

Open Spaces Strategy – Appendix 11: Implementation Plan

Volunteering (refer to 3.7 of the Open Spaces Strategy)

No.	Policy	What we have done...	Next Steps	Lead Person/s	Time frame
a.	Seek to apply the Council's 2016 Voluntary Strategy into Cityparks to create an appropriately resourced, sustainable, quality volunteering experience for residents and visitors.	<p>Met with Insurance, Legal and Cityparks regarding issues to do with volunteers, Super volunteers etc. Attended two Public meetings with friends of Parks, Trust for Developing Communities, Community works and Brighton University to present discuss our volunteer aspirations and update them on our open spaces strategy.</p> <p>Organised events to engage with the Big Conversation respondents who gave their email address because they were interested in volunteering in parks and open spaces and mail out via email to coincide with a press release. Fortnightly email push to those that have not yet responded.</p> <p>Met with rangers, the Food Partnership, Plumpton College, Universities of Sussex and Brighton representatives to explore volunteering proposal and opportunities. Contacted and talked through proposals with the Trust for Conservation Volunteers group.</p> <p>Met with Plumpton College and Cityparks to look at volunteer co-coordinators and their role in supporting the ambition in</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Develop Facebook page for Friends of Parks, specifically for the chairs and vice chairs to talk and share ideas. Site to be primarily administered by volunteers and supported by the PPT/Cityparks on occasions. ii. Upload key information about volunteering onto council website. iii. Continue to work with Sussex and Brighton Universities to finalise students working in parks and clarify what resources they can provide to assist parks. iv. Continue to explore opportunity with Trust for Conservation Volunteers. v. Work with Plumpton and others to develop: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A comprehensive volunteer offer, b. Training courses for people wanting to volunteer or be volunteer coordinators, c. Defined role descriptions for volunteers, d. Suitable volunteer coordinators with the council, e. Investing upfront for training such as first aid courses. f. Utilise Plumpton College courses which might be centrally funded. g. Utilise social media to promote our activity. h. Apply the three 'V's for volunteering. 	Cityparks Parks Projects	<p>May, June, July 2017</p> <p>April 2017 – July 2019</p>

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		<p>parks. A number of actions we proposed from these discussions.</p> <p>Met with friends of Parks groups to explore a range of volunteering idea and challenges as part of the Green Spaces Network Forum.</p>	<p>See Appendix 2 for overview of volunteering programme.</p>		
No.	Actions	What we have done...	Next Steps	Lead Person/s	Time frame
1)	<p>Work with the Clinical Commissioning Group and Public Health to link volunteering opportunities together with Cityparks more formally as part of the city’s approach to improving health and well-being.</p>	<p>Contacted two GP clinics to explore developing social prescriptions with them by utilising our local parks. Whitehawk Health Centre and the Wellbeing Health Centre Hove have indicated that they are keen to work with us to develop social prescriptions linked to open spaces.</p>	<p>a) Pilot a scheme in which the Health Centre refers suitable people to work with groups delivering health benefits in parks. Development work with Public Health and Active for Life Manager Refer to Health and Wellbeing implementation plan.</p>	<p>Corinna Edwards-College Jan Sutherland Parks Projects Team Alistair Hill</p> <p>Parks Projects/DL</p>	<p>April 2017 – July 2023 minimum</p>
2)	<p>Work with Friends Groups, academic institutes and the private, public and third sectors to develop a sustainable volunteering programme for Cityparks.</p>	<p>See policy a. above</p>	<p>See policy a. above</p> <p>a) Promote offer of free first-aid and leadership training for people wanting to volunteer in our parks. 100 first aid places to be funded by PPT.</p> <p>b) Promote offer of free first-aid kits for all friends of groups and organisations that complete first aid training.</p>	<p>Parks Projects</p>	<p>April – July 2019</p>
3)	<p>Integrate current and future Cityparks volunteers into city-wide volunteering offer utilising the “Volunteering Plus” website and utilise the apps and to increase and link people to what is occurring in their neighbourhood.</p>	<p>Met with Community works to discuss website. Review and comment on website being developed.</p> <p>Met with Cityparks and Rangers to discuss opportunities.</p> <p>Altered ambition for Volunteering Plus to try and include a map based interface similar to easyjet inspire me website. http://www.easyjet.com/en/inspireme</p>	<p>a) Volunteering Plus website goes live possibly in July and Cityparks will populate this new tool and use to manage volunteer enquiries.</p> <p>b) Publicise volunteer training offered by Brighton & Hove CC</p> <p>c) Investigate what other training needs volunteers have.</p> <p>d) Work with Communities Team to consider ways to support new group activity in areas where Community Development Workers are based.</p> <p>e) Provide a measure of current volunteer activity</p>	<p>Communities /Community Works/DL</p> <p>Communications</p> <p>SW</p> <p>Community Works</p> <p>PPT</p>	<p>July - August 2017</p>

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			<p>and use Community Works website to monitor volunteer activity over the period to March 2019.</p> <p>f) Work with Communities and Community Works to integrate Cityparks opportunities with the wider BHCC offer and establish a high quality offer for volunteering, leading, training, reward and celebration.</p>	<p>Communities, Active for Life Manager, PPT, Cityparks</p>	
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