



Spring 2022

# Plant your Postcode News

It has been an exciting start to the year for CPRE Sussex as we continue to increase urban tree cover. Forgotten Places and Plant Your Postcode events have seen lots of new trees planted across Brighton & Hove.

## Forgotten Places: Greening Coastal Towns & Cities

We have been working flat out with Brighton & Hove City Council's Arboriculture Team to plant all 102 of our trees as part of this exciting project.

Community planting events have taken place in Bevendean, Woodingdean, Portslade and on the Bristol Estate.

The **Bristol Estate** planting was hosted by BELTA to support The Queen's Green Canopy Project.

Juliet Smith, The Queen's Deputy Lord Lieutenant, opened the day where Trees for Cities and Connick Tree Care staff supported the planting of a beautiful hawthorn and a hornbeam – two of 12 trees being planted on the estate.

Other trees include stone pine, elm, callery pear and a stunning honey locust.

Ben D'Montigny from BELTA said: "It was a really positive day for residents and various groups to get together to participate in our ceremonial tree planting event."

**Bevendean** was the location for an ambitious tree planting session with corporate sponsors Metlife.

They put their best digging foot forward, not only funding 18 trees but also sending six staff to plant 12 trees in one day, stirlingly supported by Mark Gappa from BHCC.

Redwoods, birch and aspens were planted as part of a majestic scheme devised by Penny Hudd from CPRE Sussex.

"We are not just doing this because trees are lovely and picturesque," said Penny. "They also have an important role to play in the local ecosystem and helping to ensure our city is a healthier place for everyone to live."



David Brookhouse and Ben Galley of  
BHCC planting in Woodingdean

Following a tree planting session in **Woodingdean** with Jenni Cresswell (CPRE Sussex) and Ben Galley (BHCC) with the Woodingdean Wilderness Group, local residents are now the proud custodians of 46 trees including pears, crepe myrtle, stone pine and alders.

During a sunny day at the end of March, another community event in **Portslade** saw the last two trees, of the 19 planted in the area go into the ground. Among the volunteers was 92-year-old Audrey Bromley who helped to plant trees opposite her home of more than 70 years.

Audrey's daughter Sharon Dowds said: "I was as proud as my mum to know and see that people do care about the local environment and we felt privileged to be a small part of that."

The Forgotten Places project was based on a successful bid by CPRE Sussex's Plant your Postcode volunteers, supported by Brighton & Hove City Council's Arboriculture team and Hove Civic Society.

# Plant Your Postcode

At the start of the year **Hanover Action Group** came together with Plant Your Postcode volunteers to celebrate the planting of three new trees in Elm Grove.



Connick tree care at work on Elm Grove

The large turkish hazel saplings were planted in memory of Neil Smith to replace elms lost to disease.

Meanwhile, in **Wilbury Avenue**, residents were thrilled to have their lost elm tree replaced in expert fashion by BHCC contractors.

Resident Julia Wolage said: “We are very happy and hope the re-greening of Hove continues with gusto.”

Waitrose stores in Brighton and Hove have also donated the beautiful Japanese Pagoda tree planted in **Palmeira Square** and the lovely sycamore in **Hove Park** by the playground.

The final planting of a project in **Surrenden Road** was completed on 16 March when volunteers from **Seed Digital Marketing Agency** joined local residents to plant 100 native tree species whips.

The bank of planting includes yew, holly, hawthorn, blackthorn, hazel, rowan and cherry.

It complements the replacement planting of nine stately trees including beech, disease resistant elm and stone pines.

The community raised funds for the trees supported by CPRE Sussex’s Plant Your Postcode project.

BHCC tree planting officer Ben Galley said: “This woodland planting style with mixed species is good for biodiversity, provides a nature corridor and creates a shelter belt, whilst also covering an ugly fence and replacing recently lost mature elms.”



BHCC Ben Galley and volunteers from Seed Digital Marketing planting the woodland edge



The Waitrose Pagoda tree planting in Palmeira Square

Resident Rachel Lock said “The scheme is really great as we’ve missed the elm trees; the wind really whistles up the road and they looked beautiful, so it will be really lovely to have some fresh greenery back.”

Plans for an ambitious planting scheme in **Glebe Villas** has also reached fruition.

Residents have worked long and hard raising funds and uniting over planting plans and funds donated by local people, plus additions from CPRE Sussex, Hove Civic Society and the BHCC Councillor Budget scheme.

Supporter Lara Rix-Paradinas said: “It’s been three years getting trees planted on Glebe Villas. Finally with the help of CPRE and Hove Civic Society we are proud to say we have given a gift to the future of Glebe Villas and the wider community. These trees will outlive us and be a towering achievement for a community coming together.”



Planting trees in Glebe Villas: from left- Local residents with, back, Cllr. Garry Peltzen-Dunn, centre front- Jenni Cresswell, PYP project manager Lara Rix-Paradinas, resident tree champion Penny Hudd, CPRE Sussex Andrew Nichols, Hove Civic Society & Cllr Robert Nemeth

## Tree training courses

Forgotten Places partner organisation the Field Studies Council produced a Tree ID Guide with input from experts in Brighton and will produce two more before the year is out.

The guide was sent to 13,065 people. Brighton residents ordered the highest number out of all seven participating locations across the UK.

Alongside the printed guides, the Field Studies Council is also running three Tree ID training courses throughout the year.



Visit [www.field-studies-council.org/free-tree-training](http://www.field-studies-council.org/free-tree-training) to book your place

## Events

### Urban Tree Festival

#### – An Introduction to Brighton & Hove's Elm Trees

Brighton's iconic elm collection is featured in this year's prestigious Urban Tree Festival taking place from **14th to 22nd May**, on-line and in person.

### Brighton Tree Walks

**Saturday May 14th 10 am** – with expert Peter Bourne

**Saturday May 21st 10 am** – with expert Alister Peters  
to book go to [www.urbantreefestival.org/2022-events-programm](http://www.urbantreefestival.org/2022-events-programm)

A specially commissioned video telling the story of the city's elm trees and some of the people involved can be found on the Festival site.

Vivienne Barton has produced the third in her series of leaflets celebrating Brighton's trees; she will be talking about the elms featured in, 'Great Elms of Brighton and Hove' which includes an on-line tree trail app. 'We have a unique collection of elm trees which sadly few residents know about. It's time to celebrate the contribution they make to enhancing our environment and our lives. I hope we've made a start,' she says.

## What's next?

### Surveying

Over the summer the plan is to start to survey the streets that you, as residents, have identified to find out where planting is possible.

We will then begin to estimate costs and decide which species of trees would suit the local environment, keeping you informed and engaged with the process as best we can.

### Elm Disease

Now summer's on it's way please keep an eye on our elm trees for signs of elm disease, you can get an easy guide to spotting the disease here:

[www.plantyourpostcode.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/DED-Spotters-Guide-5th-Edition.pdf](http://www.plantyourpostcode.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/DED-Spotters-Guide-5th-Edition.pdf)

### Ash Woodland

Sadly ash dieback has taken a serious toll on woodland in and around the City as trees have sickened and become dangerous. The Arboriculture Team have been clearing hundreds of diseased trees this year. Work has begun on planning how best to tackle woodland restoration to prevent the possibility of another monoculture with one species taking over as ash did after the great storm felled over 15 million trees across the country in 1987.

### Reforest Brighton Training Events

#### Peace & Environment Centre

**Thursday 26th May, Thursday 24th June**

**12noon – 3pm**

Free training sessions are available as part of 'Reforest Brighton' throughout 2022. They are open to groups across Brighton & Hove that want to plant trees or explore other ways to make their community greener and more resilient to climate change.

### CPRE Sussex Stall at Studio 87

**(15 on the Fiveways Open House Trail)**

**87 Woodbourne Avenue, BN1 8EJ**

**Open at weekends – 11am-5:pm**

**May 7/8, 14/15, 21/22, 28/29**

Easy free parking in road.

Artworks, cards, mugs, tea and cake and plants are available with a percentage of the proceeds coming to CPRE Sussex. Hosts are local artists and CPRE Sussex supporters Carolyn Nicholls and Linda Church.

Find out more: come to talk to us and see [www.aoh.org.uk/house/may2022/studio-87/](http://www.aoh.org.uk/house/may2022/studio-87/) .

## Hanover Action: towards a sustainable community and a carbon neutral city by 2030

Thursday 16th June, 7.30 – 10:30pm

Hanover Community Centre  
33 Southover Street, BN2 9UD

Cultivating hope by looking at things that we can achieve together:

Presentations by:

**Caroline Lucas MP** – Green Party

**Councillor Nancy Platts**

**Professor Dan Osborn** – UCL & CPRE Sussex

**Georgia Wrighton** – Community Tree Champion

**Melanie Rees & Carl Fletcher**

– Green Centre/Planet Brighton/Freegle

**Paul** – Real Junk Food

**Tom** – Old Tree Soil

**Kyla Ente & Tim Beecher** – (BHESCo)

**Duncan Blinkhorn** – Bike Hub

**Councillor Elaine Hills** – ShareOurCars

**Miranda Whelehan** – Just Stop Oil

Followed by an open Q&A for half an hour.

Find out about practical ways you can contribute at specialists' stalls

Refreshments available.

## The CPRE Sussex Book Club: Countryside Matters

**Cold Comfort Farm by Stella Gibbons**

**Wednesday 22nd June – 7 to 8.30pm on zoom**

Read this classic book set in the Sussex countryside, it's a wonderful satirical novel. Pour a glass of wine, and join us for an enjoyable discussion with Elly Griffiths.

Elly is the author of many best sellers including the Brighton Mysteries. Her latest book in the Ruth Galloway Mysteries series 'The Locked Room' is just out!

Book here: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-cpre-sussex-book-club-cold-comfort-farm-by-stella-gibbons-tickets-338496832137](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-cpre-sussex-book-club-cold-comfort-farm-by-stella-gibbons-tickets-338496832137)

(Members free, Friends £7:50)

The CPRE Sussex Book Club is an online book club for people who love reading fiction and non-fiction books about our beautiful countryside. We focus on books with a nature and environmental bias – novels, natural history and science!

Do let us know if you'd like to suggest a book or an author you'd like us to invite.

## Greening-up Hanover, Elm Grove and Tarner

**Residents Planning Workshop**

Wednesday 8th June

5:30 – 7:30pm

Hanover Community Centre  
33 Southover Street, BN2 9UD

Come along and gather ideas for greening your own street and neighbourhood at a creative 'making places' event.

This is a great opportunity join in, understand the issues and hear and see local people developing ideas for making their neighbourhood, a greener, more beautiful and healthier place to live.

Ideas coming out of the workshop will be developed into a plan for neighbourhood groups to take forward for greening-up the area now and into the future.

Please book your place at:

[www.hanover\\_green.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.hanover_green.eventbrite.co.uk)

## Hold Me Until The Bus Comes

**June 3rd – 25th, 11am – 5:30pm**

(The gallery is open Thursday, Friday, Saturday)

**35 North Contemporary Fine Art,  
35 North Street BN1 1VB**

'Hold me until the bus comes' is a collection of tree portraits in acrylic and oil and is the first solo exhibition from Brighton artist Tony Felstead. Tony's work celebrates our street trees and how the natural world is interwoven with city life.

Generously 10% of all exhibition proceeds will be donated to Plant your Postcode.



**Thank you for supporting the City's trees!**

## Please join CPRE Sussex

We are a small charity working hard to improve the environment in town and country across Sussex.

We need your support to keep our Plant your Postcode project active and alive! It's easy – just go to [www.cpresussex.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-member](http://www.cpresussex.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-member)