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**PRESS RELEASE: Tree Festival 2026 starts this weekend!**

***Sussex-wide celebration of the trees returns with another fantastic programme of events.***

A celebration of Sussex trees officially begins this week.

The main programme for this year's Sussex Tree Festival starts on Friday (May 23) with a guided walk around Daylands Farm, Horsham.

The programme continues on Sunday with a family-friendly Tribute to the Trees in Preston Park, Brighton.

Led by author and presenter Rev Peter Owen Jones, the tribute will include music, poetry, singing and a tree hunt.

There will also be the chance to make a crown or garland and wear it for a fabulous children's parade.

**Nancy Duckels from CPRE Sussex said:** "The Tree Festival is an opportunity to have fun, get creative and learn more about the amazing trees on our doorstep. I would like to say a huge thank you to the volunteers and community groups who have helped make this year's festival possible. Please do come along to celebrate Sussex trees!"

The celebrations continue next week with Art in the Park in Hastings, storytelling in Bedelands Nature Reserve, Burgess Hill and a Forest School session in Steyning.

Looking further ahead, there are guided walks in Worthing, Arundel and Washington, plus more family-friendly events and a Treebourne birthday party in Eastbourne.

There are also ongoing exhibitions at Worthing Museum and Hastings Museum and Art Gallery.

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

The main festival programme runs until 7 June. [View the full programme here.](#)

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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.