Living in the community
This is such a special city and there’s something about it that keeps people here much longer than they first planned. I love that we’re by the sea, I love that we’re by a national park, I love that there’s a million weird and wonderful things to do, I love it all!”

SARAH GIBBONS
SOCIETY AND CITIZENSHIP OFFICER
SUSSEX STUDENTS' UNION

HELLO!
WELCOME TO BRIGHTON & HOVE AND YOUR VERY OWN LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY GUIDE.

Whether you’ve just arrived and will only be living in Brighton & Hove for a year or if you’ve been living here for a while – this guide should be of use, it’s never too soon or too late to find out more about what this city has to offer, so make yourself at home.

We know that living as a resident in Brighton & Hove brings with it certain responsibilities (such as putting your rubbish and recycling out on the right day and being considerate neighbours) but it also opens up many opportunities to you.

EVENTS NOT TO MISS
There’s certainly no shortage of things to do in Brighton, and many of the events are listed on www.visitbrighton.com and www.welovebrighton.com

Here are some not to miss:

Brighton Festival
www.brightonfestival.org
Brighton Fringe
www.brightonfringe.org
Kemp Town Carnival
www.kemptowncarnival.com
Burning of the Clocks
www.samesky.co.uk/events/burning-the-clocks
Pride
www.brighton-pride.org
Childrens Parade
www.samesky.co.uk/events/childrens-parade
Know Your Neighbour Week
www.knowmyneighbour.org
Brighton Big Screen
www.brightonsbigscreen.com
LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY

Get involved

VOLUNTEERING
Volunteering takes on many forms and there is a huge variety of opportunities across Brighton & Hove to get involved in.

The following organisations provide information about volunteering opportunities, local charities and tips to make the most of volunteering.

Community Works
www.bhcommunityworks.org.uk/volunteering

Do-It Trust
www.do-it.org/opportunities/search

Sussex Students’ Union
www.sussexstudent.com/volunteer

Brighton Students’ Union
www.brightonsu.com/organisation/svw

HAVE YOUR SAY
Voting in local and national elections and referenda provides you with an opportunity to influence the way your city is run through choosing your leaders or representatives who then represent you in policy development and decision making. As a resident of Brighton & Hove there are lots of opportunities to have your say and take part in the way the city works.

Registering to vote
www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/council-and-democracy/voting-and-elections/register-vote

COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS
www.consult.brighton-hove.gov.uk/portal

CITY WIDE CAMPAIGNS
Brighton People’s Assembly
www.brightonpa.org.uk

Brighton Living Wage
www.livingwagebrighton.co.uk

Love Activists Brighton
www.facebook.com/loveactivistsbrighton

STUDENTS’ UNION CAMPAIGNS
Sussex Students’ Union
www.sussexstudent.com/campaigns

Brighton Students’ Union
www.brightonsu.com/changethings/officercampaigns

Your house

Did you know that you have certain rights and responsibilities when you are a tenant living in privately rented property?

You have the responsibility to

- pay the agreed rent, even if repairs are needed or you are in dispute with your landlord
- pay other charges as agreed with the landlord e.g. council tax or utility bills
- repair or pay for any damage to the property caused by you, your family or your friends.

You have the right to

- know who your landlord is
- live in the property undisturbed
- live in a property that is safe and in a good state of repair.

More information on your rights and responsibilities can be found on the government website www.gov.uk/private-renting/your-rights-and-responsibilities

YOUR STREET
Introduce yourselves to your neighbours. Ask about fun or interesting things going on in the area or why they like living there. Find out about their lifestyle and routine so you can be a considerate neighbour, do they have young children who go to bed early or would they appreciate a hand watering their garden if they go away?

Do you know your neighbour? Know My Neighbour is a simple initiative to encourage neighbourliness through sharing creative ideas of friendly activities to get to know those that live closest to us. Together we can reduce social isolation in our city.

www.knowmyneighbour.org

If everyone knew who lived to their left and right (or above and below in flats) then as a city we could ensure that everyone in the city is known and connected to the great services and activities that happen in Brighton & Hove.

YOUR WARD
Brighton & Hove is divided into wards (areas). There are 21 wards each covering a different area of Brighton & Hove. Each ward is represented by 2-3 elected Councillors who sit on the Brighton & Hove City Council.

Each ward has between 1-4 Local Action Teams (LATS). These LATS discuss and make decisions relating to their specific section of the ward (such as community safety, local parking and events). LATS are open to all residents in that area and are also attended by the relevant elected Councillors. Some wards also have less formal community groups that meet to talk about similar topics relating to the neighbourhood.

You can find out which ward you live in and information about your nearest LAT here: www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/localview
LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY

RENT SMART BRIGHTON & HOVE
Rent Smart is a citywide partnership which aims to support tenants in the private rented sector.

Check out the website for information and advice on looking for properties, moving in, moving out and all the information you need to know about renting in Brighton & Hove.

www.rentsmartbrightonhove.org

WELLBEING AND SAFETY
Nightlife in Brighton can be amazing, it’s just important to bear a few things in mind so that you can make most out of your nights out.

During your night out, you might become unwell, upset, distressed or injured. Maybe you lose your friends or are unable to get home. On Friday and Saturday nights, head to Safe Space where non-judgemental staff will make sure you are OK, help you reconnect you with your mates, and continue your night or get home safely.

Safe Space is open every Friday and Saturday (11pm to 3.30am) at St Paul’s Church on West Street in central Brighton.

www.pavilions.org.uk/services/safe-space

SECURITY AND SUPPORT
Does your house seem secure from the outside? Think about how you would get in if you lost your keys, if it’s easy for you then think how easy it is for a burglar.

It’s worth protecting yourself and your belongings just in case the worst happens, so think about investing in content insurance for your room and ensure that your phone, laptop, camera and other pieces of expensive equipment are covered. It’s also worth checking if you’ll be covered by your parents’ insurance policy but either way, it’s very rare that landlords will offer an insurance scheme.

If you are worried at all about the security of your home, talk to your landlord.

Victim Support is an organisation which provides support to victims of crime, whether the crime has been reported or not. You may find it useful to contact their confidential helpline if you’re struggling to discuss what has happened or if you would like help to report the incident.

Local Supportline: 0808 168 9274
www.supportline@victimsupport.org.uk

LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY

Advice and support

BRIGHTON & HOVE for free

There is so much to do in Brighton & Hove, with the majority of the best that the city has to offer costing very little to nothing at all!

Museums and Galleries

Parks and Green Spaces
www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces

Brighton Beach and Pier
www.brightonpier.co.uk

Fabrica
www.fabrica.org.uk

Royal Pavilion Gardens
www.royalpavilliongardens.co.uk

Brighton Marina
www.brightonmarina.co.uk

Walking and Trail Guides

Brighton Car Boot Sale
www.brightoncarbootsale.co.uk

GETTING AROUND
One of the great things about our city is how easy it is to get around, with lots of transport options available day and night.

Brighton & Hove Buses
www.buses.co.uk

The Big Lemon
www.thebiglemon.com

Train Travel
www.nationalrail.co.uk

Cycling in Brighton
www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/parking-and-travel/travel-transport-and-road-safety/cycling

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Your ward

HANOVER AND ELM GROVE
“This is one of the most diverse neighbourhoods in the city with a population of families, professionals, young people and older residents some of whom have been here for over fifty years – real Brightonians! It has a huge amount to offer and we all love sharing our lives. Be part of that. Get involved. Join us at the Hanover & Elm Grove Local Action Team to help keep our patch the best neighbourhood in the city. A tip for the best Sunday Lunch in the area – the Hartington on Whippingham Road.”
CHRIS FROM HANOVER & ELM GROVE LOCAL ACTION TEAM

SOMETHING QUIRKY/NOT TO MISS
Organic and Natural Food Shop, Hilly Laine on Elm Grove
www.hillylaine.co.uk
Hanover Beer Festival, hosted every autumn
www.hanovercommunity.org.uk/hanover-beer-festival

COMMUNITY GROUPS
Hanover and Elm Grove Local Action Team
www.heglat.wordpress.com
Hanover Community Association
www.hanovercommunity.org.uk

LOCAL FACEBOOK GROUPS
Hanover Community Notice Board
www.facebook.com/groups/hanovercommunity

HOLLINGDEAN AND STANMER
“Coldean is a community with a village atmosphere; there is a pub, a Church, two convenience stores, a pharmacy, doctor’s surgery and library all very accessible, and a Community Café which is open on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. There are also community activities (e.g. a weekly Pilates class!) and volunteering opportunities at New Larchwood. The residents are very friendly, especially if approached with a smile!”
CHRIS FROM COLDEAN LOCAL ACTION TEAM

SOMETHING QUIRKY/NOT TO MISS
The Larches Café in the Children’s Centre next to Hollingdean Park.
www.impact-initiatives.org.uk/larchwood-cafe

COMMUNITY GROUPS
Coldean Community Forum
www.coldean.org.uk
Hollingdean Local Action Team
www.hollingdeancommunitycentre.org.uk
Hollingdean Residents Action Group who work on a variety of projects including the Winter and Summer Lucky Dip Fayres. Volunteers are always welcome. Contact Liz Lee, Community Development Worker, for more information on 01273 236160.

LOCAL FACEBOOK GROUPS
Coldean Community Forum
www.facebook.com/Coldean-CommunityForum-267260189962698
Hollingdean Brighton Community
www.facebook.com/Hollingdean-BrightonCommunity-493856310660943
MOULSECOOMB AND BEVENDEAN

“I love the Coombe Road Area – it’s diverse, energetic and full of potential. Our neighbours include elders with loads of local knowledge, families, students from the UK and beyond, young professionals and lots of creative and interesting folks. We want people to feel welcome and to find a little corner of Brighton where they can belong and enjoy their time here. We also want a community where we can respect each other and be considerate of one another’s needs. Our community was built by quakers (hence why we have no pubs!) and has strong links to the Big Yellow Storage building – originally a diamond factory and then a munitions factory during the Second World War. Coombe Road Area welcomes you to Brighton!”

REBECCA BARKAWAY
CHAIR OF THE COOMBE ROAD LOCAL ACTION TEAM

SOMETHING QUIRKY/NOT TO MISS

The Bevy Community Pub
www.thebevy.co.uk

Hodshrove Park
www.hodshrovewoods.org

Field Brighton
www.fieldbtn.com

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Moulsecoomb Local Action Team
www.moulsecoomblat.co.uk

Moulsecoomb and Bevendean Brighton Community
www.facebook.com/groups/Moulsecoombcommunity

Beverdean Bulletin
www.facebook.com/bevendeanbulletin

PRESTON PARK

“Living in Preston Park is great as it is quiet, leafy and residential but only a short distance into the centre of Brighton giving you the best of both worlds! The park is amazing and hosts some great events and festivals throughout the year including Pride. Preston Manor is supposedly haunted by the lady in white and the museum offers tours of the house so you may spot her yourself! There are many families, young people and professionals living in the area and a great sense of community with many neighbourhoods hosting street parties across the summer. If you are living in Preston Park, say hello to your neighbours! We are a friendly bunch!”

BECKY, PRESTON PARK RESIDENT

SOMETHING QUIRKY/NOT TO MISS

Preston Park Velodrome
www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/cycling-preston-park-velodrome

The Rockery
www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/preston-park

Preston Manor
www.brightonmuseums.org.uk/prestonmanor

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Friends of Preston Park
www.friendsofprestonpark.org

LOCAL FACEBOOK GROUPS

Preston Park Mums and Dads
www.facebook.com/groups/PrestonParkMumsandDads

Preston Park Run
www.facebook.com/brightonprestonparkrun
“Our ward is jam packed with the best that Brighton has to offer with London Road, the Triangle Area, Roundhill, and the North Laine within it. We have such a diverse community and many of our residents have been living in Brighton their entire lives. There is so much community in our area and we would love students to get involved when they are living here whether that is through attendance and input at one of our many community meetings, volunteering in the area or maybe just through collecting shopping or watering plants for neighbours that cannot themselves.”

ELODIE, ST PETER’S AND NORTH Laine RESIDENT.

SOMETHING QUIRKY/NOT TO MISS

Self-guided tours of the historic North Laine
www.nlcaonline.org.uk

The Open Market
www.brightonopenmarket.co.uk

COMMUNITY GROUPS

North Laine Residents Association
www.nlcaonline.org.uk

The Roundhill Society
www.roundhill.org.uk

London Road Area Local Action Team
www.londonroadlat.wordpress.com

LOCAL FACEBOOK GROUPS

Lewes Road Community Collective
www.facebook.com/LewesRoadCommunityCollective

GLASS

If glass is mixed in with other recyclable materials, it can shatter and prevent other materials from being recycled, having environmental implications and sometimes causing sorting machinery to break. Glass should be kept in a separate black recycling box or in a sturdy carrier bag that will not split and left next to your recycling box for collection.

COMMUNITY COMPOSTING

Community composting is where a central composting point is made available for local residents to use and compost their fruit and vegetable peelings. It’s great for the environment and for meeting new people too! There are schemes running in a number of areas in the city.

www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/environment/recycling-rubbish-and-street-cleaning/community-composting

OTHER WASTE

Electrical, large household, furniture and garden waste will not be taken during your bin collection and leaving them on the street is fly tipping. These items can be taken to one of the many recycling centres around Brighton & Hove, or you could donate to a local charity to re-use!

RECYCLING CENTRES AND CHARITY SHOPS

www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/environment/recycling-rubbish-and-street-cleaning/recycling-centres

Magpie Donations
www.magpie.coop

British Heart Foundation

GREEN WHEELIE BINS

Landfill waste (non-recyclables). These include: Plastic bags, cling film, Tetrapacks, tissues, dirty pizza boxes, and all other non-recyclable items.

Important. Everything in this bin will go to landfill, it will not be recycled or reused and may take hundreds of years to break down.
# Refuse and Recycling

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Tick the appropriate boxes above as a handy reminder.

## Black Recycling Boxes

### Paper
- All paper including:
  - Windowed envelopes
  - Directories
  - Magazines

### Cardboard
- Cardboard including:
  - Cereal boxes
  - Greeting cards

### Plastics
- Plastic bottles, e.g:
  - Washing up liquid bottles
  - Cleaning fluid bottles
  - Shampoo bottles

### Food Tins and Drink Cans
- Food tins
- Drink cans
- Metal lids from glass jars
- Empty aerosol cans

### Glass
- All glass should be kept separated from other recyclable materials in its own black box or in a secure bag that will not break and placed next to the black recycling box.

**Important**
- Cardboard must be flattened to fit in the recycling box.
- Black plastic, plastic bags, cling film and tetrapacks cannot be recycled here.
- Cans and tins must be washed out.
USEFUL CONTACTS

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
GENERAL ENQUIRIES
01273 290000

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROTECTION
01273 294266

SUSSEX POLICE
Call 101 or 999 in an emergency

REPORT A CRIME ONLINE
www.sussex.police.uk/contact-us/report-online

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU
01273 223951

YOUTH ADVICE CENTRE
01273 624432
yacservices@ymcadlg.org

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01273 678220
www.sussex.ac.uk/study/accommodation
housing@sussex.ac.uk

HOUSING OFFICE AT UNIVERSITY OF BRIGHTON
01273 644100
accommodation@brighton.ac.uk
www.brighton.ac.uk/living-here/helping-you-find-your-home/index.aspx