

# Give to parks, nature and green space in BCP

Working with the BCP Greenspaces team helps your business achieve its social impact and employee engagement goals, while creating lasting benefits for local communities.

- Improve employee mental health & wellbeing through volunteering opportunities.
- Support local communities by helping create accessible green spaces.
- Help us deliver inclusive green education and outreach to marginalised groups.
- Address the climate and nature emergencies by supporting projects that lock away carbon, boost biodiversity and deliver natural flood management.

We can work with you to tailor a programme of support that aligns with your business priorities and the themes that are important to you. Where this includes a financial contribution, we will provide an impact report. We offer some example projects below and welcome discussion of your own ideas.

Example projects	Typical contribution	Location(s)
Street Trees - planting in soft areas, e.g. grass verges, parks	£500+	Across BCP
Street Trees - planting in hard areas, e.g. in pavements	£2,000 / tree, incl. 3 yrs maintenance & watering	Into existing tree pits across BCP where previous planting has failed but site viable
	£5,000 / tree, incl. provision of new tree pit, 3 yrs maintenance & watering	New tree pits will be considered in line with suggestions from investor. The team can ID locations in accordance with local tree equity data*
Painting or other maintenance to sports pavilions or other park facilities/equipment	£500+	Across BCP parks
Donations of 'gifts in kind' products or materials such as compost, chippings, timber & paint	At your discretion, or as required for a specific project	The Parks Foundation and community groups in particular can make good use of gifts suitable for projects in parks & green spaces
Creating sustainable drainage areas in our green spaces to slow water runoff and alleviate flooding in residential areas	Dependent on project	Discuss current opportunities with BCP's Greenspaces Team and The Parks Foundation - please contact us
Contribute to improvements in your local play space, e.g. painting / repairing play equipment & fences, creating bug homes, improving benches & other infrastructure	£500 - £5,000	For a map & A-Z list of play spaces across the whole of BCP, please refer to our <a href="#">Plan for Play play sites</a>
Investing in new play equipment to support the Plan for Play	£5,000+	Help us match the existing funding and deliver even greater benefits for play across BCP. Read about our <a href="#">Plan for Play</a>

\* [Local tree equity data pdf](#) (from the BCP Urban Forest Strategy 2050, p8)

More examples on page 2 ...



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Installing water butts or green energy generation on suitable park buildings	£500+	
Create a nature corner in a greenspace; this might be a wildlife pond, for instance, with a bench & access, bird boxes, native hedging & trees	£5,000 - £10,000	Come forward with your own ideas & locations, or contact us for advice.
Help promote social connections in public spaces	£3,000+	E.g. by the addition of an outdoor table tennis table, or chess table with seats to a park.
Corporate volunteering groups	£200 suggested contribution per group (10 people)	We will develop a suitable activity dependent on the size of your group, any particular area of interest, the time of year, etc.
Fund native planting improvements across parks, nature reserves, chimes and public realm landscaping in BCP	£1,000+	Help support our Greenspace volunteer teams working to eradicate invasive species and introduce mostly native, nature-friendly, climate-resilient planting.
Create a pocket park	£25,000+	This might mean, for instance, residents collectively deciding to use the end of their street to install planting & seating to enable outdoor gathering, perhaps on a disused area of land.

### At our Green Heart Parks, in partnership with The Parks Foundation

Support the Council and The Parks Foundation to physically enhance and activate local community parks	£5,000+	Read about the fourteen <a href="#">Green Heart Parks</a> across BCP, and contact us to discuss how you could support the work carried out in them:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fund or donate gifts in kind to practical works: tree planting, pond creation and maintenance, native hedge &amp; meadow creation and maintenance;</li> <li>• Fund or donate gifts in kind to enabling works: the park activators create regular volunteering activities, engage park users and work with new &amp; different audiences.</li> </ul>		

### In the Stour Valley

"An ever-changing, thriving river valley landscape, drawing people, livelihoods, nature and heritage together."	We are keen to collaborate with land owners to enhance the Stour Valley corridor, improving access for nature, communities, tourism & leisure - <a href="#">read about the Stour Valley Partnership and Strategy</a>	Please contact us to discuss how you could support the partnership's ambitions.
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## A few case studies



### Hoburne estate wildlife pond and house martin tower, Christchurch

A true local partnership in action! New Milton Sand and Ballast provided aggregates and the timber for the house martin tower. New Milton Men's Shed built the tower and installed the caller system. Christchurch Harbour Ornithological Group provided local bird expertise. The Parks Foundation funded the majority of the project through a National Lottery Heritage grant, creating the wildlife pond and surrounding meadow with the support of local volunteers. BCP Council created the house martin tower interpretation board, helped install the tower and changed local mowing regimes to encourage flowering plants.



### Stour Valley Nature Reserve, Throop

A Corporate Volunteering Day for the Wates Group; they were joined by volunteers from Pinewood Structures and Treeapp with the BCP Countryside Team. 400 native whips were planted!

"This activity supports our collective environmental & sustainability targets, creates a new/better home for local wildlife, offsets carbon and enhances the existing areas' natural beauty."

*Katherine Jones  
Social Value Manager at Wates*



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