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The Christmas Cotswold Fair is fundraising for WellChild. Photo: Andrew Higgins/

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Susie Watson Designs is one of the stallholders coming to the 2023 event

below right: Beulah creates timeless pieces with distinctive feminine silhouettes.

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or some, it is the end of a glorious, if not slightly damp, summer, but for the dedicated believers amongst us our minds are already on the most important time of the year, Christmas, peeking its head over the horizon.

Celebrating its 38th anniversary this year, the stalwart of the Cotswolds Christmas festivities, the Christmas Cotswold Fair, held in support of the national charity WellChild, is back – and this year it is bigger and better than ever before.

The 2023 fair, taking place between November 6 to 9, is putting down roots at its new home, Evenlode Grounds, which is nestled in the heart of the Evenlode Valley, between Moreton-in-the-Marsh and Stowon-the-Wold.

This year is set to break all records, with more than 220 stallholders in attendance, 40 per cent of which are new, selling everything from homeware, to pet accessories and more. In addition to the new venue, the Christmas Cotswold Fair will be full to bursting with an extensive schedule of workshops and demonstrations, book signings, author 'meet and greets' and, of course, the luxurious Cotswold Grey VIP Lounge with delectable dishes from The Potted Goose Café.

'We are so excited to be setting down roots at Evenlode Grounds,' says fair organiser Lucy Greaves. 'The Christmas Cotswold Fair is a staple event in the area, marking the beginning of the festive period, and we cannot wait to be able to expand and grow into our new home, offering so much more than we have ever before.

'This year's fair will be the best it has ever been. Alongside our incredible array of stalls and daily events, we will be celebrating delicious, local food, prepared to perfection on site, from a number of independent and special suppliers. We look forward to welcoming stallholders and visitors in November for the ultimate festive shopping experience.'

National charity WellChild, based in Cheltenham, is very excited to be working with the Christmas Cotswold Fair again in 2023.

'We are delighted to see the Christmas Cotswold Fair continue to grow and develop as one of the most anticipated annual events in the pre-Christmas calendar,' said Matt James, chief executive of the charity.

'With the number of children and young people living with complex medical needs growing year-on-year, the fair has become critical in raising the funds needed for WellChild to give these children and families the best chance to thrive at home instead of hospital. This is never more pertinent than at Christmas time. We look forward to an even brighter and festive Christmas Cotswold Fair at Evenlode Grounds this year.'

See below for our pick of the exciting new stallholders to look out for at this year's fair. ● Tickets for the Christmas Cotswold Fair are on sale now.

General early bird tickets available from September 1: £16.50.

General sale from October 1: £20.

To subscribe and purchase, visit: cotswoldfair.com wellchild.org.uk

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The CHRISTMAS COTSWOLD FAIR is celebrating its 38th anniversary this year... in a brand new venue!

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BEULAH

Beulah's story began in 2009 with a trip to Delhi, where founders Natasha and Lavinia embarked on a volunteer trip to India, spending two months working in a rehabilitation centre teaching sewing skills to women rescued from the sex trade.

Compelled to fight modern slavery and inspired by the fine fabrics and beautiful designs of the east, the ethical luxury womenswear brand was born. Incorporating crafts such as hand-weaving and embroidery, the design team creates timeless pieces with distinctive feminine silhouettes.





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