

Volunteer path warden Registration form

First name

Surname

Address

Postcode

Phone

Email

Path(s) I would like to adopt:

Description

Location

Path No / Grid Ref (if known)

Please return to the address below,
or alternatively email the information to:
Cityparks@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Postal address:

Rights of Way, Cityparks, Stanmer Nursery
Stanmer Park, Brighton BN1 9SE

www.brighton-hove.gov.uk

This data will be held on an electronic database and only used
for communications about volunteering with the council.

Health benefits

By helping to maintain paths you will not only be keeping healthy yourself, but also contributing to helping others access the countryside – creating healthier and happier communities.

- A study by Green Gym conservation volunteers (2016) showed volunteers increased physical health by an average 33%, together with a reduction in social isolation
- A report by the Ramblers and Macmillan Cancer Support (2014) revealed that walking can prevent 37,000 deaths per year and slash the risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes, Alzheimer's, stroke and cancer by 20-50%



Tear off and send by post or electronically

Contacting us

For more information please contact the
Cityparks Team at Stanmer Nursery,
Stanmer Park, Brighton BN1 9SE.

Phone: **01273 292929**

Email: **Cityparks@brighton-hove.gov.uk**

To find out where Brighton & Hove's rights of way network is, and locate the paths you use regularly, have a look at the Highways Search Map on the council website:
www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/highway-search-information-map

Volunteer path warden scheme

How to get involved

Become a volunteer path warden and adopt-a-path

Brighton & Hove has 150km of public footpaths, bridleways and byways. These paths stretch from the seafront, through the city and out into the South Downs National Park, all part of the UNESCO Biosphere – The Living Coast.

As part of our commitment to improving access we would like to inspect every path regularly, however, we don't have the resource to do this as often as we would like.

If you walk, cycle or ride the same paths regularly – we'd like you to help keep an eye on them and let us know how they are looking.



What we would like you to do:

The Volunteer Path Warden scheme encourages volunteers to adopt paths they use regularly and assist with their upkeep to ensure they are open and accessible for everyone.

This could include:

- Walking or riding the paths at least 4 times a year (once each season) to carry out an inspection
- Reporting any problems like faulty gates or stiles, or obstructions such as ploughed up fields
- Help with minor vegetation clearance - cutting back overhanging brambles around signs, gates and stiles
- Promoting responsible use of the path



We will provide:

- Initial induction and training (including a guidance manual)
- Help and advice with any rights of way questions
- Cover under our insurance policy whilst carrying out the role
- Loan of gloves and tools (for any clearance work)
- Path Warden ID card to show authorisation for tasks carried out

Any maintenance or repair issues reported will be added to our list, prioritised and then dealt with as soon as possible. We aim to inspect reported problems within 14 days (24 hours for safety matters). Safety issues are dealt with within 7 days. When we have fixed things you have told us about, we will let you know.

