

**Listing of nature conservation groups and organisations and Friends of Park groups in Croydon, which offer guided walks, information and volunteering opportunities.**

**About this directory**

This directory lists voluntary groups in Croydon which care for Croydon's parks, woods and other open spaces. Groups are made up of local people with an interest in their park or wildlife, who take practical action to improve the area or investigate and advise on environmental issues. Most groups carry out practical conservation work within their park/wood on a more or less regular basis. Other groups decide to be just the eyes and ears of a park; they report damages and want to be consulted on park & open space management and development issues. All listed groups welcome new volunteers.

Joining a local group can be a great way to:

- Improve your local environment for the benefit of wildlife and people
- Learn more about the Boroughs green open spaces
- Learn new skills, like coppicing, hedge laying or building steps and benches, leading guided walks, fundraising
- Meet likeminded people
- Get healthy, being outdoors and doing gentle exercise

You do not need to be an expert in conservation or practical work in order to join a group. Groups are offering basic training and tools. They are also often looking for someone to help with leaflets, run events, lead walks, raise money and much more.

If you would like to find out more about any of the groups listed and how to get involved please contact the Green Spaces Community Partnership Officer at [biodiversity@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:biodiversity@croydon.gov.uk)

**Association of Croydon Conservation Societies (ACCS)**

[www.accs-croydon.co.uk](http://www.accs-croydon.co.uk)

Umbrella group for local groups, charities and Friends of Park groups concerned with nature conservation issues in the borough.

**NEW ADDINGTON**

**Addington Conservation Team**

[www.addingtonconservationteam.org.uk](http://www.addingtonconservationteam.org.uk)

Workday: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month

e-mail: [addingtonconservationteam@gmail.com](mailto:addingtonconservationteam@gmail.com)

**Croydon Conservation Volunteers**

[Biodiversity@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:Biodiversity@croydon.gov.uk)

Workday: Sundays, various locations –mostly City of London Commons'

**Croydon HF Rambling Club**

[www.croydonhframblingclub.org.co.uk](http://www.croydonhframblingclub.org.co.uk)

**Croydon Ramblers** (local branch of the Ramblers Association)  
<http://www.croydonramblers.org.uk/>

**Croydon RSPB**

[www.croydon-rspb.org.uk](http://www.croydon-rspb.org.uk)

Local branch which offers illustrated talks to local groups and organisations as well as programme of walks and outings

**Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society**

[www.greig51.freemove.co.uk/cnhss/index.htm](http://www.greig51.freemove.co.uk/cnhss/index.htm)

**ADDISCOMBE**

**Friends of Addiscombe Railway Park**

<http://park.addiscombe.net/>

e-mail: [parkfriends@addiscombe.net](mailto:parkfriends@addiscombe.net)

Sunday workdays

**NORWOOD**

**Friends of Beulah Hill Pond**

[victaylorross@hotmail.com](mailto:victaylorross@hotmail.com)

Monthly Saturday workdays

**SOUTH NORWOOD**

**Friends of Beaulieu Heights**

[friends@BeaulieuHeights.org](mailto:friends@BeaulieuHeights.org)

**South Norwood Playground Action Group**

[www.lpag.wordpress.com](http://www.lpag.wordpress.com)

**OLD COULSDON**

**Friends of Bradmore Green Pond**

[biodiversity@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:biodiversity@croydon.gov.uk)

**SOUTH CROYDON**

**Friends of Croham Hurst**

<http://friendsofcrohamhurstwoods.wordpress.com/>

Last Saturday of every month

**COULSDON**

**Friends of Coulsdon Coppice**

[Biodiversity@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:Biodiversity@croydon.gov.uk)

**KENLEY**

**Friends of Foxley**

[www.friendsoffoxley.co.uk](http://www.friendsoffoxley.co.uk)

Workday: 2nd Sunday of every month and last Wednesday every month

THORNTON HEATH

**Friends of Grangewood Park**

[www.grangewood.btik.com](http://www.grangewood.btik.com)

e-mail: [friendsofgrangewood@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:friendsofgrangewood@yahoo.co.uk)

SOUTH CROYDON

**Friends of Haling Grove**

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/pages/Friends-of-Haling-Grove/122046091150868>

e-mail: [friendsofhalinggrove@mail.com](mailto:friendsofhalinggrove@mail.com)

SANDERSTEAD

**Friends of King's Wood**

[biodiversity@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:biodiversity@croydon.gov.uk)

Workday: every Tuesday morning

SANDERSTEAD

**Friends of Littleheath Woods**

<http://www.folw.co.uk>

Workday: Tuesday mornings

SHIRLEY

**Friends of Millers Pond**

[www.friendsofmillerspond.org.uk](http://www.friendsofmillerspond.org.uk)

Workday: last Saturday of every month

NORBURY

**Friends of Norbury Hall**

[biodiversity@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:biodiversity@croydon.gov.uk)

SELSDON

**Friends of Selsdon Wood**

[www.friendsofseldonwood.co.uk](http://www.friendsofseldonwood.co.uk)

e-mail [selsdonwood@gmail.com](mailto:selsdonwood@gmail.com)

Workday: first Sunday of every month

SHIRLEY

**Friends of Spring Park Wood**

[www.friendsofspringparkwood.co.uk](http://www.friendsofspringparkwood.co.uk)

Workday: 1st & 3rd Sat every month

THORNTON HEATH

**Friends of Thornton Heath Recreation Ground**

[www.thorntonheathrec.org.uk/](http://www.thorntonheathrec.org.uk/)

e-mail: [friendsoftherec@yahoo.com](mailto:friendsoftherec@yahoo.com)

Now including Croydon Transition Town community garden

BROAD GREEN  
**Friends of Wandle Park**  
[www.wandlepark.com](http://www.wandlepark.com)

NORWOOD  
**Friends of Westow Park**  
[www.friendsofwestowpark.ning.com/](http://www.friendsofwestowpark.ning.com/)

**Westow Park Community Garden**, part of Crystal Palace Transition Town  
e-mail: [food@crystalpalacetransition.org.uk](mailto:food@crystalpalacetransition.org.uk)  
Workday: every Saturday morning

SANDERSTEAD  
**Friends of Wettren Tree Garden**  
[Biodiversity@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:Biodiversity@croydon.gov.uk)  
Workday: last Sunday of every month

HEATHFIELD  
**Heathfield Ecology Centre**  
[www.heathfield-ecology.org.uk](http://www.heathfield-ecology.org.uk)

HEATHFIELD  
**Hutchinson's Bank Conservation Volunteers**  
e-mail: [volunteering@wildlondon.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@wildlondon.org.uk)  
Workdays every 2nd & 3rd Sun, (Sept-March).

**Metropolitan Public Gardens Association**  
[www.mpga.org.uk](http://www.mpga.org.uk)

SANDERSTEAD  
**Sanderstead Plantation Partners**  
[biodiversity@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:biodiversity@croydon.gov.uk)  
Workday: every Wednesday morning

**London Wildlife Trust**  
Tel: 0207261 0447  
[www.wildlondon.org.uk](http://www.wildlondon.org.uk)  
In the borough the Trust looks after Hutchinson's-, Chapel- & Bramley- Bank

**TCV Croydon**  
Tel: 020 8726 0974, [www.tcv.org.uk](http://www.tcv.org.uk)  
Croydon Council provides core funding for TCV's ACE (Action for Croydon's Environment) Team of volunteers, which carries out a variety of conservation tasks. Workdays: Wed & Thurs, minibus pick up near East Croydon

**Surrey Wildlife Trust**  
[www.surreywildlifetrust.co.uk](http://www.surreywildlifetrust.co.uk)  
For Dollyper's Hill Nature Reserve, Kenley,

**Downlands Countryside  
Management Project**

[www.countryside-management.org.uk](http://www.countryside-management.org.uk)

Tel: 01737 737700

The project works in partnership with Croydon Council to improve access to the countryside of the North Downs and implements conservation grazing on the borough's chalk grassland sites.

**Sanderstead to Whyteleafe Conservation Area Volunteers**

Joint project between Tandridge Borough Council, the Whitgift Foundation and Croydon Council.

Volunteer workdays: every Monday and last Sunday of every month

[biodiversity@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:biodiversity@croydon.gov.uk)

**Advice for new and existing groups**

The Community Partnership Officer provides advice and information to new and existing environmental groups, on group set up, funding, insurance, publicity, training and community involvement.

For more information please contact

**Community Partnership Officer**

Planning and Environment, Green Spaces Division

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