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**PRESS RELEASE: Support needed for community planting events in Brighton**

***Free planting events will see more than 12,000 bulbs, flowers and shrubs installed.***

People living in Brighton are being invited to learn new skills, meet new people and help plant more than 12,000 bulbs, flowers and shrubs at a series of free events.

CPRE Sussex is organising planting events on the Bristol Estate as part of the Forgotten Places project.

Anyone is welcome to the planting sessions, which will be led by a landscape designer and planting experts.

“This is a fantastic opportunity to help bring green and healthy plants to the Bristol Estate,” said CPRE Sussex Plant Your Postcode manager Jenni Cresswell.

The next events will be bulb, spring flower and woody shrubs planting on Friday, February 3, and Saturday, February 4.

These will be followed by wildflower planting events on February 10, 11, 17 and 18.

In total, more than 12,000 plants will be added to the estate including daffodils, snowdrops and other spring flowers.

Last week the first two sessions saw volunteers and CPRE staff kick start the planting.

“The weather on Friday and Saturday was absolutely perfect and that helped us plant 1,000 snowdrop bulbs, 200 daffodil bulbs and 50 cowslips,” said Jenni.

“Thanks to Growing Hollingdean for lending us tools and BELTA for providing shelter and refreshments.”

Find out more about upcoming free planting sessions and book your place at:  
[eventbrite.com/cc/bulb-planting-at-bristol-estate-brighton-1629889](https://eventbrite.com/cc/bulb-planting-at-bristol-estate-brighton-1629889)

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**Notes for editors:**

**About CPRE Sussex**

CPRE Sussex is shaping a greener future for Sussex. Our priorities are:

- Beautiful landscapes, rich in nature and greener towns and cities

- Countryside and green spaces which are accessible to all, enriching lives and health
- Sustainable development for thriving communities
- Effective responses to the climate emergency

We engage with decision makers, influencing them and challenging them to protect the Sussex countryside and green spaces. We inform on environmental issues and empower individuals and communities with robust evidence to defend and enhance the green spaces they love. We believe in collaborating with others to ensure a greener future for our county. We research and provide advice on planning issues. Together we can shape a greener future for Sussex.

### **About Defra – Green Recovery Challenge Fund**

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### **About Trees for Cities**

Trees for Cities is the only UK charity working at a national and international scale to improve lives by planting trees in cities. We get stuck in with local communities to cultivate lasting change in their neighbourhoods – whether it's revitalising forgotten spaces, creating healthier environments or getting people excited about growing, foraging and eating healthy food.

### **About the Field Studies Council**

Field Studies Council (FSC) is an environmental education charity committed to helping people, discover, explore, understand and be inspired by the natural world. Its network of centres provides day and residential courses for all ages from young children to retired adults from schools and communities throughout the UK. They also run a range of natural history courses both online and across the UK to encourage adults to take their first steps and continue their learning in the environmental sector. It also reaches many others through its publications and community-based programmes and is the leading UK provider of identification guides.

### **About Treeconomics**

Treeconomics works to understand how trees improve our urban spaces, making them better places to live. We aim to demonstrate that trees are part of the solution for many of our urban problems – be that air pollution, climate adaptation, crime, or manifold others. With towns and cities housing the largest populations of people, our Urban Forests hold the greatest potential to improve health and wellbeing, and stand at the frontline against Climate Change.

### **About Forest Research**

Forest Research is Great Britain's principal organisation for forestry and tree-related research and is internationally renowned for the provision of evidence and scientific services in support of sustainable forestry.

### About The Queen's Green Canopy

The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee". Everyone from individuals to Scout and Girlguiding groups, villages, cities, counties, schools and corporates will be encouraged to play their part to enhance our environment by planting trees during the official planting season between October to March. Tree planting will commence again in October 2022, through to the end of the Jubilee year. With a focus on planting sustainably, the QGC will encourage planting of trees to create a legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership of the Nation, which will benefit future generations. As well as inviting the planting of new trees, The Queen's Green Canopy will dedicate a network of 70 Ancient Woodlands across the United Kingdom and identify 70 Ancient Trees to celebrate Her Majesty's 70 years of service. <https://queensgreencanopy.org/>



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