

Peak District National Park Year of Green Action – Ideas for Communities to Improve Your Environment



Create or rejuvenate a space in your community with wild flowers

You could brighten up a space in your community with wild flowers. Grow Wild want people all around the UK to **come together to transform shared spaces with beautiful, blooming UK native wildflowers**. People who have never sown seeds before, who don't know what a wildflower is, or who just want to bring some love and colour to their community.



Create a pond

Want to do one thing to dramatically increase the wildlife of a place? Create a pond! Whether it's a garden, a meadow, a wood, or a moor, creating a pond is the single greatest thing you can do to boost wildlife. On floodplains, around gravel pits, or in a tub on the patio, new ponds bring more wildlife and great pleasure.



Take part in Britain in Bloom

Want to take gardening in your community to the next level? Register your interest about Britain in Bloom. Sign up as an individual, join an existing group or start a new group with friends and neighbours. By registering for Bloom you'll join a nationwide network of passionate gardeners who are eligible for affordable insurance cover, advice from RHS advisors, seed giveaways and a range of other fantastic benefits.



Join or start your own litter picking group in your area

The aim of litteraction.org.uk is to encourage as many people as possible to take some form of action to help keep their community clear of litter. There are three ways that we suggest you can get involved:

1. Register as an individual litter-picker
2. Join or create a local litter group
3. Use our information pages or share your own success on our blog.



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Running a community clean-up is a fantastic way for local citizens to take responsibility for their neighbourhood. Pick up any hints and tips and find the kit that suits you best. We work very closely with our partners Keep Britain Tidy, Keep Wales Tidy, and Keep Scotland Beautiful, as well as local authorities and environmental charities all over the United Kingdom, so if you would like some support in how to start a clean-up or what type of equipment you will need, [contact us](#) - we would love to help.



Why not try your hand at producing recycled furniture?

Seats and tables made from pallets are becoming increasingly popular. In Mexico, I met with a [community group](#) brightening up their communal, outdoor spaces and [another](#) trying to rid their town of single-use plastics



Organise a walk to school bus to become more environmentally friendly

Walking school buses are groups of children who walk designated routes to school under adult supervision, picking up kids along the way just like a bus.



Unite across the UK for one week of walking to school.

Each year we develop a new five-day walking challenge aimed at primary schools - the perfect activity to take part in during Walk to School Week. This year, to celebrate our 90th anniversary, the challenge will get to the heart of walking and how it can benefit the whole community as well as improve individual wellbeing.



Turn those grey spaces green

We're paving over Great Britain, which is harmful for wildlife, damaging for the nation's health and puts our homes at more risk from flooding. From growing colourful containers, pulling up a paving stone and planting your space - you can be a part of transforming Britain for our health, happiness, wildlife and the environment.



Take part in the Great British Spring Clean

We are calling on #LitterHeroes across the country to help improve the environment on their doorstep. We're aiming to inspire 500,000 people to join forces - in partnership with community organisations, businesses and the government - to collect and safely dispose of single-use plastic from our streets, parks and beaches, recycling as much as possible.

