

MANOR ROYAL
BUSINESS DISTRICT
CRAWLEY & GATWICK



Sussex
Wildlife Trust

A DECADE OF PARTNERSHIP

2014-24



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Background to Manor Royal BID's partnership with Sussex Wildlife Trust

The Manor Royal BID was formed in June 2013. Shortly after, in February 2014, the BID partnered with Sussex Wildlife Trust to provide conservation based volunteering opportunities at the then newly created Crawter's Brook People's Park, the single biggest green space in Manor Royal.

A seven-and-a-half acre site in the middle of Manor Royal, Crawter's Brook was largely inaccessible due to neglect, various examples of "land grab" and fly-tipping. Upon the creation of the Manor Royal BID, and with the support of both Crawley Borough Council and West Sussex County Council, a plan was hatched to reclaim Crawter's Brook and turn it into a usable space that balanced the needs of nature and people.

Sussex Wildlife Trust worked with the BID and the appointed architects, Allen Scott, to ensure that the area was developed sensitively. Crawter's Brook People's Park was practically completed in 2014 and was formally opened by the Duke of Gloucester in November of that year, by which time the first volunteer sessions had already been delivered.

Since then, the partnership has flourished and to this day continues to provide guided volunteering opportunities that helps to maintain the park, contributes to health, wellbeing and community and supports the plans of the BID for investing in a more sustainable a bio-diverse future for the Business District.

About this report

This report provides a review of some of the key activities facilitated out by Sussex Wildlife Trust between February 2014 and July 2024 as part of its partnership with the Manor Royal BID. It provides some highlights of the many volunteering sessions delivered through the partnership, some of the businesses that have taken part and some of the things that have been achieved.

Over the years, and particularly through the adoption of the “Sustain and Renew” objective as part of the BID’s latest Business Plan (2023-2028), the partnership has evolved to encompass advice on plans for a more biodiverse business district, including the creation of new micro park areas and the emerging Green Infrastructure Framework for Manor Royal.

This partnership has been one of the BID’s most enduring and looks set to continue as Manor Royal BID continues to support plans for a less carbon intensive and more nature friendly area, alongside supporting health, wellbeing and team building via the popular volunteering programme.

To find out more about this service visit www.manorroyal.org/volunteering

To find what else the BID does to make Manor Royal a more sustainable place see www.manorroyal.org/sustain



Crawter's Brook People's Park, a green oasis in the middle of one of the countries biggest business parks.

Manor Royal Sussex Wildlife Partnership Headline Impact statistics



2,347 volunteering hours supported



476 volunteers



100s park inspections



32 business supported



£21,420 value of free to access volunteering provided by the BID



45 sessions delivered



10 years of partnership



4 awards for Crawter's Brook
2 for the BID's area-wide conservation plans



Activities supported through the partnership

On volunteering

Willow coppicing

Himalayan Balsam pulling

Litter picking

Hedgerow planting

Wildlife recording

Litter Picking

Boardwalk construction

Ditch clearance

Nettle removal

Habitat creation / bug hotels

Bird and bat boxes

Plus

Park design advice

Maintenance Plan support

Green Audit & Green Infrastructure Framework input

Award entry support



Duke of Gloucester opening Crawter's Brook. Nov 2014

Some of the companies supported

B&CE / People's Partnership

Doosan

Temple Group

Gatwick School (pupils)

Amey

Kier Construction

Avios

Natwest

Greenstar Cleaners

Virgin Atlantic

ILG

UK Power Networks

Presteigne Broadcast Hire

Vent Axia

Tokyo Electron

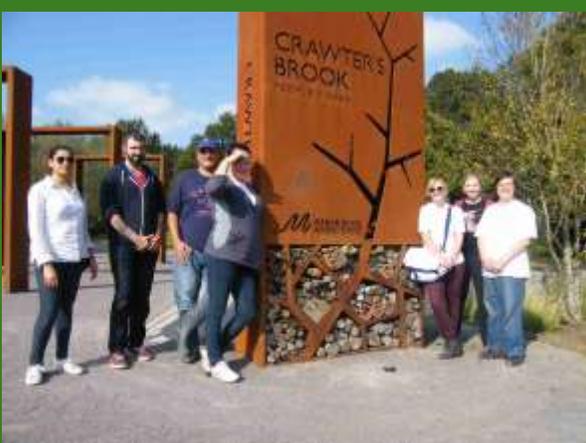
Thales

Magus

Openreach

EVC





Case study #1

Support for education

As well as supporting businesses and corporate volunteering, the partnership between the Manor Royal BID and Sussex Wildlife Trust has allowed Gatwick Green Space to work with the Gatwick School in different ways through the years.

This has included; forest school sessions at the nearby Gatwick Woodlands, wildlife recording and habitat creation for bugs and insects.



Case study #2

Power workers lend muscle to wildlife

Volunteers from UK Power Networks Services teamed up with the charity Gatwick Greenspace Partnership to plant a new wildflower meadow at the entrance to Crawter's Brook People's Park, in Manor Royal.

Ginette Leeder, a senior asset systems administrator at UK Power Networks, said: "It's satisfying to do something that really benefits the local community. Everyone enjoys getting out in the fresh air doing something so worthwhile in the local area.

"People may not know about the stream which is nestled in a wildlife corridor in a built-up area. Working on a project like this is a fantastic team building event and we're grateful to get involved." (April 2023)





A place for nature
& people
Balancing the need for people,
place and planet in the heart of
Manor Royal Business District



Working in partnership for a better Manor Royal

Thank you Sussex Wildlife Trust

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