

What's growing on?

The FBST Gardening Group Newsletter - Autumn 2025



Levelling Up!

This year's South and Southeast Bloom Competition Awards, held on October 21st at RHS Garden Wisley, were a reason to celebrate.

FBST advanced from its Level 4 standing ('Thriving') in 2024 to Level 5 ('Outstanding'). Criteria included Community Participation, Environmental Responsibility and Gardening Achievement, with judges noting good plant choice, good maintenance, presentation and management, creativity and innovation, and local ownership and direction.



It takes a community. *"It's thanks to all of you who dug a hole, pulled a weed, put on a pair of garden gloves, carried heavy water bottles during the very dry summer and gave even 5 minutes to doing any of the above."* Josie.

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15 years, we've helped people buy and sell homes in Brunswick Town through various well-known agencies - and now, we've come together under one roof to bring our local knowledge and personal service to you.

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Ranger Team Lends a Hand

Thanks to the CityPark Ranger Volunteers, who wrangled ivy and cleared long stretches of weeds in Brunswick Square over two Fridays. Led by Ranger Neil Doyle, these volunteers take part in conservation projects in parks and nature reserves across the city.

They work closely with the CityParks gardeners to help keep a close watch over all the public open spaces in Brighton & Hove, undertaking habitat protection, including practical conservation tasks and surveys, and involving local community groups, particularly in the active conservation of our parks.

Next time you see Neil and the Ranger Volunteers out in the Square, please do say hello!





Dozens of daffs

Over the past month, our hard-working volunteers have planted; 1000 Tête à Têtes, 100 Ice Follies, and 300 mixed daffodils. Many thanks to the generous neighbours who donated bags of bulbs. Next up we'll be planting tulip bulbs to add even more Spring colour.

Meet the volunteers

Sally

Specialties: Weeding, tackling ivy, serving biscuits and treats.

Favourite flowers: Sea Holly, Snowdrops, Rudbeckia (Black-eyed Susan).

Favourite garden feature: The Strawberry Tree in the North Eye.

Why I garden: It's a great way to meet neighbours and a good reason to get outdoors, whatever the weather, all year round.



Zak

Specialties: Weeding, brambling, digging and compacting garden debris.

Favourite flowers: Lilies and roses.

Pet peeve: Littering .

Hobbies: Drawing and table tennis, looking after my dog, Wolfie.



Join us anytime

Whether you're a novice or an experienced gardener, we would love you to lend a hand. Come join us any Saturday from 11am to 1pm.

Tools, gloves and guidance are provided. If you have any questions, please drop us an email at gardening@friendsofbrunswick.co.uk