




## Brighton and Hove's parks and open spaces community and other useful groups






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- Contact [cityparks.volunteers@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:cityparks.volunteers@brighton-hove.gov.uk) if any information is missing or incorrect.

Group name	Group information/main activities	Website/email/other contact
<b>Beacon Hill, Friends of</b>  (Beacon Hill Local Nature Reserve, Rottingdean)	We are an informal group of people who value and appreciate our local Beacon Hill Nature Reserve and give a little time and practical help to maintain and develop it. Anyone can join us.	<a href="http://www.rottingdeanvillage.org.uk/friends-of-beacon-hill">http://www.rottingdeanvillage.org.uk/friends-of-beacon-hill</a>  <a href="https://en-gb.facebook.com/beaconhillrottingdean/">https://en-gb.facebook.com/beaconhillrottingdean/</a>  <a href="mailto:fobeaconhill@gmail.com">fobeaconhill@gmail.com</a>  See also <a href="http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/nature-reserves#">http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/nature-reserves#</a>  <a href="http://www.rottingdean-pc.gov.uk/beacon_hill">http://www.rottingdean-pc.gov.uk/beacon_hill</a>
<b>Benfield Wildlife and Conservation Group</b>  (Benfield Local Nature Reserve/Benfield Hill)	We need support to preserve the character of this important area. If you would like to help in any capacity, such as monitoring any aspect of wildlife, scrub clearing, typing, administration, or in any other way, please contact us.	<a href="https://benfieldwildlifeandconservationgroup.wordpress.com/">https://benfieldwildlifeandconservationgroup.wordpress.com/</a>  <a href="mailto:benfield123@hotmail.co.uk">benfield123@hotmail.co.uk</a>  See also: <a href="http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/nature-reserves#">http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/nature-reserves#</a>
<b>Bevendean Down, Friends of</b>	Chalk grassland management & scrub clearance and more!	<a href="https://www.bevendeandown.wordpress.com/">https://www.bevendeandown.wordpress.com/</a>  See also: <a href="http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/nature-reserves#">http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/nature-reserves#</a>  <a href="https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/bevendean-down">https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/bevendean-down</a>  07422 543 872 (Geoff)
<b>Blakers Park, Friends of</b>	General gardening maintenance, events support and more!	<a href="http://www.blakerspark.org.uk">www.blakerspark.org.uk</a>  <a href="mailto:friendsofblakerspark@gmail.com">friendsofblakerspark@gmail.com</a>  See also: <a href="http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/blakers-park">http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/blakers-park</a>


<b>Brighton Greenway, Friends of</b>	We meet regularly to help maintain this local wildlife site and pathway from New England Road to Brighton Station.	<a href="http://www.brightongreenway.uk/">http://www.brightongreenway.uk/</a> <a href="mailto:fobrightongreenway@outlook.com">fobrightongreenway@outlook.com</a> 07709 069 486
<b>Brighton &amp; Hove City Council 'Lookers' (urban shepherds)</b>	Checking sheep welfare & grazing hardware.	<a href="http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/lookers">www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/lookers</a> <a href="mailto:cityparks.volunteers@brighton-hove.gov.uk">cityparks.volunteers@brighton-hove.gov.uk</a>
<b>Brighton &amp; Hove Cityparks Ranger Volunteers</b>	Cityparks Rangers run a conservation volunteering group that does out to various parks and nature reserves, currently meeting every Friday at 10am but looking to expand to other days. We send out an email once a week with details of the task and location, and if you want to come, you just reply to the email. Some people come most weeks, others just a few times a year. If you'd like to go on the list, use the details to the right >	<a href="mailto:cityparks.volunteers@brighton-hove.gov.uk">cityparks.volunteers@brighton-hove.gov.uk</a> Neil Doyle 07810 150 737
<b>Brighton &amp; Hove Archaeological Society</b>	The city is full of archaeological sites, and more are found every week. If you intend digging any holes or open areas, contact the Society who can conduct watching briefs to monitor and check for archaeology.	<a href="http://www.brightonarch.org.uk">www.brightonarch.org.uk</a> <a href="mailto:John.funnell@brightonarch.org.uk">John.funnell@brightonarch.org.uk</a> 01273 607 127 07789 245 1060
<b>Brighton &amp; Hove Conservation Volunteers</b>	Brighton Conservation Volunteers carry out a wide range of countryside tasks in the city and further afield, with the aim of managing and enhancing the natural environment.	<a href="http://www.brightonconservationvolunteers.org">www.brightonconservationvolunteers.org</a> <a href="mailto:mike@brightonconservationvolunteers.org">mike@brightonconservationvolunteers.org</a>  01273 303 569 / 01273 414 936
<b>Brighton &amp; Hove Food Partnership</b>	Get advice about the city's 70 community food growing projects and other food volunteering. From orchards to city centre parks, there is something for everyone.	<a href="http://www.bhfood.org.uk/volunteer">www.bhfood.org.uk/volunteer</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/harvestbh">www.facebook.com/harvestbh</a> <a href="mailto:info@bhfood.org.uk">info@bhfood.org.uk</a>  01273 736135
<b>Brighton &amp; Hove Wildlife Forum</b>	Shares information and experience to improve knowledge on local nature among local wildlife groups and specialists. Works onsite to promote best practice and policies which benefit local biodiversity.	<a href="http://www.bhwf.org.uk">www.bhwf.org.uk</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/BtnHoveWildlife/">www.facebook.com/BtnHoveWildlife/</a> <a href="mailto:btnhovewildlife+networks@gmail.com">btnhovewildlife+networks@gmail.com</a>
<b>Coldean Woods Sustainable Fuel Project</b>	Woodland management and sustainable fuel production.	<a href="mailto:Cityparks.volunteers@brighton-hove.gov.uk">Cityparks.volunteers@brighton-hove.gov.uk</a>  07810 150 737

Craven Wood, Friends of	We help to manage an area of woodland in East Brighton on the west side of Whitehawk Hill commonly known as Craven Wood. The group is always looking for volunteers to help out in the woods, or if you just want to find out what's going on, email your contact details, or use the Contact Form on the website (see right) to be added to our mailing list.	<a href="http://www.focw.weebly.com">www.focw.weebly.com</a> cidarec@hotmail.com
<b>Dyke Road Park, Friends of</b>	Improving and enhancing the park and its facilities. All welcome.	<a href="http://www.dykeroadpark.wordpress.com">www.dykeroadpark.wordpress.com</a> See also: <a href="https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/dyke-road-park">https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/dyke-road-park</a>
<b>Hangleton Park, Friends of</b>	General gardening maintenance.	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Hangleton-Park-1201367740003307/">https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Hangleton-Park-1201367740003307/</a> <a href="http://friendsofhangletonpark.tumblr.com/">http://friendsofhangletonpark.tumblr.com/</a>
<b>HK Hedgehogs (Hangleton and Knoll area.)</b>	Hedgehog conservation group, doing community events, talks and research.	<a href="http://www.hkhedgehogs.org">www.hkhedgehogs.org</a> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/hkhedgehogs">www.facebook.com/hkhedgehogs</a> <a href="mailto:hkhedgehogs@gmail.com">hkhedgehogs@gmail.com</a>
<b>Hollingbury and Burstead Woods, Friends of</b>	We maintain two areas of woodland for wildlife to thrive and for people to enjoy.	<a href="http://www.fhbw.org.uk/">http://www.fhbw.org.uk/</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofHollingburyandBursteadWoodsinBrighton">https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofHollingburyandBursteadWoodsinBrighton</a> <a href="mailto:info@fhbw.org.uk">info@fhbw.org.uk</a> See also: <a href="https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/hollingbury-park-and-woods">https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/hollingbury-park-and-woods</a>
<b>Hove Park, Friends of</b>  <a href="#">Hove Park is a Green Flag park.</a>	We work with the community and the city council to help maintain and improve our wonderful Hove Park.	<a href="http://www.friendsofhovepark.org/">http://www.friendsofhovepark.org/</a> <a href="mailto:alanmoon20@yahoo.co.uk">alanmoon20@yahoo.co.uk</a> 07717 410 690 See also: <a href="http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/hove-park">http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/hove-park</a>
<b>Keep the Ridge Green (Green Ridge)</b>	We aim to protect, conserve and enhance wildlife, landscape, archaeological features, to provide public access and other recreation, to promote environmentally sustainable activities, to encourage community involvement and understanding and to secure adequate resources to achieve our aims.	<a href="https://www.keeptheridgegreen.com">https://www.keeptheridgegreen.com</a> <a href="mailto:info@keeptheridgegreen.com">info@keeptheridgegreen.com</a>

<p><b>The Level, The Level Communities Forum</b></p>  <p><b>The Level is a Green Flag park.</b></p>   <p><b>LOTTERY FUNDED</b></p>	<p>The Level Communities Forum works closely with the city council to help provide community activities and events and support so that this restored park continues to offer a warm welcome to all. The Forum is helping deliver the <a href="#">Activity Plan for the park</a>, which is part of the requirements of the principal funders of the park's restoration (The Heritage Lottery Fund and the Big Lottery Fund.) The Level has a full-time onsite Garden Manager, who also runs a weekly volunteer garden club. The park was restored thanks to a major grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Big Lottery Fund in 2013.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.thelevelbrighton.org.uk">www.thelevelbrighton.org.uk</a></p> <p><a href="mailto:thelevelcommunitiesforum@gmail.com">thelevelcommunitiesforum@gmail.com</a></p> <p>See also: <a href="http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/thelevel">www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/thelevel</a>  <a href="http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/joinusonthelevel">www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/joinusonthelevel</a></p> <p>Enquiries: <a href="mailto:parksprojects@brighton-hove.gov.uk">parksprojects@brighton-hove.gov.uk</a></p>
<p><b>Patcham Peace Garden</b></p> <p>(Patcham University of the Third Age/U3A.)</p>	<p>General gardening maintenance.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.patchamu3a.webs.com/">www.patchamu3a.webs.com/</a></p> <p>See also:  <a href="http://www.mybrightonandhove.org.uk/page_id_8438_path_0p115p203p815p.aspx">http://www.mybrightonandhove.org.uk/page_id_8438_path_0p115p203p815p.aspx</a></p>
<p><a href="#">Portslade Green Gym</a></p>	<p>We are an independent organisation. Conservation work is carried out every Thursday morning n behalf of various parties and bodies, including local 'Friends of' groups, the city council (via the Friends of groups and their Rangers), the National Trust, church authorities, charities and others.</p>	<p><a href="mailto:rynvid@ntlworld.com">rynvid@ntlworld.com</a></p>
<p><b>Preston Manor Gardens and Preston Park Rose Garden</b></p>	<p>General garden maintenance and horticulture.</p>	<p>George Harris, 07825 113 889</p> <p>See also: <a href="https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/museums-and-attractions/preston-manor">https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/museums-and-attractions/preston-manor</a></p>
<p><b>Preston Park, Friends of</b></p>  <p><b>Preston Park is a Green Flag park</b></p>	<p>We are a happy voluntary group of seven on the committee, and nearly 500 members. We exist to promote and protect the park. We provide regular updates on issues that affect the park and organise events that celebrate the park and bring the park community together. We work closely with the city council.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.friendsofprestonpark.org/">http://www.friendsofprestonpark.org/</a></p> <p><a href="mailto:info@friendsofprestonpark.org">info@friendsofprestonpark.org</a></p> <p>See also: <a href="https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/preston-park">https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/preston-park</a></p>
<p><b>Preston Park Rock Garden</b></p> 	<p>General garden maintenance and horticulture.</p>	<p>Andy Jeavons  <a href="mailto:a.jeavons@sky.com">a.jeavons@sky.com</a>  07743 540 147  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/PrestonRockGarden">www.facebook.com/PrestonRockGarden</a></p>

<p><b>Queens Park, Friends of</b></p>	<p>We are a group of local volunteers who aim to maintain and improve the facilities of our park for all its users.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.fqpbrighton.net/">http://www.fqpbrighton.net/</a>  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfQueensParkBrighton">https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfQueensParkBrighton</a>  07761 674 827  See also: <a href="http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/queens-park">http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/queens-park</a></p>
<p><b>St Ann's Well Gardens, Friends of</b></p>  <p><a href="#">St Ann's Well Gardens is a Green Flag park.</a></p>	<p>We aim to promote the preservation, restoration and improvement of St Ann's Well Gardens for the education and benefit of the public, by associating the local authority and local community in a common effort to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation, with the object of improving the lives of local inhabitants.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.stannswellgardens.co.uk">http://www.stannswellgardens.co.uk</a>  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfStAnnsWellGardensHove">https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfStAnnsWellGardensHove</a>  See also: <a href="https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/st-anns-well-gardens">https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/st-anns-well-gardens</a></p>
<p><b>St Nicholas' Green Spaces Association</b></p>	<p>We are a voluntary group, established during the summer of 2007. Our aim is to protect and enhance the three open spaces around St Nicholas' Church.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.groupspaces.com/sngsa">www.groupspaces.com/sngsa</a></p>
<p><b>Saunders Park</b></p>	<p>Help turn this public park into an edible community garden with Brighton &amp; Hove Food Partnership. Regular volunteer days – see website and contacts &gt;</p>	<p><a href="http://bhfood.org.uk/saunders-park-edible-garden">http://bhfood.org.uk/saunders-park-edible-garden</a>  <a href="http://www.facebook.com/harvestbh">www.facebook.com/harvestbh</a>  <a href="mailto:info@bhfood.org.uk">info@bhfood.org.uk</a>  01273 431 700</p>
<p><b>Sheepcote Valley, Friends of</b></p>	<p>The group is working to improve Sheepcote Valley's social and environmental aspects. We are tree planting, step-building, litter picking, pond clearing and creating walkways.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.sheepcote.org.uk">www.sheepcote.org.uk</a>  See also: <a href="https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/east-brighton-park-and-sheepcote-valley">https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/east-brighton-park-and-sheepcote-valley</a>  Further info: <a href="http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/nature-reserves#">http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/nature-reserves#</a></p>
<p><b>Stanmer Preservation Society</b> (Stanmer Park)</p>  <p><b>LOTTERY FUNDED</b></p>	<p>The Stanmer Preservation Society was founded in 1971 and is a charity committed to improving, protecting and preserving the village of Stanmer and its environment for the benefit of the public.</p> <p>Stanmer has recently been successful in winning Heritage Lottery Fund and Big Lottery Fund funding – see details at webpage right &gt;</p>	<p><a href="http://www.stanmer.org.uk">http://www.stanmer.org.uk</a>  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/stanmer/">https://www.facebook.com/stanmer/</a>  <a href="http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/stanmerpark">www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/stanmerpark</a>  <a href="mailto:sps.sussex@gmail.com">sps.sussex@gmail.com</a>  See also: The Stanmer Restoration Project at <a href="http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/stanmerproject">www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/stanmerproject</a></p>



<p><b>Stoneham Park, Friends of</b></p>  <p><a href="#">Stoneham Park is a Green Flag park.</a></p>	<p>We are a warm and welcoming group dedicated to the wellbeing of our lovely local park in Hove.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfStonehamPark/">http://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfStonehamPark/</a></p> <p>See also: <a href="http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/stoneham-park">http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/stoneham-park</a></p>
<p><b>Three Cornered Copse, Friends of</b></p>	<p>We meet regularly to help maintain this local wildlife site and pathway from New England Road to Brighton Station.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.threecorneredcopse.org.uk">www.threecorneredcopse.org.uk</a></p> <p><a href="mailto:membership@threecorneredcopse.org.uk">membership@threecorneredcopse.org.uk</a></p>
<p><b>TWEACK – see Withdean Woods and Westdene Woods LNR</b></p>		
<p><b>Waterhall, Friends of</b> (Waterhall Conservation Area)</p>	<p>A group of volunteers who concern themselves with all aspects of looking after Waterhall Valley and Downland. Winter sheep grazing helps maintain sections of the conservation area and bramble and scrub clearance enable paths to be kept open. Native tree and shrub planting continues to improve the local environment. Membership is by annual subscription (Max £4 p.a.). We hold work days every 3 months. All ages welcome</p>	<p><a href="mailto:cj_fitzgerald2002@yahoo.co.uk">cj_fitzgerald2002@yahoo.co.uk</a></p> <p>01273 882695</p> <p>See also: <a href="http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/nature-reserves#">http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/nature-reserves#</a></p>
<p><b>Westdene Green, Friends of</b></p>	<p>We promote and protect Westdene Green as a multi-purpose community space and bring people together through events and community action. At The Barn on The Green we aim to help build a more connected community by creating a focal point for a variety of enriching activities, social events and information and by engaging local people of all ages.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.westdenegreen.org.uk">www.westdenegreen.org.uk</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Westdene-Green-1954499914774539/?fref=ts">https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Westdene-Green-1954499914774539/?fref=ts</a></p> <p><a href="mailto:westdenegreen@gmail.com">westdenegreen@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>William Clarke Park*, Friends of</b> *“The Patch”</p>	<p>Promoting knowledge on local nature among local wildlife groups and specialists. We work on site to promote best practice and policies which benefit our local biodiversity. We are free to join.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.williamclarkepark.org/">http://www.williamclarkepark.org/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/patchfest">www.facebook.com/groups/patchfest</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/257933482547/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/257933482547/</a></p> <p><a href="mailto:info@williamclarkepark.org">info@williamclarkepark.org</a></p>
<p><b>Withdean Park, Friends of</b></p>	<p>Promoting the wellbeing of Withdean Park, its natural environment and former National Lilac Collection for the enjoyment of the public.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.withdeanpark.org.uk">www.withdeanpark.org.uk</a></p> <p><a href="mailto:friendsofwithdeanpark@gmail.com">friendsofwithdeanpark@gmail.com</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/withdean-park">https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/withdean-park</a></p> <p>See also Withdean Woods local nature reserve info at <a href="http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/nature-reserves#">http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/nature-reserves#</a></p>

<b>Withdean Woods and Westdene Woods Local Nature Reserve (TWEACK)</b>	<p>TWEACK manage both Withdean and Westdene Woods and a small strip of woodland between Eldred Avenue and the railway, now designated as a Local Nature Reserve (LNR.) Since 1993 members have helped purchase land and made significant improvements to access, organised working groups and events, and provided information about the LNR.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.tweack.org.uk/">http://www.tweack.org.uk/</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.tweack.org.uk/about-us.html">http://www.tweack.org.uk/about-us.html</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=Tweack%20Withdean%20Woods">https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=Tweack%20Withdean%20Woods</a></p> <p><a href="mailto:liliwilson1@gmail.com">liliwilson1@gmail.com</a></p> <p>See also: <a href="https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/nature-reserves">https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/nature-reserves</a></p>
<b>Local Access Forum (Rights of Way)</b>	<p>A small specialist group representing the diverse range of users of public rights of way and other public access that advise the council on management issues.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/parking-and-travel/travel-transport-and-road-safety/brighton-hove-local-access-forum">http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/parking-and-travel/travel-transport-and-road-safety/brighton-hove-local-access-forum</a></p>
<b>Woodbourne Meadow, Friends of</b>	<p>Our group works on enhancing and protecting the area of meadow and woodland alongside the Ditchling Road and Cuckmere Way, whilst also aiming to increase public access and involvement.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100005017729045">https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100005017729045</a></p> <p><a href="mailto:pipophrys@ntlworld.com">pipophrys@ntlworld.com</a></p> <p>01273 880098</p>