



sussex
environment
partnership

thinking forward...

is the environment in sussex benefiting from your strategy, plan or partnership?

In Sussex our quality of life benefits from the environment we work and live in.

We would all suffer if this was lost.

It is essential that we protect and, wherever possible, improve our environment in Sussex. To achieve this, the environment must be considered in any plan, strategy or partnership that will affect the future of Sussex.

The Sussex Environment Partnership (SEP) brings together environmental specialists from organisations across Sussex. Our aim is to help other partnerships and organisations in the development of their plans, strategies and partnerships to make a positive contribution to the environment in Sussex. These partnerships include:

Local Authorities

Local Strategic Partnerships

Economic Partnerships

Health Partnerships

Parish Councils

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how we can help you

Protecting and enhancing the environment goes hand in hand with improving the lives of local communities. Whether you are developing a community strategy, a local development framework or an economic strategy or similar, your work can help protect and improve our local environment.

The communities you serve care about Sussex and our specialist advice can help you meet their aspirations for a better environment. We can advise you on opportunities for the protection and enhancement of the environment and the wiser use of natural resources in the development of your plan or strategy.

As a partnership we will focus our support on local groups and organisations to help them make a positive contribution to the environment.

To date we have promoted the environment and taken forward environmental initiatives in Community Strategies, Local Development Documents, Public Service Agreements and other strategic plans across Sussex.

think waste

think energy

think water

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We need a high quality environment in Sussex to:

- Provide the essentials for life, from clean water and air, to quality food and recreation.
- Improve living conditions, particularly in poor quality areas.
- Support our economy, inspiring us at work and providing an attractive and accessible setting for successful business.

We are however, placing increasing pressures on our environment. To address these we must all work together to protect our local surroundings and reduce our contribution to global problems.

- In the South East we produce over 4 million tonnes of waste each year. Although household recycling has more than doubled over the last 10 years, over 70% of our waste still goes to landfill.
- Each home uses an average of 165 litres of water a day - more than anywhere else in Britain in an area where there is the lowest rainfall.
- Road traffic is predicted to increase by more than a third over the next 20 years. Using public transport, cycling and walking can reduce environmental impact, yet over 70% of us still travel to work by car.

The people of Sussex want to look after the environment and some of our businesses and residents are leading the way:

- Approximately 20,000 residents are members of the Sussex Wildlife Trust. This figure has doubled over the last 6 years.
- Around 40 Local Produce and Farmers' Markets are thriving in Sussex.
- Over 1,000 businesses a year take part in waste or energy reduction.



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who are we?

The Sussex Environment Partnership is currently led by the Environment Agency and is supported by environmental specialists from key organisations across Sussex.

These include:

Sussex Wildlife Trust

English Nature

English Heritage

West Sussex County Council

East Sussex County Council

Brighton and Hove City Council

South Downs Joint Committee

Sussex Air Quality Steering Group

Local Strategic Partnerships

contact us

To access information please visit our website:

www.thinkingforward.org.uk

or contact us on ssx.envpart@environment-agency.gov.uk

Documents available on the website include:

- Guidance to help Sussex Local Authorities and other organisations incorporate the environment into their plans and strategies
- Environmental indicators (in progress)
- Local Developments Frameworks and Biodiversity
- Ecological Network (in progress)

Alternatively you can write to us at:

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