**Guidance for Researchers to enter a Research Project(s):**

This website provides a dynamic platform for you to promote your applied environmental research projects (see topics list below for the scope), being carried out or planned in the Brighton & Lewes Downs Biosphere region, to enable this information to be shared with:

* other academics – as potential collaborators
* external organisations e.g. local councils & community bodies - potential end-users/partners
* local public – enabling local impact and interest
* international UNESCO Biospheres network – in Europe and beyond

Please share your work with other such interested parties, which will also help us to develop a Research Plan to support new collaborative research opportunities for our Biosphere area (see map at. <http://biospherehere.org.uk/our-area/>).

We ask you to simply submit a short public overview of your research project(s) here, to which you can also add media, documents and weblinks if you wish.

You can update the information on your own project (only), or add further projects as necessary, to keep this local research platform as a live and useful tool for all.

If you would like to provide further information or to communicate possible future project ideas, please get in touch with the Brighton & Lewes Downs Biosphere programme by email to info@biospherehere.org.uk

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**Practical instructions to “Add Content”:**

* Make a separate entry for each different research project
* Please select the study location as precisely as possible using the digital map tool
* Where a research project has multiple local study sites, please select a single representative location (or central point)
* Complete each of the 4 text boxes with the summary information requested about your research project:

1 - enter the **Project** name

2 – you may choose a single **Category** only that best describes your project type, from the dropdown menu of 8 types (organised by the three Biosphere objectives):

Nature Conservation

1. Biodiversity e.g. ecology

2. Earth Sciences e.g. geology

3. Environmental Sciences e.g. climate

Sustainable Socio-economic Development

4. Environmental Resources e.g. water, food

5. Infrastructure & Economy e.g. transport, energy

6. Society e.g. health, culture

Knowledge, Learning & Awareness

7. Environmental Education e.g. schools, young people

8. Public Involvement e.g. events, information

3 – provide information as prompted, including at least one Keyword (selected from the list of Biosphere topics provided below, to which you may add your own keywords too); the suggested minimum length for the Project Description is 2 paragraphs or 10 lines of text

4 – please then repeat your Keywords in the last box (comma separated, no spaces), so that they can be searched on by Community21 users more generally

* Lastly, you can add weblinks, photos, videos, and downloadable documents relating to your research project.

**Key Words**

* Rural Habitats: Chalk Grassland, Farmland, Woodland, Freshwater
* Urban Habitats: green spaces (e.g. parks) & features (e.g. street trees)
* Coastal/Marine Habitats: vegetated shingle beaches, chalk cliffs & reefs
* Key Species Groups: Birds, Butterflies/Bees, Plants
* Geology: chalk downs and cliffs
* Landscape Connections
* “Ecosystem Services”
* “Green Infrastructure”
* Carbon/Energy
* Waste/Sustainable Materials
* Sustainable Transport
* Local and Sustainable Food
* Sustainable Water (demand)
* Culture and Community (e.g. Heritage)
* Local Economy (e.g. Ecotourism)
* Health and Wellbeing (e.g. Recreation)
* Climate Change (adaptation & mitigation)
* Water Resources (Ground & Surface Waters)
* Flood Risk Management (freshwater & coast)
* Bathing Water Quality
* Monitoring
* Environmental Education in Schools
* Environmental Education Centres
* Public Awareness & Engagement
* Professional Training
* **Others – researcher to define**