

Volunteering Opportunities

with Brighton & Hove City Council's Rangers and Cityparks



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Look at the following pages to find an activity that you would like to get involved in.

- Scrub clearance
- Chalk Grassland management
- Sheep welfare
- General conservation
- Coppicing
- Downland maintenance
- Nature Trail construction
- Flint walling
- Charcoal making
- Woodland management
- General gardening and many more!



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Name of Group	Meeting Day	Meeting Time	Meeting Place	Contact Name	Contact email	Contact Phone	Website	Main Activity
Benfield Wildlife and Conservation Group	Every Tuesday (October - March)	9:00am	West Hove Golf Course Car Park	Dave/Dolly Bell	benfield123@hotmail.co.uk	01273 410430	www.benfieldwildlifeandconservationgroup.wordpress.com	Scrub clearance
BHCC Lookers (Urban Shepherds)	N/A	N/A	N/A	David Larkin	Cityparks.volunteers@brighton-hove.gov.uk		BHCC CityParks Volunteers Page (ask Alan Steeden)	Checking sheep welfare & grazing hardware
Brighton & Hove CityParks Ranger Volunteers	Every Friday	10:00am	Various	Neil Doyle	Cityparks.volunteers@brighton-hove.gov.uk	07810 150737	volunteer page link (Alan Steeden)	General conservation, Coppicing, Scrub clearance, Woodland and Downland maintenance, Nature Trail construction, Flint walling, Charcoal making, and much more
Coldean Woods Sustainable Fuel Project	TBA	TBA	TBA	Chantelle Hoppe	Cityparks.volunteers@brighton-hove.gov.uk	07879 117346		Woodland management & Sustainable fuel production
Easthill Park Garden Group	Every Wednesday	9:00am	Outside the Walled Garden	Steve Peters		07584 759484		General gardening maintenance
Friends of Beacon Hill	no regular session but various dates throughout year	11:00am	Various	Bernadette Skinner	berskin@hotmail.com			Chalk Grassland management & Scrub clearance
Friends of Bevendean Down	3rd Sunday of Every Month	10:00am	Scout Hut, Heath Hill Ave, Bevendean,	Geoff Stevens	dbsgs@cumulusnine.net	01273 603892	www.bevendeandown.wordpress.com/	Chalk Grassland management & Scrub clearance
Friends of Blaker's Park	1st Tuesday of Every Month	14:30pm	By The Clock	Max Glaskin	blakerspark@hotmail.co.uk	07981 490516	www.blakerspark.org.uk/	General gardening maintenance
Friends of Dyke Road Park	3rd Saturday of Every Month	10:00am	By café	Jannet King			www.dykeroadpark.wordpress.com/	General gardening maintenance
Friends of Hangleton Park	Monthly various	10:30am	Hangleton Community Centre	Dave Bell	d.bell223@ntlworld.com			General gardening maintenance
Friends of Hollingbury & Burstead Woods	1st weekend of the month, alternating between Sats and Suns	10:00am	The Old Barn, Upper Roedale Cottages, BN1 7AA	Gill Taylor	info@fhw.org.uk	07719 943237	www.fhw.org.uk/	Woodland maintenance
Friends of Patcham Peace Gdn	2nd Tuesday of every month except December/January	9:30am	Patcham Peace Garden	Jeanette Fakes	jkfakes@talktalk.net	01273 504852	www.patchamu3a.webs.com/	General gardening maintenance
Friends of Preston Park	Various	N/A	N/A	Tony Benton	info@friendsofprestonpark.org		www.friendsofprestonpark.org	Community events
Friends of Saunders Park	Monthly various	10:00am	Wildlife Pond	Kristin Svojjorr	saunders.park@yahoo.co.uk		www.saunders-park.com/	General gardening maintenance
Friends of Sheepcote Valley	Monthly Saturdays - various dates	10:30am	East Brighton Park Car Park	Lyn Bird	info@sheepcote.org.uk	01273 686244	www.sheepcote.org.uk/	Chalk Grassland management & Scrub clearance

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Friends of Three Cornered Copse	Monthly various	10:00am	Opposite Hill Top Café, Dyke Road Ave	Morwenna Cork	info@threecorneredcopse.org.uk	01273 556256	www.threecorneredcopse.org.uk/	Woodland maintenance
Friends of Waterhall	no regular session but various dates throughout year	10:00am	Golf Car Park or Unmade track entrance	Christine FitzGerald	cj_fitzgerald2002@yahoo.co.uk	01273 882695		Chalk Grassland management & Scrub clearance
Friends of Withdean Park	Monthly Sundays – various dates	10:00am	Top of Old Court Close	Pip Shaw	friendsofwithdeanpark@gmail.com	01273 563059	www.friendsofwithdeanpark.org.uk/	Lilac maintenance, General gardening and Woodland maintenance
Keep The Ridge Green	Monthly Sundays – various dates	10:30am	By The Windmill, Green Ridge	Ron Murray	info@keeptheridgegreen.com	01273 503152	www.keeptheridgegreen.com/	Various
Preston Manor Gardens	Every Tuesday & Wednesday	10:00am	Preston Manor Walled Garden	George Harris		07825 113889		General garden maintenance and Horticulture
Preston Park Rock Garden	Every Wednesday	10:00am	Rock Garden Chalet	Andy Jeavons	a.jeavons@sky.com	07743 540147	www.facebook.com/PrestonRockGarden	General garden maintenance and Horticulture
Preston Park Rose Garden	Every Saturday (March – September)	10:00am	Outside Rotunda Café	George Harris		07825 113889		General garden maintenance and Horticulture
Queens Park Volunteers	Every Tuesday	13:00am	South end of pond	Lindsay Cattanach	Lindsay.cattanach@brighton-hove.gov.uk	07818 092719		Pond conservation General gardening maintenance
Turner Park Group	no regular session but various dates throughout year	18:30pm	Playbase	Liz Bell	Liz.bell\$@ntlworld.com			Various activities from gardening to community events
The Withdean, Westdene & Eldred Ave Copse Keepers	Monthly Saturdays – various dates	10:30am	Withdean Stadium Woods	Martin Wilson	infotweack.org.uk	01273 701929	www.tweack.org.uk/	Woodland maintenance
University of the 3rd Age @ Withdean Park	2nd Wednesday of Every Month	10:00am	Withdean Park Lilac Enclosure	Liz Krasnuik	lizkra@ntlworld.com		http://www.brightonandhoveu3a.org.uk/	General gardening maintenance
Walk on the Wild Side Craven Vale	Various	Various	Various	Grant Scott	cidarec@hotmail.com	07763 015157		General conservation
Wish Park Volunteers	Monthly Saturdays – various dates	10:00am	At the Vegetable Growing Garden	Sarah O'Dair	sarahodair@hotmail.co.uk	07864 676795	http://www.wishparkresidents.com/	General garden maintenance and Horticulture



Scrub Clearance
Bevendean Down



Step Installation
Three Corner Copse

Whitehawk
woodland management

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Brighton & Hove City Council's Rangers help support and organise a number of regular volunteering opportunities across the city. There are a number of groups who meet regularly to work on various projects – from basic gardening tasks to woodland and chalk grassland management.

There are also groups supervised by Garden Managers and other Cityparks staff who help out mainly with gardening and horticultural tasks. We will also be organising a regular group at Stanmer Nursery.

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The Ranger Service's own volunteer group meets every Friday. This group works across the city and is involved in a variety of tasks from flint wall restoration to coppicing. Rangers also organise the volunteer shepherds (or 'lookers') who help check and look after the flocks grazing our chalk grassland and grassland habitat sites.

For more information contact Cityparks.volunteers@brighton-hove.gov.uk

