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**PRESS RELEASE: Branch Out Tree Festival Symposium comes to Shoreham**

***Join a panel of experts to find out how we can all plant, protect and care for trees.***

The Branch Out Tree Festival Symposium is coming to Shoreham on Saturday, 14 June.

This exciting event brings together nature lovers, professionals and community members to explore the world of trees. Attendees and panellists will discuss how we can plant, protect and care for trees to restore biodiversity, tackle the climate crisis and reconnect people with nature.

There will be expert talks, roundtable buzz discussions, refreshments, children's activities and book signings. The panel of speakers includes:

- Susan Raikes, director, Wakehurst;
- Iain Parkinson, head of landscape and horticulture, Wakehurst;
- Tony Whitbread, Sussex Wildlife Trust's past president and woodland specialist;
- Paul Wood, explorer of nature in towns and cities, author of Tree Hunting;
- Juliet Sargeant, broadcaster, award-winning garden designer, author of Start with Soil;
- Oliva Sprinkel, world traveller, author of Hear the Trees Speak;
- Isabel Losada, author of The Joyful Environmentalist.

Branch Out is a CPRE Sussex event, supported by Shoreham Wordfest and the Shoreham Society.

CPRE Sussex trustee Penny Hudd said: "We invite everyone to join us for a lively round of talks, discussions, resolutions and actions. This is an opportunity to discover how, as individuals and communities, we can act to regenerate our environment, engaging with others to green and re-wild our world."

Branch Out is on at the Shoreham Centre, Pond Road, Shoreham, from 9.30am to 5.30pm on Saturday, 14 June.

Community groups and organisations are invited to take along an A1 poster to promote their work at the event. Tickets are £10 for general admission, £7.50 for CPRE Sussex members and under 18s go free. Book your ticket here: [cpresussex.org.uk/tree-festival/branch-out/](https://cpresussex.org.uk/tree-festival/branch-out/)



The symposium marks the official start of the [Tree Festival 2025](https://cpresussex.org.uk/tree-festival/). The festival highlights the extraordinary beauty and value of trees across the Sussex Living Coast. It is organised by CPRE Sussex, the countryside charity, volunteers and local groups. The festival is sponsored by Connick Tree Care and Rampion Offshore Wind and supported by The Living Coast.

View the full programme here: [cpresussex.org.uk/tree-festival/](https://cpresussex.org.uk/tree-festival/).

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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.

#### Tree Festival 2025

The Tree Festival 2025 takes place over two weekends in June. It will be held on 14-15 June and 21-22 June. The aim is to increase public awareness of the immense value of trees. The festival is sponsored by Connick Tree Care and Rampion Offshore Wind and supported by The Living Coast.