

# From Station Partner to Becoming a “Nature Town”



Greening Arundel's Journey  
Towards Nature Recovery



# Nature in Crisis

- “The UK is one of the most nature depleted countries in the world” - WWF
- “We are by far the worst performer in halting nature’s decline among the G10 nations” – Duke of Norfolk
- “We need to move faster..towards nature-friendly land and sea use, otherwise the UK’s nature and wider environment will continue to decline and degrade with huge implications for our way of life” - RSPB



# Greening Arundel Alliance

## Local greening groups

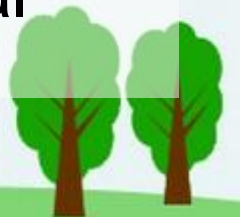
- Arundel Agenda 21
- Arundel Bee Project
- Arundel Castle Gardens
- Arundel Community Apiary
- Arundel Community Orchard
- Arundel Gardens Association
- Arundel Tree Wardens
- Friends of Priory Pocket Park

## Other local groups

- Arundel Chamber of Commerce
- Arundel Community Partnership

## Governmental bodies

- Town, District and County Councils
- South Downs National Park Authority



# Greening Arundel Strategy 2023/27

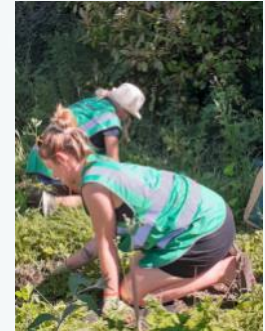
- Increasing biodiversity and bio-abundance
- Protecting and nurturing wildlife
- Enhancing green spaces
- Reducing environmental harm
- Engaging the community
- Becoming sustainable



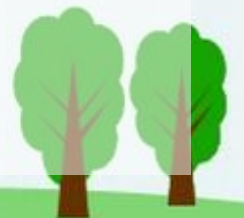


# Our Volunteers

- Green Team (1,000+ hours)

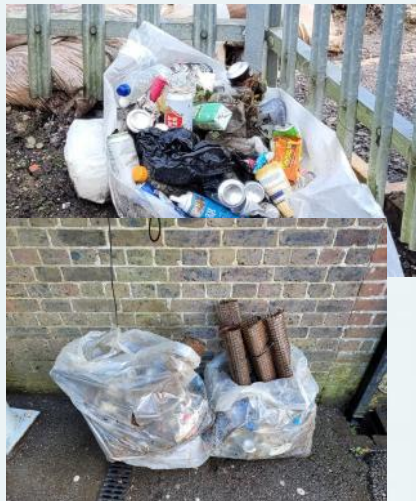


- Environment Agency, Aldingbourne Trust and school pupils





# The Station - Before and After





# Nature Recovery Corridor

- @ the Station – soil preparation and improvement, butt, planting, watering, tending, paths, picnic table, trees, signs, solar lights, sculpted bench, painting, mosaics
- Groundcare @ roundabouts, verges, cemeteries, hedges
- Memorial beds, troughs, Pollinator Garden, bug hotel & bee bench, Jubilee Gardens, coffee grounds, allotments
- B-BOB, hedgehog & wildlife garden event, demonstration garden, POMs training, hedge-laying and surveying
- Trees – Blossom Arc at ACE, disease-resistant Elm, Purging Buckthorn, “Tree of Hope”



# Communication & Recognition

- Communication – website, Facebook, WhatsApp groups, Press articles etc.
- Arundel Community Group Cup
- National Community Rail Award for 'Outstanding Contribution to Community Rail'
- Weald to Waves Community Champion
- Green Flag?
- Nature Town?



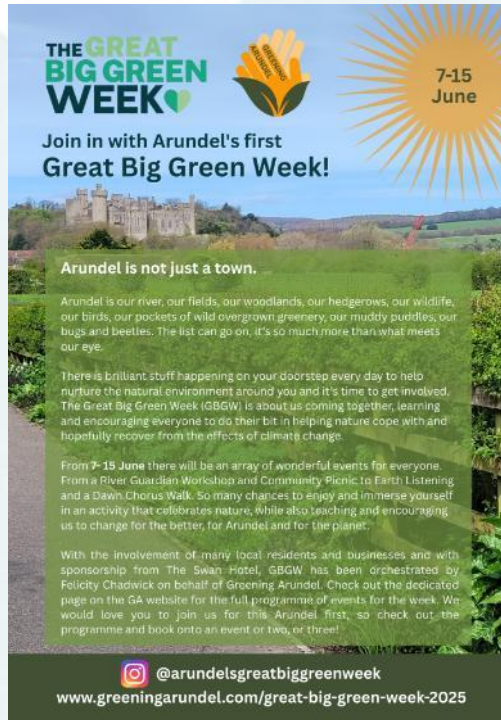


# Lessons & Tips

- Build a shared vision and work towards common goals, while delivering individual wins
- Attract knowledge, experience, skills, ideas and energy to plan, deliver, monitor and report
- Tap into latent passion
- Give credit, keep momentum and bring rewards
- Add value where it matters
- Seek multiplier effect – become sustainable



# Working Together...



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