

# The Triangle Community Newsletter

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## Triangle in Bloom

The Triangle's greening project is under way. We want to improve the appearance of our streets, engage residents in community planting, promote biodiversity and generally lift spirits by bringing attractive yet sustainable plants and flowers to the area – which currently feels rather grey and bleak.



A recent survey of over 60 households showed great enthusiasm for the project, with many residents keen to see large planters at the ends of streets and hanging baskets attached to properties. Other ideas included a community composting initiative, an **adopt a bee-box scheme**, and an **urban allotment** where residents

could grow and share herbs, fruit and vegetables grown in baskets attached to their house fronts.

This positive response has led us to seek funding specifically for greening, and to participate in the **council's City in Bloom initiative**, which will enable us to work with other Brighton and Hove communities who share our objectives.

We are especially keen to change the perception of Lewes Road as simply a nondescript, traffic-filled thoroughfare, and believe that the introduction of eye-catching plants and flowers can help us demonstrate to both residents and visitors that we are a unique and vibrant community in our own right!

We are passionate about involving as many people as possible, both from within the Triangle itself and further afield.

*If you feel inspired by what you've read here – or feel that you can provide inspiration yourself! – please contact us with your gardening tips and ideas, or come along to one of our planting days (details to be confirmed).*

### ★ Visit Your website

In case you didn't know, you do have a website. Keep up-to-date with what is going on in the triangle area. To visit go to **[www.triangle-community.org.uk](http://www.triangle-community.org.uk)**

You can contact us by email:  
[contact@triangle-community.org.uk](mailto:contact@triangle-community.org.uk)



### Spring in the Patch

Join the Spring in the Patch event at William Clarke Park on **Sunday, 27 April** - bring and share food, music, crafts and alternative therapies.



The possibilities are endless.

For more information on how you can contribute visit the Brighton and Hove Council website:  
**[www.brighton-hove.gov.uk](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk)**



### Green Walls on the Web

A new community group, Brighton and Hove Building Green, has set up a new web-based resource teaching people how to install green roofs and walls. The organisation includes architects, landscape designers, ecologists and council officers, and will be running workshops in May for people who want to learn how to do small green projects.

For more information visit:  
[www.building-green.org.uk](http://www.building-green.org.uk)

### Graffiti in the Triangle

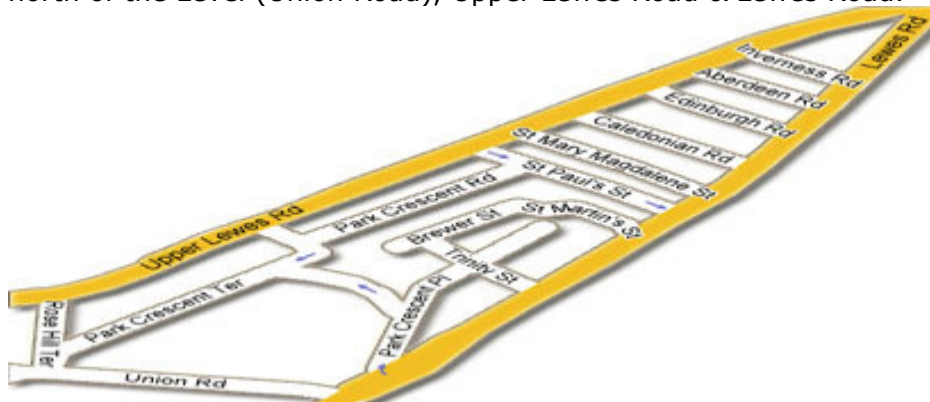


It is likely that everyone living in the Triangle area has noticed how much graffiti there is at the moment. There are simply not enough resources for the Council to tackle all the tagging that appears on houses and shops, but we might be able to propose longer term solutions such as climbing plants on walls that attract lots of graffiti, or some of the art on boards used by the Council to cover the windows of empty pubs and shops in the centre of the city. How do you think we should tackle graffiti in the area?

**Do you think there are other solutions?** If you have ideas, please email them to [contact@triangle-community.org.uk](mailto:contact@triangle-community.org.uk) or visit our website and leave a comment there.

## Where and What is the Triangle Area?

Many residents ask us, “*Where is the Triangle Area and what is it?*”. We have chosen to name the group after the triangular shape of the area they represent. The Triangle Community Group comprises of the Scottish Saints park area of Brighton, between the north of the Level (Union Road), Upper Lewes Road & Lewes Road.



## Empty properties

**Do you know of any properties in the Triangle area which have been empty for more than a year?**

The Council wants to work with property owners to bring them back into use, but if this is not possible, they may be compulsorily purchased for renovation and re-use. When houses remain empty for too long they become a blight on local neighbourhoods, and attract antisocial behaviour. With 44,000 families in a waiting list for council housing, there is an urgent need for more housing to become available.

You can report empty houses to the Council at:  
[housing.strategy@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:housing.strategy@brighton-hove.gov.uk)

## Local History Group

**Do you have memories of life in the streets of our area?**

Contact us via our website. Not on email just drop your stories in to David Maslen Estate Agents 39 Lewes Rd – mark it Triangle History Group and we will collect them.

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