as well as old friends who have been with us before.

## 2021 Programme

**May Half Term Mon 31 May — Fri 4 Jun**

Relaxing week for families.

**June 4-6th Weekend**

**Fri 4 Jun — Sun 6 Jun**

**June 11-13th Weekend**

**Fri 11 Jun — Sun 13 Jun**

**June 18-20th Weekend**

**Fri 18 Jun — Sun 20 Jun**

**Community Week Mon 21 Jun — Fri 25 Jun**

Welcome back to a real Community experience.

**Wild Worship at Othona Mon 26 Jul — Fri 30 Jul**

A chance for young and old to go wild in the country and marvel at the wonders of creation. Led by Rachel Summers.

**Summer Weekend One Fri 30 Jul — Sun 1 Aug**

Come just for one of our summer weekends or add them on to one of our event weeks.

**Olympics Week Mon 2 Aug — Fri 6 Aug**

Join us for a week of Olympic themed activity. Led by our very own Tim Fox.

**Summer Weekend Two**

**Fri 6 Aug — Sun 8 Aug**

**Art Week Mon 9 Aug — Fri 13 Aug**

Creative fun with expert tuition from Mark Lewis.

**Summer Weekend Three**

**Fri 13 Aug — Sun 15 Aug**

A relaxing weekend at Othona in the sunshine

## Permaculture, Wellbeing and Community Activism

**Mon 16 Aug — Fri 20 Aug**

A hands on, brains on week focused on permaculture, the environment and wellbeing. Led by Matt King.

**Summer Weekend Four**

**Fri 20 Aug — Sun 22 Aug**

**Music Week**

**Mon 23 Aug — Fri 27 Aug**

This year the theme is 'Thank you for the music' expertly directed by Nicholas Mannoukas.

**Bank Holiday Festival Weekend**

**Fri 27 Aug — Mon 30 Aug**

Christian Arts Festival weekend with camping.

**Autumn Retreat**

**Fri 8 — Sun 10 Oct**

The Importance of 'being' - Led by Birgit Ewald.

**October Half Term**

**Mon 25 Oct — Fri 29 Oct**

Families week with activities at the Essex Outdoors Centre.

**Fireworks Weekend**

**Fri 5 Nov — Sun 7 Nov**

Come along for our dazzling fireworks event.

**Winter Watch**

**Mon 8 — Thurs 11 Nov**

Bird watching for all abilities led by Mike Sandison of Essex Wildlife Trust.

**Film Week**

**Mon 22 Nov — Thurs 25 Nov**

During the colder weather it's a great time to sit by the fire and enjoy some classic films.

**Advent Working Weekend**

**Fri 26 Nov — Mon 28 Nov**

Christmas craft making and a candlelight advent service in the Chapel are a feature of this weekend.

## Accommodation and food

We offer simple but comfortable accommodation in 18 bedrooms across 3 unique buildings and 5 yurts.

Our buildings are fully accessible to wheelchair users, including a shower room with toilet.



Our food is homemade and locally sourced where possible, we always provide a vegetarian alternative and can cater for most dietary requirements.

## Costs and further details

Residential 24-hour charges include all meals and accommodation

- **Adults £43**
  - **Children £1/day per year of child's age**
- Working weekends are half the adult price and our August festival weekend is £100/person for accommodation with food available to purchase onsite.

We do have a bursary scheme for those unable to afford full price. Please contact us to find out more. NHS workers may be eligible for a 50% discount through the Association for Promotion of Retreats.

Please visit our website for more details and to book.