

GREENING ARUNDEL CURRENT PROJECT LIST (November 2024)

1. Arundel Train Station

- ✓ 120m x 2 strips along the pathway and 2 beds planted and weeded plus cleared debris
- ✓ Green Team (800 hours in 2023&25), plus the Environment Agency and Seaford College
- ✓ Trees removed and pruned by Network Rail at no cost (£2k saving)
- ✓ Funding provided by ATC and the RHS with donations from Stubbs and Arundel Arboretum
- ✓ Aldingbourne Trust watered in 2023 and 2024
- ✓ 350+ RHS-donated plants moved from allotment to forecourt and planted
- ✓ Wood chip path and circle created and picnic table installed.
- ✓ Volunteer Appreciation Day held in May with the Mayor and Town Clerk and railway reps
- ✓ Mini bug hotels and "do not mow" signs installed along the path
- ✓ Frances Knight painting hung in the Waiting Room (12 month loan)
- ✓ Planter and signage installed at station exit funded by Visit Arundel and RHS
- ✓ Sunflower mosaics installed along station path sponsored by local businesses
- ✓ Solar lights installed (4 funded by GTR/RHS)
- ✓ Simon Groves bench commissioned with fundraising close to completion
- ✓ Next steps = hedge improvement, solar lights and Green Welcome event planned for 2025

2. Pollinator Garden

- ✓ Weekly tending and watering. Wildflowers planted. Bug hotel installed.

3. Quayside Bed

- ✓ Changed from bedding plants to perennial herbs and edible flowers. Funded by ADC
- ✓ Watering by neighbouring resident and businesses

4. Upcycled Trough Planters

- ✓ Prepared and planted 6 troughs (donated by the Estate) with herbs and edible flowers
- ✓ Watering by neighbouring residents (including businesses and the museum)
- ✓ Additional troughs prepared by Environment Agency volunteers
- ✓ Funding provided by RHS and through the Bee Project
- ✓ Installation/soil by Balfour Beatty/WSCC and plants donated by the Greenwood Group
- ✓ Watering by neighbouring resident and business

5. Memorial Beds

- ✓ New design developed in consultation with the Deputy Mayor and approved by ADC
- ✓ Planted by ADC in June 2024 and watering by local businesses

6. Jubilee Gardens

- ✓ New design approved by ADC in Dec 2023. Existing plants to be donated to GA
- ✓ Next phase = implementation of new design by ADC postponed until spring 2025

7. Priory Road Allotment

- ✓ Allotment tended by Green Team volunteers
- ✓ Plants and trees donated and purchased, as well as grown from donated seeds
- ✓ Free green house obtained and assembled
- ✓ Funding provided by the AGA and RHS
- ✓ Next steps = proposal for community allotment submitted to National Garden Scheme

8. Bring Back Our Birds (B-BOB)

- ✓ Scoping exercise conducted and results presented to local residents at public event (60+)
- ✓ Viability assessment for nest sites conducted in 2023 and 2024
- ✓ 66 nests installed across 38 locations in three clusters, including the Town Hall
- ✓ House Martin tower erected in the Community Orchard and unveiled by Stephen McAuliffe
- ✓ Funding obtained from the RHS, South Downs Trust and Sussex Ornithological Society
- ✓ Training for bird identification and reporting conducted in May 2024
- ✓ Next steps = plan, secure funds and implement phase 2, including follow-up event

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9. Hedgehog Event and Club

- ✓ Hedgehog Haven event at Arundel museum in Jan 2024 attracted 50 attendees
- ✓ Hedgehog Club launched by Arundel Agenda 21
- ✓ First meeting in an ongoing series held in March 2024

10. Sunflower Festival

- ✓ Every pupil at ACE and several classes at St. Philips planted seeds and nurtured plants
- ✓ Sunflowers planted by pupils and Green Team around the boundary of both schools
- ✓ ADC donated 5kg of sunflower seeds to GA. Pots donated by locals. Soil funded by RHS
- ✓ Clay petals and leaves produced by children being made into mosaics
- ✓ Installation of mosaics nearing completion
- ✓ Next steps = opening of mosaic wall event on 30 Nov

11. Wild about Gardening Evening Event

- ✓ Event held in May at the Town Hall with 59 attendees
- ✓ Focus on how to garden for wildlife (invertebrates, pollinators, birds, mammals)
- ✓ Plan is to undertake and showcase a garden transformation (Maltravers Street)
- ✓ Demonstration project plan submitted
- ✓ Next steps = demonstration project to be implemented

12. Baseline studies

- ✓ Two training sessions conducted in May 2024 with ongoing annual monitoring and reporting
- ✓ WhatsApp group created
- ✓ Monitoring and reporting through UK POMS

13. Roundabout and Verges

- ✓ Preliminary ATC policy adopted in Oct 2023
- ✓ Funding approved by the South Downs Sustainable Communities Fund (SCF) for Causeway roundabout and verge, including art installation (screaming swifts)
- ✓ Ecology assessment and report submitted in July 2024
- ✓ Conservation-focussed contractor appointed by ATC to implement a new ground care management regime, including sowing wildflower seeds (the latter funded by SCF)
- ✓ Next steps = obtain approval for art installation

14. Blossom Circle at ACE

- ✓ Saplings obtained through Trees for the Downs for a Blossom Circle at ACE
- ✓ Next steps = organise planting in mid-December and tending

15. Coffee Ground Collection and Distribution

- ✓ Coffee grounds collected on a weekly basis from local cafes and distributed to local allotments by a Green Team volunteer
- ✓ Next steps = paused until spring 2025

16. Community Street Weeding Pilot

- ✓ Three streets identified, training conducted, tools obtained and first weeding sessions held
- ✓ Next steps = regular weeding to resume in 2025

17. Physic Garden at the Surgery

- ✓ Initial discussions taken place with the Surgery about the use of troughs for the garden
- ✓ Research being undertaken (including Stanmer Organics Physic Garden)
- ✓ Next steps = follow-up on planning and preparation

18. Ford Road Cemetery

- ✓ Plans drawn up for new management regime
- ✓ Next Steps = quotes to be obtained

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19. **Mini Wetland**

- ✓ Preliminary ecological review recommended bog meadow, shallow pond etc
- ✓ Funding request included with SCF proposal
- ✓ Discussions initiated with the Angmering Estate and the Arundel Wetland Centre
- ✓ Next steps = discussions with the Estate on hold pending WSCC approval of the LCWIP

20. **Food Forest and Community/Children's Forest at Arundel Gate**

- ✓ Preliminary proposal accepted by Arundel Town Council
- ✓ Site visit conducted
- ✓ Next steps = develop detailed plants, and seek donations/funding