



A year-long arts and science residency, created to help Moda residents connect with both nature and each other. This was a unique project to explore their new community, be it a microbe, insect, plant, or tree!

Combining a creative team of artists, ecologists and engineers in a GIANT, creative citizen science project to measure if we could all feel more connected to nature by the end of our year together.

# WILD NEIGHBOURS





# WILDING WATERHALL NATURE RESERVE

Just a few miles north of MODA, was a golf course only a few years ago! It is now being restored and wilded into a vibrant chalk grassland - habitat for all sorts of wildflowers, insects, birds, mammals and more.

Not long after Brighton & Hove Council began rewilding Waterhall, the Adonis blue butterfly - once thought to be locally extinct - was spotted fluttering among the newly emerging wildflowers. This tiny electric-blue butterfly, which thrives only in pristine chalk grassland, returned completely on its own. Its appearance wasn't planned or planted. It was a sign of nature healing itself, given the right conditions. Waterhall's transformation from manicured golf fairways to wild meadows allowed seeds lying dormant in the soil for decades to bloom and with them, the return of rare insects. This moment didn't just mark a win for conservation, it gave Brighton a symbol of hope: that even the most forgotten spaces can be easily reawakened.

*Brighton & Hove City Council leads the way with initiatives like this. Visit it, learn about the effort, and contribute any way you can!*



## HOW to be a good neighbour

### Plant for pollinators

Plant native flowering plants on your balconies, roofs, or gardens to give plenty of spaces for our wild neighbours to eat and spread flowery seeds.

*Consider Oxeye Daisy, Red Campion, Harebell, and Sea Thrift*

### Community gardens

Grow your own food, flowers and plants. You can do this even in tiny spaces like window sills and balconies.

*Moda has a Gardening Club and Hove Allotments are just down the road!*

### Read through the Brighton & Hove Local Biodiversity Action Plan

The Brighton & Hove Local Biodiversity Action Plan is full of important local wildlife and habitats and how we can protect it all.

*Google the plan and have a good read!*

### More wild neighbour spaces

Make your voices heard and advocate for more green spaces for our beautiful insects, birds and mammals to thrive. The more you let them in, the more they give back.

*Create ponds, plant more native bush cover, vertical gardens, and green roofs.*

### Install wild-neighbour architecture

There are plenty of small additions you can make that go a long way towards helping the species around us. Give them a hand and they will always repay you.

*Consider the birds with feeders, baths and nest boxes, bat boxes, and insect/bee hotels.*

### Beach clean ups

The beaches near Moda are home to many animals and supports a whole lot more out in the deep blue! Help them and the community by keeping it clean.

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# your WILD NEIGHBOURS

A mini-guide to noticing, connecting, and co-existing



Head a little west for some really beautiful sites. Wildflower meadows, sitting in the pebbles or explore at low tide to discover entire worlds you didn't know were there.

This site is a habitat for all so get familiar with it and look at everything that catches your eye.

### Bentfield Valley Nature Reserve

### The beach!



A little further away One Garden Brighton promises to teach you lots and show you all of the beautiful things you could be growing. You can walk away with the seeds and instructions of how to do it too!



## WHERE to see your wild neighbours