

# Friends of Combe Valley

## Big Green Day event at Combe Valley Discovery Centre

**The Combe Valley Discovery Centre and Community Garden hosted a wonderful Community Big Green Day event on Sunday, 9th June.**

Link to the report click here [Julie Willard](#)

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Nature for well-being organisations were invited by the Friends of Combe Valley and Groundwork South to share their knowledge, expertise and enjoyment of their local causes in the recently established Community Garden. The theme was up-cycling; on offer for swaps were clothes, books, plants, and seeds.

Girls enjoying coffee, chat and cake.

Credit: Julie Willard 2025





We had over a hundred visitors of all ages at the event, who enjoyed chatting and exchanging ideas, clothes, books, plants and knowledge whilst enjoying lovely cakes and drinks. Many took the opportunity to walk around the wildflower meadows, explore the wildlife trail and take a breather on the newly handmade chestnut benches in the re-wilded garden. Bird boxes were made and taken away for use in private gardens.

This formerly neglected grassy area, now rewilded, is teeming with insects, invertebrates, and wildlife, all crucial for biodiversity and a healthier environment.

Crowhurst Environment Group. Residents of Crowhurst who look after the green spaces in and around Crowhurst  
Credit: Julie Willard 2025

Cheerful volunteers were on hand to answer any questions about the Combe Valley Community Nature Project and Friends of Combe Valley conservation work.



Stand up for Nature - A coalition of nature groups who fight to retain our precious green spaces in and around Hastings, St Leonard sea and Bexhill. Credit: Julie Willard 2025

Volunteers meet every Monday, Wednesday, 10-12.30 pm (Groundwork) and Thursday, 10- 12 pm (Friends)

A Touch of Gentleness - hand massages given to allow time for relaxation and gentle touching and connection with others.

Credit: Julie Willard 2025

Other Organisations present were:-

- Friends of Combe Valley
- Groundwork Combe Valley Community Nature Project
- Crowhurst Environment Group
- Bexhill Environment Group
- Ore Community Trust
- Sussex Ornithology Society
- Bexhill Nature Club
- A Touch of Gentleness
- Church in the Wood Community Orchard
- Stand Up For Nature
- Sussex Coast Energise



Attendees enjoying the Community garden - a chance for many to catch up with friends and learning about the benefits of open spaces. Credit: Julie Willard 2025

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Pete our expert in making bird boxes which are put up in gardens to attract birds who feed on insects.

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Sussex Coast Energise - Energy Advice

Credit: Julie Willard 2025



Green woodworking demonstration by Cliff (Friends of Combe Valley volunteer).

Credit: Julie Willard 2025







Bexhill Environment Group. Volunteers who clean up litter, clear vegetation and maintain small pockets of green space around Bexhill.

Credit: Julie Willard 2025.

Friends of Combe Valley - Plant and seed swap. Attendees were encouraged to bring in plants and swap information about how and where to grow.

Credit: Julie Willard



David Dennis -  
Nature raising awareness of butterflies and plants needed for survival.

Credit: V Vilela 2025

Ore Community Land Trust -  
raising awareness of Land at Ore Valley  
Credit: V Vilela 2025



The Sussex Ornithological Society. All about birds  
their habitats and how we can help them survive.

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