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PRESS RELEASE: Tree Festival returns to Sussex for summer 2026

Celebration of the beauty, value and impact of trees offers a host of events for everyone to enjoy.

The programme for the 2026 Tree Festival – a celebration of trees in Sussex – has been revealed.

A fantastic selection of events will be taking place in May and June. Highlights include a family-friendly talk and walk with renowned Sussex naturalist Michael Blencowe, a Forest School taster session in Steyning and our Tribute to the Trees event in Preston Park, Brighton.

CPRE Sussex director Paul Steedman said: “We are thrilled to once again offer everyone living in Sussex the opportunity to celebrate the wonderful trees we have on our doorstep. Trees are more than just beautiful – they provide shelter for wildlife, they help to slow climate change, and they boost our health and wellbeing. I hope everyone will join us for this year’s exciting programme of events.”

This year’s programme includes guided walks, storytelling and creative workshops. There will also be exhibitions at Worthing Museum and Hastings Museum and Art Gallery – plus the return of our I Love This Tree Because...photo competition.

[Find out more about the competition here.](#)

The Tree Festival 2026 is organised by CPRE Sussex, the countryside charity, volunteers and local groups. It is sponsored by Rampion Offshore Wind and Bartlett Tree Experts.

The main events programme starts on 23 May and runs until 7 June. The exhibition at Worthing Museum is open now.

[View the full programme here.](#)

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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.