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PRESS RELEASE: First Brighton & Hove Tree Festival programme announced

Join us for a celebration of our city's trees with a host of free events for everyone to enjoy.

The programme for the first Brighton & Hove Tree Festival has been officially launched today (8 March).

Running over two weekends in May, the festival offers a host of free events for everyone to enjoy. It aims to raise awareness of the immense value of trees to the city and its residents.

"The first Brighton & Hove Tree festival promises to be a fantastic event for the whole community to enjoy," said volunteer steering group member Vivienne Barton.

"We have a packed programme lined up – from tours of the city's unique elms to pollinator workshops where children can learn how to make their own habitats.

"There will be music and poetry from performers including acclaimed musician and songwriter Robb Johnson and the chance to find out more about the wildlife which relies on our city's trees."

All Brighton & Hove Tree Festival events are free to attend. Places for some events are limited so registration is recommended.

As well as the events programme, there are opportunities to get involved before the festival and throughout May with tree trails, the festival photography competition 'I Love This Tree Because' and the Champion School Trees project.

"Trees do so much for us, from improving our health and wellbeing to helping us fight climate change," said Penny Hudd from CPRE Sussex. "This is an opportunity to celebrate all that trees give us and learn more about the fantastic specimens on our doorsteps in Brighton & Hove."

Organised by a team of volunteers and supported by CPRE Sussex, the Sussex countryside charity, the Brighton & Hove Tree Festival is sponsored by Connick Tree Care, Hanningtons Brighton and Rampion Offshore Wind.

It runs over 11-12 and 18-19 May. View the full programme of events at cpresussex.org.uk/tree-festival

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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.

Brighton & Hove Tree Festival 2024

The Brighton & Hove Tree Festival 2024 takes place over two weekends in May. It will be held on 11-12 May and 18-19 May to coincide with the London Urban Tree Festival and Brighton Fringe. The aim is to increase public awareness of the immense value of trees to the city and its residents. The inaugural festival is sponsored by Connick Tree Care, Hanningtons Brighton and Rampion. It is being organised by a team of volunteers supported by CPRE Sussex.