



Winter 2021

Plant Your Postcode News

Dear Tree Champion,

Before sharing our good news, we are asking for your help:

Please become a member of CPRE Sussex

Plant Your Postcode is a CPRE Sussex (the countryside charity) initiative. We are a small charity with shrinking reserves and cannot continue to help local groups with their tree planting plans or our vital campaign work without your support. So please do join us and become a member. At £3 a month, it's less than the price of a cup of coffee!

Go to www.cpresussex.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-member and help us keep Brighton and Hove planting!

Greening up the City – some very good news!

Thank you for sharing your enthusiasm for improving the environment and for getting in touch with us about greening up your neighbourhood and the City.

And an especially big thanks for your patience, to those who've waited a while to hear from us.

There's a lot going on

We've been busy working with the Brighton & Hove Council as they develop their new tree-planting processes. We're really happy to report that plans are in hand for the new, and growing, Tree Planting team to carry out site visits late next spring in Plant Your Postcode's streets and neighbourhoods wanting to see more trees planted.

Site visits will enable us to carry out surveys, to assess areas with the Highways Department, and to provide bespoke quotes for planting. Costs will depend on several things. The number of trees, and whether new trees are to be planted in soft verges or in pavements. If stumps need to be taken out before new trees can be planted, then that adds to costs and may also mean that additional work needs to be carried out. If the pavement is narrow, tree planting may need to be moved out into the road itself.

We'd love to hear from you and about any progress you've made on gathering an action group together, whether your neighbours are positive about tree planting, and any plans to raise funds that you may have. If you need help or to know what your next steps are, please get in touch for a chat or to arrange a meeting with our volunteers.



Surrenden Road resident Liz Bradley-Taylor beds in a sapling

The good news is that this year we've helped several active local groups complete their planting plans and fundraising. These include the Surrenden Road Group, Compton Road Tree Squad and Glebe Villas (who are also supported by Hove Civic Society). We are now working with Hanover Action. We will see around 25 substantial street trees planted this winter.

In addition, Waitrose have donated funds for two large trees to be planted in Hove Park and Palmira Square.

If you would like a survey of your street or neighbourhood to be arranged next year, please do contact Jenni Cresswell at jenni.cresswell@cpresussex.org.uk

Plant Your Postcode planting news

Surrenden Road, BN1

We have been working with the Council and the local residents' group to raise funds to get nine substantial new trees planted and to replace major trees recently lost. Fundraising was successful and the trees are now planted. A planting celebration was held on December the first. Our thanks to the Council and to the Connick Tree Care planting team who did a splendid job!

Glebe Villas, Hove, BN3

With Hove Civic Society, we have been supporting residents to get street trees planted in an inner-city street where previously there were none. Strenuous fundraising efforts are paying off, and residents of the street have almost reached their goal. They will be able to have trees planted and this will transform their neighbourhood.

Hove Park School, BN3

A small gathering was held last month to celebrate the hedge we supported that was planted late last year to reduce pollution in the playground. A plaque commemorating 'Granny Lollipop' in whose honour it was planted was unveiled.

Wellsbourne Community Garden, BN2

There was a late summer party. The volunteers and NHS held a lively party in October to celebrate the establishment of the community garden we helped to fund. CPRE Sussex, through Plant Your Postcode, assisted with the planning, purchase and planting of fruit, nut and ornamental trees.

Bristol Estate Nature Day, BN2

We went along on a windy Saturday to meet residents and get their responses to plans we've developed with the Estate's residents association (BELTA) for tree planting on the Estate this winter. Without exception, everyone we spoke to was enthusiastic, so we're hoping that the planting will be a great, long term, success.

Compton Road, BN1

The Compton Road Tree Squad have just achieved their goal, and can now get a large stump removed and a new tree planted to replace the one recently felled.

Hanover, BN2

The Action Group are developing plans for Hanover's trees. A generous legacy makes it possible for three lovely Turkish Hazels to be planted in the New Year. They replace the splendid Elms lost to disease at the bottom of Elm Grove.



Withdean Councillors Sarah Nield & Jamie Lloyd at Surrenden Road



Surrenden residents gathering to hear local resident Clare Demuth speak; Clare is the inspiration and moving force behind the project (front, 3rd from the right).



Hove Junior School hedge
Supporters and donors celebrate the unveiling of the hedge planted to reduce traffic noise and pollution in the playground.
Right to left: Rachel Jeffers, Acting Deputy Head, Councillor Robert Nemeth, Deborah Griffiths, PTA, Elaine Evens (commemorating her mother once the School's Lollipop Lady,) Andrew Nichols and Helmut Lesser from Hove Civic Society and Penny Hudd, CPRE Sussex.

Terrific news for the City!

Trees for Cities Forgotten Places: greening coastal towns and cities.



Earlier this year we made two bids, with Trees for Cities to the Government's Green Recovery Challenge fund and to the Urban Tree Challenge fund. Both have been successful. Together they will bring in almost £100,000 for additional tree and other planting in areas of low tree cover in the City.

Brighton and six other places are included in the project which aims to help us make the City's tree canopy cover more species rich and build our capacity to develop solutions which are based in nature. It will also help to connect communities with the nature around them and increase local peoples knowledge and skills to plant, protect and promote urban trees, in addition to improving our urban forest management.



We will be working closely with the communities involved to make sure trees are planted in the right places and have every chance of long healthy lives. This will provide homes for wildlife and improve the quality of life for all those living in the area.

Bristol Estate residents walking with Kia Trainor, CPRE Sussex ex-director, and Plant Your Postcode volunteers discussing ideas and looking at potential tree planting sites.

Love trees, but don't quite know what you're looking at?

Register to receive your very own free tree identification guide to help you learn about trees and connect with the nature around you.

CPRE Sussex is supporting the charities, Field Studies Council and Trees for Cities, to connect people to their leafy surroundings by supplying thousands of free ID trees guides from January 2022. These guides are available exclusively for residents living in Brighton & Hove!

Register by 10th January 2022 to receive your first guide in the post later that month so that you can learn all about the winter trees that surround you. Free guides are limited though, so please register quickly. Registration is easy, it takes less than a minute, please visit: <https://www.field-studies-council.org/free-tree-identification-guides/>

Each tree ID and care guide is a colourful and splash-proof chart that folds flat to fit into a large pocket or bag – perfect for when you are out and about. Each guide is filled with drawings and photos created by enthusiasts and experts to truly help you learn about trees, their wellbeing and how we can protect them.





The countryside charity Sussex

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Plant Your Postcode is a volunteer led CPRE project

Please support us

Working together, we can bring nature into our cities and towns to make them healthier, greener places to live. We want to continue be able to help local people to grow our urban forest and green up their neighbourhoods.

Become a member of CPRE Sussex and contribute to these successful and rewarding initiatives at www.cpresussex.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-member. Could this be an early Christmas present, to yourself or a friend?

For more ways you can help, please visit www.cpresussex.org.uk/news/more-ways-you-can-help-cpre-sussex-your-local-countryside-charity or you can make a donation at: www.cpresussex.org.uk/make-a-donation

We look forward to hearing from you.

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Together we can keep our towns and cities green and leafy

Thank you to all our colleagues for helping to make this happen. The Council's Arboriculture Team, City Parks, contractors Connick Tree Care, Hove Civic Society and all Brighton & Hove's many tree loving individuals and neighbourhood groups.



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