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Explore home of Sussex rewilding at CPRE Sussex Countryside Day Out

Join us at the Knepp Estate, Dial Post, for a celebration of countryside protection and restoration.

CPRE Sussex is hosting a Countryside Day Out at the Knepp Estate, Dial Post, on Saturday, 2 September.

Everyone is welcome to attend the event celebrating the Sussex countryside and those working to protect and promote it.

The day is a double celebration of CPRE Sussex's 50th anniversary and Knepp Estate's new Wilding Café and Shop.

Paul Steedman, director CPRE Sussex, said: "Come join us and our countryside friends to celebrate our 50th anniversary and the opening of Knepp's amazing new café and shop. This day out is a chance to meet our dedicated volunteers and find out more about the work being carried out to preserve the Sussex countryside, including the rewilding of the Knepp Estate."

CPRE Sussex will be joined by a host of other organisations on the day including the Woodland Trust, Sussex Green Living, Sussex Bee Farm and Tree Circles.

There will be the chance to browse fantastic artworks by CHAR and Missy and Boo.

A full programme of talks, tours and entertainment will include tips on how to grow your own 'Knepp style', insight into the estate's fascinating rewilding project and an RSPB-led tour of the birds found at Knepp.

There will also be a kid's area with activities led by Woods for Learning, dance with Catherine Sleeman, and Archies' Little Farm.

Lady Isabella Burrell from the Knepp Estate said: "The site where the event will take place is on land that has been utterly transformed over the last 20 years. From depleted, non-profitable dairy and arable farmland, Knepp's 3,500 acres are now a haven for wildlife, supporting many of the UK's rarest species. Thanks to our recovering ecosystem we now run a number of profitable nature-friendly businesses, employing more than double the number of people we did under farming. The Knepp Wilding Café and Shop, next to our new organic Market Garden, are our latest enterprises, providing sustainable food and a gateway to the rewilding project and 16 miles of public footpaths."

The CPRE Sussex Countryside Day Out takes place from 10am to 4pm on Saturday, 2 September, at the Knepp Estate, Dial Post, West Sussex.



Entrance is £5 per adult. Kids go free.

Visit [eventbrite.co.uk/e/cpre-sussex-countryside-day-tickets-525450826567](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cpre-sussex-countryside-day-tickets-525450826567) to book and view a full list of stallholders and the talks programme.

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For press inquiries and interview opportunities contact sheena.campbell@cpresussex.org.uk.

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.

Talks programme:

10.30am Grow Your Own Knepp Style – talk and tour of veg garden, Knepp Head Vegetable Gardener

11.30am Four Legged Friends – what they eat and how they physically feel, Organic Dog Company – Veterinary Physiotherapy

12.30pm Rewilding and the benefits – talk and short tour of Knepp, Tony Whitbread – Sussex Wildlife Trust

1.30pm Digging Sussex clay to transform into pottery, Mike Burrell – Mike B Pottery

2.15pm RSPB talks on birds and short tour to see and hear birds in Knepp, Paul Stillman

2.45pm Woodland Trust – the importance of trees – Lost Woods Partnership, Vicky Bolton

Full list of stallholders

Art Works by Char

Bulchin Farm

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CPRE Sussex

Crawley Chiropractic Centre

Horsham District Council Recycling

Knepp Vegetables and Safari

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LDB Plants

Lost Woods of the Low Weald and Downs – Woodland Trust

Mike B Pottery

Mike Rankin – Wood and bone craft

Missy and Boo Clothing

Organic Dog Company

Rewilding Us

Riverford Organic Farmers

RSPB

Save West of Ifield

Sussex Bee Farm

Sussex Green Living

Tree Circles

Woods for Learning

WSCC Waste Prevention Team