



Greening Arundel strategy 2023-27 and action plan 2023-25

*“It’s only through working together
that we can help nature recover.”*



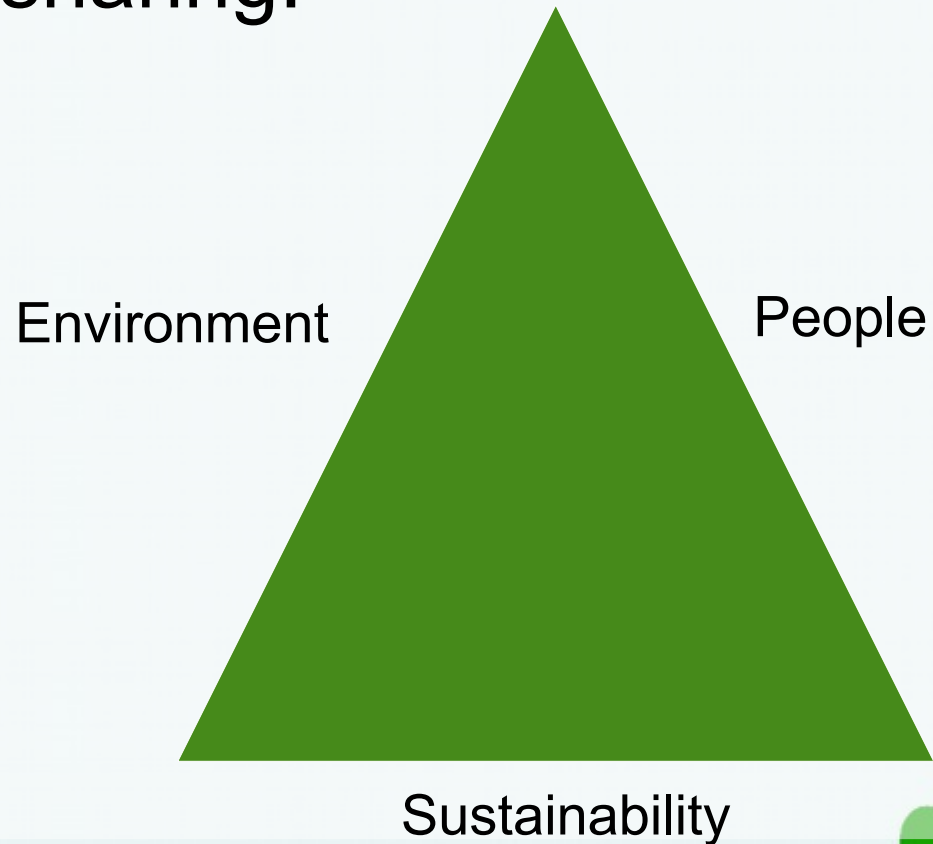
Who We Are

- Arundel Agenda 21
- Arundel Bee Project
- Arundel Castle Gardens
- Arundel Community Apiary
- Arundel Community Orchard
- Arundel Gardens Association
- Friends of Priory Pocket Park
- Arundel Tree Wardens
- Arun District Council
- Arundel Chamber of Commerce
- Arundel Community Partnership
- Arundel Town Council
- Juniper cafe
- South Downs Park Authority
- West Sussex County Council



Our Mission and Aims

- Help Arundel become “greener,” more efficiently and sustainably, by sharing:
 - knowledge
 - experience
 - resources
 - networks
 - ideas
 - workloads



Our Objectives

- **Environment**

- Increase bio-diversity and bio-abundance
- Protect and nurture endangered species
- Improve the value of green spaces
- Reduce environmental damage



- **People**

- Increase participation in greening activities to support community well-being



- **Sustainability**

- Ensure the sustainability of all Greening Arundel activities



Bio-diversity and bio-abundance

- **Achieved to date**
 - Maintained the Pollinator Garden
 - Planted herbs and pollinator-friendly flowers in the Quayside bed and in six troughs placed nearby
 - Obtained 50+ free plants from the RHS show
- **Future plans**
 - Prepare, place and plant 12 more troughs
 - Redesign Jubilee Gardens and the Memorial beds with perennial, pollinator-friendly, drought-resistant plants, using RHS recommended lists



Protect and Nurture Wildlife

- **Achieved to date**
 - Obtained funding to support our Bring Back Our Birds campaign
 - Conducted a B-BOB scoping exercise
 - Presented findings to a public meeting of local residents

- **Future plans**
 - Conduct a baseline study for wildlife and biodiversity
 - Install a house martin tower in the Orchard and provide nest boxes/cups
 - Develop a hedgehog project, perhaps in local cemeteries



Improve Green Spaces

- **Achieved to date**
 - Transformed the 120m (x2) beds along the station pathway with native hedgerow plants
 - Produced a roundabout and verges policy for Arundel Town Council
- **Future plans**
 - Transform the area in front of the station by pruning trees, adding and maintaining plants, as well as installing a picnic table, bench and bug hotel
 - Create a mini arboretum on the area outside Warwick Court



Food Waste Composting Scheme

- **Achieved to date**

- Secured space at Fauna Brewery
- Conducted research
- Developed a survey of residents
- Submitted a “Soil from Scraps” proposal to the South Downs Trust

- **Future plans**

- Secure additional funding
- Meet with composting champions
- Set up a management committee
- Plan and implement a pilot project



Towards a Pesticide-free Arundel

- **Achieved to date**

- Met with ADC and WSCC to discuss eradicating harmful chemical pesticide-use
- Initiated research into effective alternatives
- Reached out to Lewes and other pesticide-free towns

- **Future plans**

- Join the Pesticide Action Network
- Determine who is using harmful chemical pesticides and why
- Plan an information and education campaign on the dangers of pesticide use and the availability of safe, effective alternatives



Engaging People Safely

- **Achieved to date**

- Recruited 30 Green Team volunteers, who devoted 500 volunteer hours (Apr-Aug)
- Engaged 5 local businesses, plus the museum in coffee collection and/or watering
- Organised a Community Day for 19 young people
- Communicated via articles in the Bell and Sussex World
- Attracted 60+ people to B-BOB

- **Future plans**

- Enter into partnership arrangements with Aldingbourne and Brent Lodge
- Develop a programme for children, youth and the elderly
- Create a GA business supporter incentive package
- Provide coaching for Green Tourism certification
- Secure volunteer time from the Environment Agency and WSCC



Strive for Sustainability

- **Achieved to date**

- Obtained free products and services: perennial plants, soil, seeds and time
- Secured an allotment and free greenhouse
- Embedded ongoing greening activities in the community
- Received over £10k of funding
- Developed a GA strategy and action plan

- **Future plans**

- Secure tools by donation
- Propagate (cut and split)
- Partner with the Sustainability Centre etc
- Develop a grant campaign
- Develop a community funding initiative
- Set up Working Groups to deliver the action plan
- Develop governance and succession plans



Our Targets

- **Environment**

- Increase the volume of pollinator-friendly plants and trees annually
- Increase the volume of bees, bats, hedgehogs, house martins, swifts, and swallows annually
- Transform green spaces into pollinator-friendly corridors that are more visually pleasing

- Assess the viability of a food waste composting scheme in 2023 and set-up a pilot project in 2024
- Achieve public buy-in by 2025 for moving towards a pesticide-free Arundel and a significant reduction in harmful chemical pesticide use by 2027

- **People**

- Attract and retain 30 active Green Team volunteers by 2024
- Support five businesses annually to obtain Green Tourism certification

- **Sustainability**

- Use the allotment to generate at least 50% of GA needs annually
- Generate at least £3k of new income annually



Thank You

- Participation
- Facilitation
- Funding
- Support
- Promotion
- Commitment

