

LETTER FROM REV RONA

In 1974, in a field near Kettering, Northamptonshire, Greenbelt Festival was born. Every August Bank Holiday since, it has offered three days of faith, arts, justice, inclusion, environmental and creative events.

If you care about any of these and enjoy hearing fresh debate while dancing to great music (look up The Longest Johns and Beans on Toast), I commend Greenbelt as a place to broaden imagination and understanding of the issues we face.



This year's theme was *Hope in the Making*. We were encouraged to be *Hope Makers*. But what does it mean to make hope? Instead of only thinking of places where hope is lacking, ask: where do you see it—today, yesterday, tomorrow, nearby or on the world stage?

St Paul reminded the Corinthians that when all else fails, three things remain. The greatest is Love. But don't forget the others: faith and hope. Whatever your view of faith, **hope** is within everyone's reach. However small or trivial, when we notice and share our **hope**, it grows into something greater than the sum of its parts.

My **hope** is in the kindness I've seen — community acts, random generosity, and care for more than self: for our villages, animals, ancient buildings.

So I ask you: Where is your **hope**? And how can you share it today?

With love, Rev Rona