

Volunteer Projects 2018

Corporate Workdays



Brook Lane Community Garden



Once a derelict allotment and dumping ground this site has been regenerated into a community garden run on permaculture principles with help from local community groups including; Burnt Ash Primary School and Brook Lane Community Church.

Available amenities: toilets, near to café, chip shop, kebab shop, also near Waitrose (BR1 4PU)

Project 1: Weather proofing the children's classroom/shelter by giving it a bright coat of paint.

When: April - August

Group size: 5-7

Chislehurst Recreation Ground / Whyte's Wood



In the heart of Chislehurst, the recreation ground boasts flower beds and secluded natural areas alongside football pitches and a playground. Adjoining Whyte's Wood is an area of secondary woodland with some mature oaks and a secluded 'bird sanctuary' area with limited public access.

Available amenities: local shops with toilet facilities. New sports pavilion due Sept 2018

Project 1: Coppicing. A traditional woodland management practice that encourages biodiversity.

When: November - March

Group size: 5-15

(BR7 5DF)

Project 2: Tree thinning and path clearance work

When: November - March

Group Size: 5-10

Crystal Palace Park



English Heritage Grade II listed, one of the largest parks in South London and among the most significant in Britain, Crystal Palace Park is well known for its iconic dinosaurs – the Victorians era's Jurassic Park. It includes a former boating and a fishing lake, a children's play area, "Secret Garden" and more.

Available amenities: Toilets, café and nearby gastropub.

(SE20 8DY)

Project 1: Repainting public benches to spruce up the Avenue.

When: March - October

Group size: 5-12

Project 2: Installing wooden edging beside the paths through the secret garden.

When: November - March

Group Size: 5-10

Cudham Recreation Ground



A local recreation ground with football facilities, a grass tennis court and a children's playground.

Available amenities: Next to pub and toilet facilities.

(TN14 7QB)

Project 1: Painting the children's playground to give it a new lease of life.

When: March - October

Group size: 5-15

Hayes Common



As one of the largest areas of protected common in the greater London Area; Hayes is frequented by the public for recreation, relaxation and its beautiful landscape. The heathland is also designated SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) and is a refuge for many rare species.

Available amenities: local shops with pub and toilet facilities

(BR2 7AU)

Project 1: Gorse clearance. To help maintain the habitat age structure and promote biodiversity.

When: November - February

Group size: 8-20

High Elms Country Park



Once the estate of the Lubbock family it was frequented by Charles Darwin a friend of John Lubbock. Between them there were many studies based on the flora and fauna found here. Its 250 acres of mosaic habitat comprise beautiful woodland and meadows which are visited by the public for the rich wildlife, nature trails as well as the formal gardens and community events.

Available amenities: Green Roof Café and public toilets.

(BR6 7JH)

Project 1: Hay rake in Burnt Gorse Meadow as part of the meadow habitat management.

When? October - November

Group size: 8-15

Project 2: Fence repairs in the BEECHE garden

When: March - November

Group Size? 5-10

Keston Common



Keston common and the adjacent Ravensbourne open space is a unique mosaic of habitats, including Acid grassland, Heathland, lowland bog and valley mire, making it the jewel in the crown for rare and priory species within Bromley. It is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), studied and analyzed by Charles Darwin. The site also has a rich ancient history including an Iron age fortification, used by the Romans, which is now a Scheduled ancient monument, giving rise to Caesars well, the source of the river Ravensbourne.

Available amenities: Short walk or drive to toilets and two pubs serving food.

(BR2 6HA)

Project 1: Bracken Pulling. Help to manage this invasive species.

When: May - July

Group size: 8-20

Project 2: Bog restoration – scrub removal

When: All year round

Group size: 8-20

Scadbury Park



345 acres of woodland, meadows and farmland, Scadbury Park is a site with a long and varied heritage. It is also rich in wildlife and boasts one largest populations of Great Crested Newt in the Greater London area.

Available amenities: Local pub and toilet (Short walk away)

(BR7 6LS)

Project 1: Excavating the lost pond and wetland meadow restoration.

When: April-September

Group size: 10-20